

FIRST SERVE

Warsash Tennis Club, Osborne Road, Warsash, Southampton

www.warsashtennisclub.net

BLOWN AWAY BY FINALS DAY

The club's annual Closed Tournament finals were held on Sunday 11th September and despite the advance of the post-tropical cyclone 'Katia' storming into the UK, the day took place amazingly with no delays. The gusty winds did serve to add an extra dimension to all the matches as all the players testified, but the sun did shine on the courts for most of the day. Club Captains Matt Pond and Katy Firrell had refereed this years tournament and organised the whole event and lots of supporters came along to see the culmination of all the summer's matches.

The crowd was treated to some great tennis throughout the day in the blustery conditions, including an enjoyable high-paced men's doubles final with Ian Udal and Martin Wilkinson beating Matt Pond and club coach Rob Norris in two exciting sets. Gavin Lane from Trethowans Solicitors (a club committee member and consolation Mens Singles finalist) kindly presented all the trophies on behalf of the trophy sponsors.

TEAM NEWS AND RESULTS

A few late additions to the Summer League results:

Portsmouth League Mens 1 won the league in a nail biting finish beating Ryde Lawn 1 by 2 rubbers to the title. Portsmouth League Mixed 1 also won their division and will be playing in Division 1 next summer. For more news please look at our WTC fabulous website; thanks go to Mike Joss for this invaluable tool and information hub with all the latest league results, rules and score cards available on-line.

The Winter season matches have started, and, for the Southampton League matches only, a new system has been introduced - 'sudden death at deuce'. This has been brought in to help keep the times of these 3-pair matches down. The pair who are receiving the serve must choose who will return it and the game is then decided on the result of that point. This is a trial for the winter and we have been asked for your feedback on how it works in practice and whether you prefer the traditional system or the new, and we will let the league organisers know.

Please let your Team Captains have your views... politely!

If anybody would like to play in matches that doesn't already do so please let Katy Firrell or Matt Pond know asap and they can slot you in a team.

FINAL RESULTS:

GENTLEMENS SINGLES

Winner: Ian Udal

Runner Up: David Gray

Trophy sponsored and presented by Gavin Lane, Trethowans Solicitors

LADIES SINGLES

Winner: Katy Firrell

Runner Up: PG Udal

Trophy sponsored by Club President David Sadler. Presented by Gavin Lane

GENTLEMENS DOUBLES

Winners:

Ian Udal & Martin Wilkinson

Runners Up:

Matt Pond & Rob Norris

Trophy sponsored by Copyrite Business Solutions. Presented by Gavin Lane

LADIES DOUBLES

Winners:

Cathie Russell & PG Udal

Runners Up:

Katy Firrell & Joanna Hindson

Trophy sponsored by Nina Perry, Karma Beauty Therapy. Presented by Gavin Lane

MIXED DOUBLES

Winners:

David Gray & Vicki Dale

Runners Up:

Mike Challice & Cathie Russell

The Ian Stewart Cup, presented by Gavin Lane

CONSOLATION EVENTS:

GENTLEMENS SINGLES

Winner: Michael Isaacs

Runner Up: Gavin Lane

LADIES SINGLES

Winner: Amanda Ridley

Runner Up: Denise Franks

GENTLEMENS DOUBLES

Winners:

Trevor Spence & David Skeete

Runners Up:

Julian Colls & Russell Picket

LADIES DOUBLES

Winners:

Sheena Quinn & Amanda Ridley

Runners Up:

Ann Barker & Elaine O'Donnell

MIXED DOUBLES

Winners:

Mary Quinn & Trevor Spence

Runners Up:

Elaine O'Donnell & David Skeete



Gavin Lane from Trethowan's Solicitors presenting the awards to our Singles Champions: Ian Udal and Katy Firrell, and to the Consolation Singles winners: Amanda Ridley and Michael Isaacs. (Pictured from top to bottom) More photos are on WTC web site.



TENNIS AND MULTI SPORTS HALF TERM CAMPS

at WARSASH TENNIS CLUB

for all ages 5-15yrs

24th, 27th & 28th October

Monday, Thursday & Friday

9am - 12noon or 9am - 2pm

Lots of FUN. Hit lots of balls, play games and structured tennis every day (some sessions may include Football and/or Rounders)

9am - 12noon

£12.00 per child (£13.00 for non member)

9am - 2pm

£18.00 per child (£19.00 for non member)

All Coaches are LTA Qualified and Licensed

To book a place contact VISION TENNIS on
01489 781947 OR 07519 633559

ADULT COACHING

We have many coaching sessions running throughout the week catering for all levels and abilities from beginner through to match team level, so if you want to improve your tennis there is a session available (check timetable on tennis notice board for days and times). Popular sessions range from Cardio tennis which is open to all levels and gives a chance for players to hit lots of balls whilst having a great workout, if you haven't tried this session its well worth a go! We have a beginners/rusty racquet style course which is a 6 week course running through the basics of the game and is designed to get people confident about how to hit balls as well as understanding tactics needed. Another popular session is the mid level plus session which gives all players from mid level upwards a chance to play with better players under a coaching environment.

For any questions or suggestions please contact Rob direct on 07519 633559.

JUNIORS

The junior coaching programme has become comprehensive at the Club, with all groups and ages increasing, we are seeing some good activity throughout all age groups. Rob now has developed links to local schools and is running several After School Clubs, which is consistently well attended.

Tennis is available for juniors from the age of 4 right through to 16, so all juniors are catered for. Every junior that has joined the club has the opportunity to obtain an LTA rating which is free and allows Juniors to develop their rating and standard.

If you have a child who would like to try one of the many sessions at the Club please contact Rob on 07519 633559.

EQUIPMENT

Rob has a vast range of tennis balls, shoes, racquets, etc which are available to try before you buy and also in many cases can be purchased 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 him and he can advise you on what is available including a racquet restringing service.



WTC IN LATEST ROUND OF HOLIDAY PRIZE DRAW



As a result of entering a Ladies +40s team into the Vets Tennis GB Beachcomber National Inter-County Championships, Warsash Tennis Club has been lucky enough to have been drawn into the Beachcomber Holiday draw. The final draw will take place at the Beachcomber Inter-Club finals at Dudley on Sunday 20 November and will be made by Beachcomber Managing Director, Chris Gilbert. All the 35 lucky clubs selected will be in with a chance to win a fabulous prize of one of two seven-night holidays for two, including flights, to the Paradis Hotel & Golf Club in Mauritius. If WTC wins one of these holidays it will be used as a prize in either a silent auction or raffle to club members at an upcoming social event. For more details visit www.lta.org.uk/players-parents/Vets-Tennis-GB/Home/



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WARSASH TENNIS CLUB awarded clubmark status Aug 09

Welcome to our newest club members!



◀ **Zachary William** was born on 1st August 2011 weighing in at an impressive 11lbs 9ozs. Proud mum Victoria Pine has already played an Apsley match for us feeding baby in between rounds and can't wait to see Zac on court himself!

Born late August young **Carwyn Francis Parry** was brought along to club finals day to give him his first taste



of tennis... hope we haven't put him off! First-time mum Krys Pickersgill is still recovering from a difficult time at the birth so we wish them well and hope to see them both at the club again very soon.

QUIZ NIGHT & HOG ROAST

Saturday 19th Nov

St Mary's Church Hall, Church Rd, Warsash

£13.00

Food served at 7pm followed by quiz

To order vegetarian options and for more information please contact

Helen Rawlins on 07771 744303

