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Clash of the Titans

The Portsmouth Winter league winners, Warsash Mens 1 are to face the Southampton League winners, Winchester A in a repeat of last year's battle for the title of Solent Champions. Warsash Mens 1st Team were the proud victors last year when it was played at home but this year's battlefield is set to be the unforgiving astroturf of Winchester. We are trying to get as much support as possible for our lads, so please come along to Winchester Tennis Club at **11am on Saturday 18th April** and cheer on Warsash. Refreshments will be laid on for all players and spectators. Please contact Michael Isaacs for more info.



Last year's Warsash Mens Portsmouth 1 Solent Championship winning team: Rob Norris, Martin Wilkinson, Ian Udal (Captain) and Matt Pond.

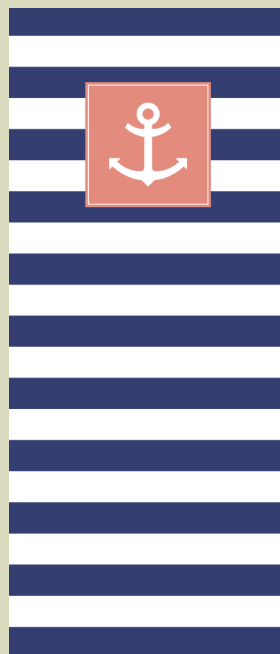
News from WTC AGM

The Warsash Tennis Club Annual General Meeting was held on 25th March. Denise Franks was unanimously voted in to continue as our Chairman along with Karen Harrison and Kumi Coulthard (our Club Secretary and Treasurer respectively) and all your existing committee members. With the national rate of inflation being so low, the good news is, that our annual subs are to remain unchanged for the fifth year in a row.

Our annual Open Day is back in its usual slot of 17th May. Please come along and help with promoting our club and playing with interested adults and juniors during the day.

Wimbledon Ticket ballot will be held at the club on 10th May at 3pm

You will need to have paid your annual subs by Saturday 9th May and also be a British Tennis Member to enter this draw (membership forms are in the clubhouse and will be emailed to existing members). Taking place alongside Club Mix-in that afternoon there is a Ladies Aegon match v Caversham Tennis Club so please do come along from noon and support our team or bring your racquet along and join in with Club Mix-in from 2.30pm. Refreshments will be provided.



Summer Party

FRIDAY 10th JULY
7pm - 11.30pm

Price : TBA

More info coming soon

Venue : The Navigator
LOWER SWANWICK HAMPSHIRE SO31 7EB

TEAM RESULTS

Southampton Winter League:

Mens A finished second in Division 1 and Ladies A finished a commendable third in the first Division. Ladies B have been promoted to Div 3 after winning all their matches in Div 4. Mixed A have been promoted to Division 1 for next winter.

Portsmouth Winter League:

Men's 1 have won the Portsmouth Winter League for the 3rd year in a row (see left for info about the Solent Cup). Ladies 2 have brilliantly earned promotion to Division 1 for next Winter however Ladies 1 were sadly demoted to Division 2. Mixed 1 have won the Portsmouth Mixed League so another prestigious shield for the trophy cabinet!

If you would like to play in a team this summer but haven't been included in a squad, please contact our tennis captains:

Sue Kitt (07958 513562) and Nick St John (07798 707674)

Good luck to all 25 of our WTC teams who will be playing in the 2015 summer leagues!

THE AVENUE Seniors Tennis Tournament

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th June

Come and enjoy some competitive tennis in a brand new tournament on 10 superb grass courts.

Singles, Doubles and Mixed events in age categories from 45 years upwards

Enter online via LTA website ref: HAM15S1216 or download a form from www.avenuetssc.co.uk

OPEN GARDEN

Described as "The finest water garden in the world" by the International Water Lily Society, by kind permission of the John Lewis Partnership, Longstock Park Water Gardens near Stockbridge will be open in aid of the Jubilee Sailing Trust on Sunday 19th April from 2-5pm. Adults £6, Children 5-14 £2. For tickets and details ring Kumi Coulthard on 01489 576180.



EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

Monday 13th April,
Thursday 9th & 16th April
Friday 10th & 17th April

9am - 12noon

9am - 2pm

£16.00 per child (member)

£21.00 per child (member)

£17.00 per child non member £22.00 per child non member

For all ages 4½ - 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
on 01489 781947 or 07915 633559



ROB'S COACHING NEWS

ADULT TENNIS

The adult tennis has had a good winter of training and even though weather has affected several sessions the players have still kept attending and Rob feels players will see the benefit with the Summer tennis.

The new Cardio & Coffee morning session has really been popular and attendance has increased by 50% since its launch. Rob believes the Cardio style sessions that run on a Monday and Friday are popular due to the fact that it's more about hitting lots of balls whilst keeping fit and it is open to all levels. So if you haven't tried one of the Cardio sessions then please give it a go as everyone who tries it really enjoys it.

If you would like to get involved in the coaching program and want to improve your game then speak to Rob who can let you know where best to cater for your tennis needs.

JUNIOR TENNIS

The junior tennis, from the school links to the regular sessions, is running well. Like the adult sessions, the weather has been a factor but when they have run the children have attended.

There are sessions for all levels and abilities and as the juniors improve and get older it is great to see them progress to next level. Quite a few of these older juniors are participating in adult coaching sessions and also in the adult teams. Rob feels the level of junior tennis is developing well.

Rob will be again running the 'Road to Wimbledon' Under 14 boys event, which gives juniors the chance to play and eventually progress from a club tournament, then a county/regional event followed by the climax of the national tournament which is held on the grass courts at Wimbledon. It was great to see Jake Norris last year representing WTC in the national event and eventually winning the consolation singles and the doubles final.

EQUIPMENT

Rob's has great deals on tennis racquets, shoes, accessories and re-strings - so if you are looking for anything then let him know and he can help and supply all your tennis equipment needs.

Meet your committee... WTC Treasurer: Kumi Coulthard



I have always enjoyed watching tennis and Wimbledon, but I was nearly 40 before I plucked up the courage to pick up a tennis racquet whilst on holiday. I have memories of being the last to be picked for the rounders and cricket teams at school because of my inability to catch a ball or make contact between bat and ball. However, on holiday, there was no one I knew to laugh at my total lack of hand-eye coordination. I was a member at Abshot, and the then tennis coach Tom Hanton was very good at cajoling people coming out of classes to have a go at tennis, so I started having group coaching at Abshot. My tennis improved very slowly due to the said limitations, but I enjoyed the social aspects of tennis. As my boys grew older and showed an interest in playing, Terry and I decided to join Warsash Tennis Club as a family. I enjoyed the Tuesday mix-ins, as with a few exceptions, most players were very patient and tolerant with poor players like me and it was always a good laugh.

A few years into my membership, Julie Whitehead persuaded me to become Club Treasurer when the previous treasurer had to retire due to ill health. I do the club banking, pay bills and produce end year accounts. The job I hate most is chasing members for outstanding subs and match fees. The latter particularly annoys me as captains only have to hand over match fees given to them, so in my opinion, there is no excuse for not paying them on time. I do persevere with these errant payers - not for nothing have I got a reputation for being a rottweiler! I also keep the member list and contact details updated and help out at social events. I occasionally play for some of the teams in the lower leagues, I am still an average player, but with summer round the corner, I hope to see more of you at the club as I come out of my winter hibernation.

ROB'S TOP TENNIS TIP

When hitting ground strokes, try to make sure that before each ball bounces to have your racquet back and in a set position ready to hit the ball. You will find your balance is better and you will be able to hit the ball earlier and in front of you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **SOLENT CUP**
18th April
Winchester Tennis Club
11am - 4pm
- **WTC OPEN DAY**
17th May
11am - 4pm
- **WIMBLEDON TICKET DRAW**
10th May 3pm
- **WTC Summer Party at The Navigator, Swanwick**
10th July
- **CLUB FINALS DAY & Hog Roast**
12th September
11am - til late



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