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Warsash Tennis Club, Osborne Road, Warsash, Southampton

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YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED AT WTC

Every year at our club's Annual General Meeting we re-elect the club's officials: Chairman, President, Treasurer and Secretary and all of our committee. All members of the club are entitled to come along and vote on the nominations and on any issues raised. Karen Harrison will soon be sending out the details of this year's Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th March and also the nomination forms for the position of Club Chairman, which David has indicated he would like to stand down from, as he has now served 3 years in this role. (Where does the time go!) As the club has a large and active committee the work involved in being Chairman is not as much as it used to be and it is very rewarding. WTC is currently in a very stable and buoyant position, and David would like to hand over to someone who could take our achievements forward into the future. If you would like to, or know of someone who could, join our organising team, either as Chairman or just on the committee where any help is gratefully appreciated, please contact Karen Harrison or David Sadler or any member of the committee. This is *your* chance to have *your* own input into the running of *your* club.

WTC BY NUMBERS

We have **203** members in total. Amongst the adults, the sexes are evenly represented with **67** males and **65** females.

Of these **9** are students.

We have **54** junior boys, but only **17** junior girls.

I don't want to upset anyone by hazarding a guess on who our oldest member is, but our youngest member is **5** year old Alfie Taylor. Miles Quinn is our newest member

(student) - welcome to the club Miles! Nick St John is the only Life Member (this option was available many years ago when the club required an injection of funds). I would be interested to know who the longest serving member is, so if you think you might be, and can remember when you joined the club, please let me know and share your memories of the old days!

Kumi Coulthard - Treasurer

Congratulations to Joanna and Paul Hindson on the birth of Max Ellis on 28th December after starting his entrance to the world on Christmas Day. He weighed in a healthy 7lb 6oz. Jo has been greatly missed from the Ladies teams this year and we look forward to seeing her back on court soon (I'm sure there will be lots of offers of babysitters) and we're sure it won't be long before we see Max with a racquet in his hand as well.



WINTER MIXED TOURNAMENT CANCELLED

It is with great regret that the Winter Mixed tournament will not be able to run after all. The combination of bad weather, not many entrants and too much pressure on her time has meant Katy is unable to organise it this year. Competitive players can enter Rob's Box Leagues and the Sport Relief Doubles Tournament (details below) to get more play instead.

ON YOUR MARKS-GET SET-BAKE!

It's that time again! Every two years we help to support Sport Relief by holding an event at the club - from tennis marathons to fun tournaments - and raise lots of cash for this very worthwhile charity. This year, on Saturday 22nd March, Rob is going to run a fun American Tournament from 2 - 4pm with prizes for the winners. Alongside this will be the judging of *The Great Sport Relief Bake Off 'Showstopper Challenge'*. You are invited to create a special cake with a Sporting theme. A prize will be given to the baker of the most creative and tasty cake. Just bring your showstopper along at 2pm on the day to enter. The cakes will then be sold in aid of Sport Relief. The tournament sign up sheet will be in the clubhouse from 1st March and it will cost £8.00 to enter.



FUNDRAISING FOR SPORT RELIEF

SPORT RELIEF 2014

FUN DOUBLES TOURNAMENT Saturday 22nd March 2- 4pm Refreshments & Prizes



Rita once again came up with some lovely homemade baking for the small gatherings on the Friday and Sunday before Christmas. Thank you to Kumi and others who brought up food for the celebrations.
David Sadler

ROB'S COACHING NEWS

JUNIOR TENNIS

The junior tennis has developed well with a combination of linking with Hook with Warsash school (two sessions on a Wednesday afternoon) and other local schools which Rob runs after-school sessions for on Mondays and Thursdays. Sessions running over the weekend have also increased in numbers and are developing well.

Rob is pleased with how the level of junior tennis is going and this has been indicated with some of the older juniors being included into team matches which is great to see. Well done to the following juniors: Jake Norris, Charlotte Hanratty, Matt Turl, Jacob Hutchins.

Another Junior Singles League was organised by Rob and some good competitive matches were played and congratulations go to winner: Andy Dalby

If any children want to get involved in the junior programme then please contact Rob directly (07519 633559) to discuss options.

Rob will be running Half Term Junior tennis Camps on the following dates: Monday 17th February / Thursday 20th February / Friday 21st February. There is a 9am-12pm or 9am-2pm option. Lots of balls hit in a structured but fun session. A combination of tennis, football and rounders are included and age range is from 4^{1/2}-15 years.

If you would like to reserve a place on any of the days please contact Rob on 07519 633559.

ADULT TENNIS

It has been good to see a good number of adult members regularly

participating in the coaching programme and Rob feels the standard of tennis has improved and, as a result, this has been reflected with good performances in the team matches as well as improvement of the overall level of the adults playing tennis at the Club. Within sessions Rob focuses on a combination of shot selection, court awareness, and understanding the tactics needed in matches.

All levels are catered for and any member who has yet to try a coaching session is made very welcome and encouraged. If you are not sure what sessions are available, just have a chat to Rob and he will give you suggestions.

Another Adult Singles League has been completed with some good matches and performances. The demand for the leagues has been great and has continued to grow in participants. Rob will look to run another Singles League over the next couple of months and if you would like to be included in the next League please just let Rob know.

Prizes have been presented and congratulations go to the following league winners: Adam Vaughan, Richard Vaughan, Karen Kirwan and Jan Grant.

EQUIPMENT

If you're looking for a new racquet, tennis shoes, balls, equipment, or a restring then ask Rob as he has access to some of the best deals around and an added advantage is there is a try before you buy option.

As always, if there is anything you would like to see in the coaching programme or have any ideas Rob is always keen to hear.

Dates for your diaries

WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH

WTC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8pm venue TBA
All members are encouraged to come along and hear about the club's progress and vote on nominations.

SATURDAY 12th APRIL

SOLENT CUP We are very lucky to be hosting this prestigious event again which pits the winners of the Portsmouth and Southampton Winter Leagues against each other. Please come along and support the teams.

SUNDAY 27th APRIL

ANNUAL OPEN DAY at the club - all in the local area welcome to try some fun tennis and meet our members and committee.

SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

CLUB CLOSED TOURNAMENT FINALS DAY followed by prize giving and evening meal at St Mary's Church Hall. You must be available to play on Finals Day to enter the tournament so please put it in your diary today!

Can you unscramble these ATP No.1 male tennis players ?

1. JUICE OR RIM
2. NUKE GROUT STAVE
3. ASIAN GRADES
4. FARM A SAINT
5. STEAM SAPPER
6. ID RACK NODDY

Many thanks to Karen H for the quiz - answers at bottom of page

HALF-TERM TENNIS CAMPS

Mon 17th,
Thurs 20th and
Fri 21st February

3 days of fun. Hit lots of balls, lots of games and structured tennis on each session, some sessions may include football and/or rounders

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

For all ages 4^{1/2}-15yrs
All Coaches are LTA Qualified and Licensed

To book a place or for more info please contact Rob Norris on
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