

FIRST SERVE

Warsash Tennis Club, Osborne Road, Warsash, Southampton

www.warsashtennisclub.net

Support the 2nd SOLENT CUP



Following the success of last year's competition WTC are once again hosting this prestigious event held between the winners of both the mens and ladies Southampton and Portsmouth Winter Leagues to find the ultimate Solent Champions of the winter. Warsash Mens 1st Team have won the Portsmouth league for the fourth season in succession and will be competing once again against Winchester Mens A team. Lee on Solent Ladies 1st team won the Portsmouth league so will playing the Winchester Ladies A team who won the Southampton league again. Come along

to the club from **11am on Sunday 12th April** and support all the teams (but especially the Warsash boys!). It would be great to have a big crowd at the club to spur on our guys to victory. Refreshments are provided for all players and spectators. Please contact Michael Isaacs for more info.



Warsash Mens Portsmouth 1 team (from left to right): Matt Pond, Rob Norris (coach), Martin Wilkinson, Jake Norris and Ian Udal (Captain). Missing from the photo are Christophe Hardy and Fred Fourciangué.



Our Sport Relief Fun Tournament was held on Saturday 22nd March

and 8 adults and 8 juniors players competed together throughout the afternoon, all brilliantly organised by Rob Norris. The adult winner was Karen Kirwan and runner up was Janet Armitage. The junior winner was Jake Betteridge and runner up Adam Hesketh. The afternoon was a great opportunity for our club juniors to play alongside adults and was a really fun event for all who took part. Meanwhile, in the clubhouse the **Great Sport Relief Showstopper Challenge** was being judged by David Sadler. The overall winner was Richard Vaughan with a fantastic representation of the Warsash Tennis Clubhouse and courts. The cakes were then sold off with other refreshments to all the family and friends supporting the players making even more money for the Sport Relief charity. **"Thank you so much to all who made this such a fun day. We have raised £340.00 from tournament entry fees, cake sales and second-hand tennis clothing sales. A brilliant effort from everyone for a very worthy cause". PG Udal**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Locks Heath TC v WTC annual cup match 6th April
- WTC OPEN DAY 27th April 11am - 4pm
- New Members Welcome Evening (inc Wimbledon Ticket Draw) 6th May 7.30pm
- WTC Summer Party at The Navigator, Swanwick 4th July
- Summer Tournament dates 1st July - 13th Sept
- WTC Quiz Night 22nd November

News from the AGM

It was a busy night at the Warsash Tennis Club Annual General Meeting at the Ferryman Pub on 26th March. David Sadler stood down after 3 very successful years as Chairman and Denise Franks was unanimously voted in as the second lady chairman in the 41 years of the club. We welcome Denise to this challenging role and she already has lots of great ideas to keep the club progressing forward. Karen H and Kumi are kindly continuing their vital roles as secretary and treasurer. Many thanks go to David for his sure and steady leadership over this time and we are delighted that he is going to be staying on the committee. The necessary adjustments to our club constitution were all ratified and voted in and thanks go to Ian Stewart, Chris Coote and Mike Joss for ensuring the club is ensured security for the future with these changes. The committee has felt that an increase in subscriptions is unnecessary as funds are looking healthy so our annual subs are to remain unchanged for the fourth year in a row.

We also welcomed three new members to our committee, Julian Colls, Karen Kirwan and Michael Isaacs and we thank them for volunteering to help with the running of our active club. Our annual Open Day is earlier this year on 27th April to avoid a clash with a Warsash Wasps football event. Do come along and help with promoting the club and playing with interested adults and juniors during the day. **The Wimbledon Ticket ballot will now be held during club night on the evening of 6th May at 7.30pm.** You need to have paid your annual subs by Monday 5th May and also be a British Tennis Member to enter this draw. We will be encouraging all new members to come along to that Tuesday night mix-in session to welcome them to the club, so please come along, play tennis, meet new members, enjoy some refreshments and hopefully win the chance to purchase tickets to the Wimbledon Championships this summer.

Denise's route to the top

I returned with my family from Wales in 1994. After two years living near Chepstow, we decided that life on the south coast would suit us best, not least because Kevin, my husband was still a serving Royal Naval Officer. Still working full time and undertaking regular on call work in the health service, I needed a stress release from the rigours of my job and Warsash Tennis Club offered this.

I'd played tennis at school but had played little sport while my two daughters were growing up. They were both club swimmers and our energies were directed towards their education and activities. I joined Warsash Tennis Club to re-learn a sport I still enjoyed but needed confidence to play. The members at Warsash were enthusiastic to encourage my efforts. Tennis, the challenge and the friendship it has provided, has been a constant for me over the last 20 years. The club has given me my closest friends and the feeling of belonging to a community. Having taken on the role of Health and Welfare Officer, including training in sport child protection during my time as a committee member, it would seem an appropriate time to offer myself for the position of chair. I hope I am able to meet the challenge to the members of a club that means much to me.



Julian joins the WTC team

Jules joined WTC at the Open Day in 2010 having played very little tennis since university. Jules works as a client manager for a financial services software company, is married to Hannah and lives on Brook Lane with Alex (10), Aurelia (4) and Max (2). He is also a keen sailor and successfully completed a wrong way circumnavigation as watch leader in the Global Challenge 2004-5.



First Serve will be introducing you to all of our committee members, both new and existing, over the next few issues of the newsletter.

TEAM NEWS

Katy Firrell, Matt Pond and Nick St John have all kindly agreed to continue as our Tennis Club Captains for this year.

Southampton Winter League results:

Ladies A did not lose a match this winter and have been promoted again to Div 1.

Mens A are hoping to finish second in Division 1 although waiting for final results.

Portsmouth Winter League results:

Men's 1 have won the Portsmouth League again (see front page re Solent Cup).

Ladies 2 have been promoted to Division 2 next winter. Mixed 1 finished 2nd in Div 1.

Summer Apsley League news:

Good luck to our Apsley C team who won Division 4 last summer and have been promoted to Div 3. (Pictured are Apsley C Captains, Janet Armitage and Michael Isaacs, with their Division 4 winners shield.) Our Apsley D team are also promoted to Division 4.



Hants & IOW Babolat Summer Doubles:

Ladies A are playing for the first time ever in Division 1 of this tough league so face a very challenging summer of tennis.

Good luck to all our teams this summer!



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EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

Monday 7th & 14th April,
Thursday 10th & 17th April
Friday 11th & 18th April

9am - 12noon	9am - 2pm
£13.50 per child (member)	£19.00 per child (member)
£14.50 per child non member	£20.00 per child non member

For all ages 4 1/2 - 15yrs

Hit lots of balls, play fun games and structured tennis each day.
 (Some sessions may include Football and/or Rounders)
 All Coaches are LTA Qualified and Licensed

To book a place please contact Rob Norris
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