

FIRST SERVE

Warsash Tennis Club, Osborne Road, Warsash, Southampton

www.warsashtennisclub.net

BLACK-TIE TENNIS BALL

If you're looking for a great excuse to get dressed up and have a wonderful evening with friends, come along to our annual Summer Ball with live music by 'The Covers'. This year we are at the prestigious location of the Royal Air Force Yacht Club in Hamble on Saturday 28th June. Tickets are now on sale for £35.00 and they are selling fast so contact Karen Downie on 01489 576207 or email her asap at KMDownie@aol.com.

Menus can be downloaded from the Warsash Tennis Club website and also if you are interested in travelling by road with a group on a coach or over the Hamble on the river taxi please let her know when you book so we can work out costs. Please note WTC member's family and friends are very welcome. See you all there!

BE IN TO WIN WIMBLEDON TICKETS 2009

The Wimbledon draw was entered by 26 members this year and the chance to buy 7 pairs of tickets were won in the draw on our Open Day. This is popular annual event and our allocation of tickets next year will depend on how many, and also limited to, the number of British Tennis Club members that are in our club. British Tennis membership is currently free to affiliated club members so sign up at www.lta.org.uk/membership or call direct on 0845 873 7202.

OPEN DAY FUN 2008

Our annual Open Day was blessed with fine and sunny weather and lots of people came up and enjoyed all the activities that were on offer. All four tennis courts were in constant use with mini tennis and fun games, and club members and Colin were kept busy with lots of questions about club activities. We had 5 new members sign up on the day with lots of enquiries and interest from others, and new member Sally Hutt was lucky enough to win the draw for the Tennis Hold-all. The winner of 'Guess the Number of Tennis Balls' was Gemma Alexander with the correct guess of 454, and the fastest serve recorded on the day was an amazing 98mph by Ben Swindells! The Bottle Tombola kept everyone entertained and local butcher T.J.Harvey's beefburgers and hotdogs helped to keep the energy levels up all round. More photographs are on our website.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT RETURNS

The Warsash Summer Tournament is back after an absence of two years and has a new format run by Ian Udal and Pauline Griffiths. Entries are invited for Men's and Ladies singles and doubles and also a Mixed doubles category, open to all adult and junior members. You can choose your partner and the scoring will be level for all matches. Due to time constraints players are limited to only entering 2 events but this may be increased for next year. The scheduling of matches is going to be very strictly enforced and Finals Day will be Sunday 27th July so come down to support and watch the fun from 10am! For all rules see entry forms which are available on website and in club house. For more information call Pauline or Ian on 01489 557930.



WARSASH TENNIS CLUB

Summer Ball

Black Tie

WITH ENTERTAINMENT BY 'THE COVERS'

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 2008
7.30PM - MIDNIGHT

AT ROYAL AIRFORCE YACHT CLUB, HAMBLE

£35.00 PER HEAD

(INCLUDES 3-COURSE MEAL, COFFEE & SERVICE CHARGE)

Menu choice available at www.warsashtennisclub.net

Please book early as places are limited

Karen Downie 01489 576207 email: KMDownie@aol.com



COACHING CORNER
SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Colin is running fun holiday camps on **TUESDAYS** during the school summer holidays on the following dates:

- 29th July**
- 5th August**
- 12th August**
- 19th August**
- 26th August**

Colin would like to thank the following juniors for all their help in running these camps, they are a great asset to the club and a credit to themselves –

Max Jenkins, Gina Jenkins, Adam Goble, Ben Swindells, Robert Ablitt, Ollie Gregory, Matthew Campbell, Jordon Sevier, Phillip Merritt, Emma Field, Luke Mendez, Claudia Nash, David Crowther.

JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

We will be running some LTA Grade 6 tournaments throughout the summer and also organising junior friendly matches – see Colin for info. Watch out for dates for the Inter-School Tournament and we look forward to repeating our success at the Hampshire Youth Games.

If anyone is interested in having individual or group tennis coaching, at any level of ability, please contact Colin Murphy on 07801 422227 or Jane Maloney on 07793 129314

NEW COURTS NEED TLC

Our new courts need to be treated with special caution over the first 12-24 months of their use, as the surface will be slightly ‘tender’ as the bitumen and surface coating oxidise to achieve the final hardness. We have chosen a porous macadam surface which enables

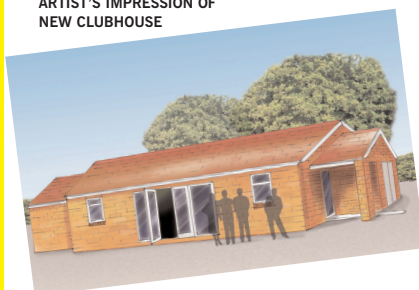


water to drain more easily, and although it contains additives to lift the temperature at which it softens, it may still soften in warm weather especially in the first season. To this end, unsuitable footwear and bad habits such as ‘racket abuse’ are to be avoided, especially in warm weather.

Unfortunately, there is no guideline temperature that will cause the courts to soften as several factors such as location, shading, previous daily temperatures, rain etc will affect the surface temperature. The sun’s UV rays can also cause softening even if the air temperature is cool. Therefore, if the surface softens, play should be stopped immediately to avoid serious damage.

The first sign of a problem is when black marks start appearing as paint is rubbed or scuffed off. However, a useful rule of thumb (literally) is to depress several areas of the surface with your thumb – *if the surface moves at all under this pressure then it is not recommended to play on it.* Courtstall, the court contractor recommend that this test is carried out every hour during warm weather. Hosing down with cold water can reduce the surface temperature to allow play to take place. Softening is a phenomenon usually confined to the first season, but the surface will still need to be checked regularly if very hot weather is experienced the following year.

ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF NEW CLUBHOUSE



with the problem of providing foundations for a suitably built construction that will not destroy the adjacent trees. A solution has been provided but there are knock-on effects, not least the cost, which now need to be resolved. We will keep you informed of progress.

NEW CLUB HOUSE

Now that the work on all of our courts is complete, the project team will be turning its attention to the provision of a new clubhouse. This has already proved tricky

KEY ISSUES

As a member you should have a key to the gate of the tennis courts so that you can play when there are no coaching activities or matches taking place. Every new member should receive one automatically but if you have slipped through the system please inform Kumi Coulthard (01489 576180) and you will be sent one asap.

CAN YOU HELP?

with setting up and running the Warsash Tennis Club Bottle and Bric-a-Brac Stall at the Warsash Summer Fair Strawberry Field, Warsash on Saturday 5th July 12.30 – 4.30pm
We need donations of good quality goods and bottles and help will be required from 10.30am to set up the stand etc. Please contact Karen Downie 01489 576207



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