

FIRST SERVE

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JOHN WEBER 1920-2010

A very dear club member, John Weber sadly died, peacefully, on Thursday 18th November, aged 90. John was a Founder Member of the Tennis Club and chaired the Club's inaugural committee meeting at St Mary's Church Hall in 1973. They were the instigators in taking over the running of the 2 public courts in the Recreational Ground from Fareham Borough Council, which were in a very poor state. John played very competitive tennis and represented the Club in both Mixed and Mens Teams for many years and well into his retirement. He retired from tennis in 1994 at the grand old age of 84, when he began to lose his sight and was made an Hon. Member of the Club. John was Vicar at St. Mary's, Warsash, from 1953 to 1988. His beloved wife, Margaret, died in 1992 but John continued to live in the area until a couple of years' ago when he moved to live with his daughter in Surrey. We will remember John as an excellent tennis player and a true gentleman and he certainly was just that, a 'Gentle Man'. John's funeral service was held at St. Mary's on 30th November. The family have requested that any donations in his memory go to Parkinson's UK. *J. Whitehead*

MIXED DOUBLES CHARITY TOURNAMENT

Can't find anyone to play with? Looking for a new partner? Well, this winter Karen and Matt will be running a fun mixed doubles competition, with all partners drawn out of a hat so everyone has an equal chance of success. This club closed winter tournament starts on 1st January 2011 and will run through to the end of March in a knock out format.* All of the £3.00 entry fee will go to Breast Cancer Care and there will be fun prizes for the winners presented at the AGM in early April. Please sign up by 29th December on the sheet in the clubhouse asap. **We are hoping ALL club members (adults and juniors) will enter as it will be a great chance to play and meet other members!** Your mystery partner will only be revealed when the draw is published on Saturday 1st January, so sign up now! For more info please contact Karen on kirwan_264@hotmail.com. **Subject to number of entries*

NEWS FROM AGM OF SOUTHAMPTON LTA

A change to the current format of our Southampton Winter Tennis league matches for the 2011/2012 season was voted in at the Soton AGM. The concern has been that the time taken for some 3-pair winter matches can be very long and solutions were being sought to reduce the match times whilst maintaining a fun and competitive format. All 29 clubs were represented from the area and it was a close run thing with a single deciding vote cast to try and shorten the time on court. An overwhelming majority voted for the 'sudden death at deuce' option with the receivers choosing who the serve is to. Finally, the vote for having to have a clear result was 25 to 4, against. (Much to Karen Kirwan's disgust!) Another observation: a lot of clubs were split between the women wanting to shorten and the men not but it was felt too complicated to have two different formats running in the same league. Anyway, from next winter there will be 'sudden death deuce's' in the Southampton Winter league. It remains to be seen as to whether it actually shortens matches! *K. Harrison*

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*Burns Night
Dinner & Dance*
Saturday 29th January
Lysses Hotel Fareham
7pm - Midnight
with Scottish Piper & Disco
3-course Dinner inc coffee **£36.00**
(alternatives to Haggis on the menu!) Black Tie/Lounge Suits
Tickets available now from
Karen Downie 01489 576207
or Helen Rawlins 07771 744303

CHRISTMAS COACHING TIMETABLE

Rob's coaching sessions finish midday on Friday 24th December and resume on Tuesday 4th January 2011. However, with all the excess of Christmas food and drink the holiday break is a great time of year to get on court and work off that Christmas pudding! If you would like an individual coaching lesson over the Christmas period then please phone Rob on 07825 641870 and he will be pleased to arrange a time with you.

Christmas Tennis Camp

Thursday
23rd December

10am - 3pm
£17 per member - n/m £17.50
10am - 1pm
£12 per member - n/m £12.50
For all ages 5-15yrs

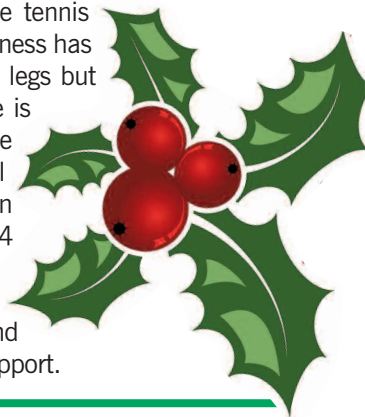
Hit lots of balls, play lots of fun games and structured tennis. All Coaches are LTA Qualified and Licensed

To book a place please contact Rob Norris on 01489 781947 or 07825 641870



MAT JOHNSTONE IS FIGHTING BACK AFTER SERIOUS ILLNESS STRIKES

Tournament finalist, Mathew Johnstone had been playing tennis one minute at his usual coaching sessions but a week later found himself in hospital with an extremely rare strain of bacterial meningitis last month. Mat is a lovely lad and those of you who know him will testify that he is a real star in the making with his great tennis talent and good nature and a maturity beyond his years on the tennis court. He has been very poorly and the illness has worryingly affected the movement in his legs but he is now in rehabilitation and everyone is hopeful that he will be able to be home soon. He is getting very bored in hospital so if anyone would like to visit him then please contact his mum on 07554 499232. Mat and his parents, Alan and Mandy, have really appreciated all the cards, presents and good wishes and would like to thank everyone for their support.



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Christmas Fun Doubles Tournament

SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER
2pm - 4pm

£6.00 per entry includes mince pies & prizes
All standards of play welcome

Max 16 players - please book up early
Contact Rob Norris on 07825 641870



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Don't forget to book up early for the Christmas fun tournament on Sunday 19th December... places are being snapped up already!

MENS TEAMS SUCCESS IN SUMMER 2010

Many congratulations to our Hampshire League (Wilson Summer Doubles) Men's A team and B team as they both won their Divisions this summer. The A team won Division 3a so will be going up to the dizzy heights of Division 2. Gavin Lane's B team also won last year and repeated their success by winning Division 5B and will be playing in Division 4 in 2011. Let's see if we can make it a hat trick Gav! Well done to all who played. Our Club Captain Matt Pond will be collecting both the trophies at the Hants & IOW AGM on December 2nd on the club's behalf. Our Ladies A team narrowly missed promotion after a loss to eventual winners Lee on Solent so hope to get there next year!



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