

## FIRST

## SERVE

Warsash Tennis Club, Osborne Road, Warsash, Southampton

[www.warsashtennisclub.net](http://www.warsashtennisclub.net)

## A DAY TO REMEMBER



Imagine, I was sat at work and received, to my bemusement, an email from one of my friends asking me if I could "borrow a child for Saturday?" I replied "yes" which is when she informed me that I would be able to take my niece Paisley, and my partner Oliver Hayes, to the Barclays ATP 'Friends and Family Day' last November (I know I am a little late with this...). The Family Day consisted of fun coaching for Paisley by Dan Bloxham and she was then joined on court by Mark Petchey. Then we got down to the serve speedometer!! Oliver topped out at 128mph and got his certificate endorsed by none other than Boris Becker. I however only got a measly 88mph. The day picked up when we saw the Bryan brothers play Paes and Stepanek – a decidedly quiet match from the Bryan brothers who ended up losing in 3 sets. The last set looked to be a long one but finished on 10-7. The next match however was the one we were waiting for, Roger Federer versus Juan Martin del Potro. Neither failed to disappoint, even with their outfit choices of purple and neon yellow (a nice clash on court!). With Federer winning it was a fantastic match to watch (however Oliver saw more of it through his camera lens rather than with his eyes!) and it ended with the three of us having a 2-second spot on the live BBC coverage. Paisley stood out like a sore thumb with her neon face paint!



All in all a fantastic day – especially for a freebie! **Louise Downie**

Dates  
for your  
diaries

In this special 40th anniversary year at WTC there are few special events planned so make sure they're highlighted on your calendars now so you can be sure not to miss out.

## WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL

**WTC Annual General Meeting** 8pm venue TBA (includes prize-giving for Winter Mixed Tournament)

## SUNDAY 12th MAY

**40th Anniversary Family Fun OPEN DAY** at the club

## FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

**WTC MIDSUMMER ANNIVERSARY BALL** at Warsash Sailing Club with live band (The Covers) and special guests - an evening not to be missed!

## SATURDAY 6th JULY

**Warsash Festival** at the Strawberry Field in Warsash Need volunteers to make a scarecrow to represent the tennis club and to help out on a stall at the event

## SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

**Club Closed Tournament Finals Day** with evening BBQ and prize giving.

*The main reason that our club has survived for 40 years is because of the willing and generous help of our members. We always need volunteers to assist with all the aspects of our club's varied activities. If you would like to get involved with the organising of any of the social events above or maybe just help to make a scarecrow, please let David Sadler know - it would be great to get the whole club involved in this special year instead of the same few volunteers.*

# HALF TERM CAMP

Mon 18th, Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd Feb

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 4½-15yrs All Coaches are LTA Qualified and Licensed

To book a place or for more info please contact Rob Norris on 01489 781947 or 07519 633559

# ROB'S COACHING NEWS

## JUNIOR TENNIS

The junior coaching programme is continuing to develop well, with all groups and ages being catered for. Even though the weather has not been favourable over recent weeks and time of year, numbers are still going well, which is producing some great activity throughout the week on the courts. Rob will be running some schools tennis coaching sessions around the area via support from the Sports Partnership Scheme. This will allow Rob to contact more juniors and after these sessions and a tennis festival, Rob hopes to boost numbers in the Club's junior programme.

Another tennis singles league will run and there are 2 boxes of juniors competing. Matches will be played over an 9 week period and results will be recorded and results sent off to the LTA will contribute to their rating and prizes will be given to the winners of each league box, so there is lots to play for. Again it is good to see the juniors compete around coaching. Good luck to all who are taking part.

Rob has seen several juniors join in some of the adult sessions and team matches. It's good to see juniors benefitting from this and certainly helps them develop their tennis. With this experience Jake Norris, for example, beat two top 10 Nationally ranked juniors of his own age group.

Tennis is available for juniors from the age of 4 right through to 16, so all youngsters are catered for. If you have a child who would like to try one of the many sessions at the Club please contact Rob for more info.

## ADULT TENNIS

The Adult programme is running well with some good attendances, and it is great to see a few new people attending. The tennis programme covers all levels and Rob really feels he caters for all members' needs as

there is a wide and varied amount of coaching sessions available from lower beginner level right through to the advanced top club level. Also the ever popular heart-pumping Cardio tennis session which is a great way to get fit whilst hitting lots of tennis balls. If you have not tried any of Rob's sessions then give it a go - you have nothing to lose and lots to gain.

Rob will look to run another Adult beginner/refresher course when demand is there so if you are interested in attending a course please let Rob know.

The Christmas Cracker Doubles Tournament which was cancelled in December due to poor weather was run at the end of January and was fully subscribed with 16 players. Apart from the slightly windy conditions the event ran well and there were some great points being played, and competitive play was seen throughout. There were prizes given out and the overall winner in a closely fought event was Julian Colls - well done to Julian!

Another round of Adult singles leagues is about to commence and will run for 9 weeks, it is good to see the demand is there and we have 2 boxes in both the Mens and Ladies singles. If you are interested in playing in these leagues let Rob know for a future round.

## EQUIPMENT

Rob has a vast range of tennis balls, shoes, racquets, etc which are available to try before you buy. In many cases these can be purchased from him cheaper than in shops and on the internet, so if you're looking for a new pair of tennis shoes, or want to update your racquet, speak to Rob and he can advise you on what is available.

Rob also runs a re-stringing service, so if you want a re-string speak to him for advice and prices.

Tel: Rob Norris 01489 781947 or 07519 633559

# TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

With our Winter Mixed Tournament now in full flow please make sure you get your matches played on time. Please do not forget to pay for your floodlight usage if you play during the evenings - floodlights cost £6.00 per court per hour and the money needs to go to Kumi Coulthard our Treasurer, or can be given to any committee member to pass on. With 26 entrants into this fun event it looks like you have helped to raise over £75.00 for the Multiple Sclerosis Charity! The prizes will be awarded at the AGM on the 10th April.



## Rita's home baking for Christmas

On the Friday before Christmas we had a small celebration with good tennis & mulled wine with homemade mince pies and scones. Our thanks to Rita who did all the baking and to Julie who helped with the organisation. *David Sadler*

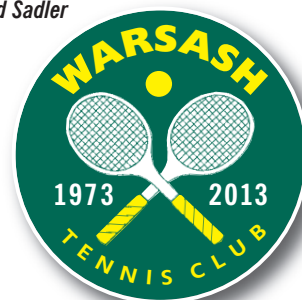


We are once again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers here at Warsash Tennis Club.

Following a year of unprecedented success in British sport, Sainsbury's Active Kids 2013 scheme aims to build on the interest and excitement that was generated last year and harness this enthusiasm and desire to inspire a generation of children to get more active.

Now in its ninth year, the Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme has so far put over 4.9 million pieces of equipment into the hands of millions of children across the UK.

Please place your vouchers in our collecting box in the clubhouse. These will then be put towards mini tennis equipment for the junior's tennis activities and help to bring tennis to even more youngsters in our area.



**CHAIRMAN**  
David Sadler

01489 885560

davidjill.sadler@ntlworld.com

**SECRETARY**  
Karen Harrison

01329 239309

karen\_harrison@uk.ibm.com

**TREASURER**  
Kumi Coulthard

01489 576180

kumicoul@aol.com

**FIRST SERVE EDITOR**  
PG Udal

01489 557930 pgudal@sky.com



WARSASH TENNIS CLUB awarded clubmark status 08/2009