

FIRST SERVE

Warsash Tennis Club, Osborne Road, Warsash, Southampton

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A SUMMER OF SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Apsley C team, captained by Michael Isaacs and Janet Armitage, who have triumphantly won their division this summer. Michael says "The photograph (right) was taken just before the last match of the season which we subsequently won. In doing so we ensured a perfect campaign of eight matches, eight wins to top the Apsley Division 4 and dropping only 13 rubbers all season. A committed and enthusiastic team will be going for a celebration dinner some time late in October!" Our Apsley A team finished a very respectable 3rd in the Premier Division (behind Winchester A and Hants Club A). At the end of the Hampshire and IOW Summer Doubles leagues our Ladies A team were promoted to Division 1 for the first time in WTC's history and Men's A were promoted to Division 2 and Men's B will be promoted to Division 4 for 2014. In the Portsmouth District leagues, our Men's 1st team repeated their continued successes from last summer and winter by once



From left to right: Adam Vaughan, Janet Armitage, Trevor Spence, Carole Ablitt, Michael Isaacs, David Skeete, Claire Ryan, Gavin Lane and Karen Kirwan.

again coming top in a tight finish again with Ryde Lawn. The presentation of this and all the Portsmouth LTA awards will once again take place at Lee-on-the-Solent Tennis Club on Thursday 17th Oct 7.30pm and all club members are encouraged to come along and meet up with other players from other clubs in the area 'off the court' for a change. Please contact Portsmouth District League Secretary, Michael Isaacs if you wish to attend as he needs to know numbers for catering. Well done to all the 26 teams that played for WTC this summer and good luck to our 13 teams who will be playing this winter season.



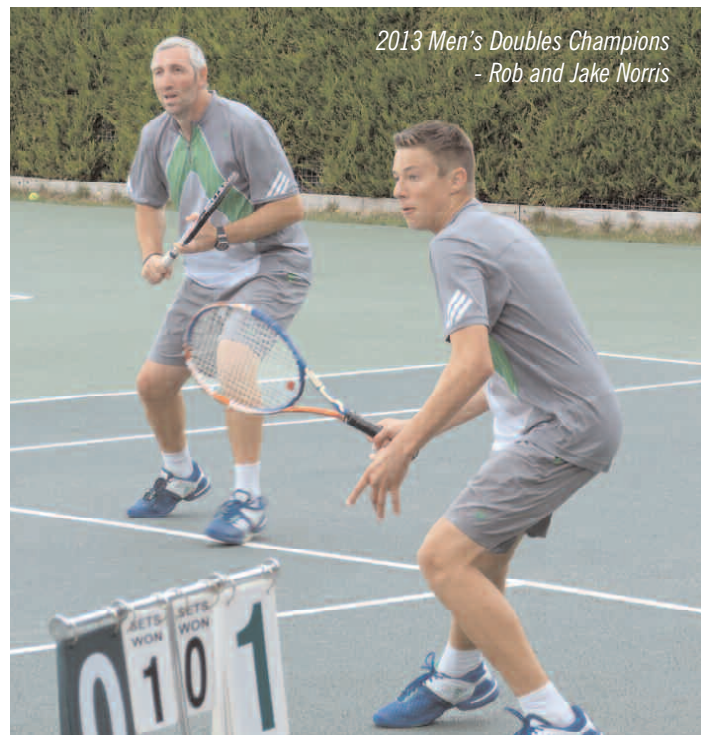
A special mention must go to Rita Owen who brilliantly served an 'Ace' at Club Night recently. Get in there Rita!

It's a family affair

The WTC Summer Tournament came to a thrilling climax on Saturday 14th September with a Finals Day full of expectation. The quality of the tennis didn't disappoint the hardy spectators who turned out to watch and all the matches were closely fought. Ian Udal beat Matt Pond in a top level match in the Men's Singles and Vicki Dale bravely overcame an ankle injury to go on and win the Ladies Singles against her doubles partner, Greta Kennard. Father and son partnership, entering for the first (and last?) time together, were Head Coach Rob and 13 year old Jake Norris, who

showed fighting spirit by coming back from a set down to beat Matt Pond and Frederic Fourciangue in the Men's Doubles Final. The Ladies event was just as exciting with a tense 7-6 7-6 win for Cathie Russell and PG Udal over Katy Firrell and Victoria Pine to retain their names on the Champions Boards for the sixth year running. Finally, the Mixed Champions title was won by Victoria Pine and Frederic Fourciangue with their first time partnership in an entertaining match versus Ian and PG Udal.

For all the Finals Day results please see overleaf...



2013 Men's Doubles Champions
- Rob and Jake Norris

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MENS SINGLES

Winner: Ian Udal (1)
 Runner Up: Matt Pond
 Trophy sponsored by
 Trethrowans Solicitors



LADIES SINGLES

Winner: Vicki Dale (2)
 Runner Up: Greta Kennard
 Trophy sponsored by David Sadler



MENS DOUBLES

Winners: Rob & Jake Norris (3)
 Runners Up:
 Frederic Fourciangue & Matt Pond
 Trophy sponsored by
 Copyrite Business Solutions.



LADIES DOUBLES

Winners:
Cathie Russell & PG Udal (4)
 Runners Up:
 Katy Firrell & Victoria Pine
 Trophy sponsored by
 Karma Beauty Therapy.



MIXED DOUBLES

Winners: Victoria Pine & Fred Fourciangue (5)
 Runners Up: PG and Ian Udal
 The Ian Stewart Cup



CONSOLATION EVENTS:

MENS SINGLES

Winner: Darren Moody
 Runner Up: Richard Vaughan

LADIES SINGLES

Winner: Katy Firrell
 Runner Up: Denise Franks

MENS DOUBLES

Winners:
Darren Moody & Graham Percy
 Runners Up:
 Bill Evans & David Skeete

LADIES DOUBLES

Winners:
Denise Franks & Helen Rawlins
 Runners Up:
 Claire & Eleanor Wilkinson

MIXED DOUBLES

Winners:
Karen Kirwan & Julian Coles
 Runners Up:
 Karen Harrison & Adam Vaughan

A BIG THANK YOU to Club Captains, Katy Firrell, Matt Pond and Nick St John (well, mainly Katy!) for organising another well-run Summer Tournament. Thanks also go to Julie Whitehead for kindly presenting the trophies and prizes. A lovely touch this year was the addition of champagne and chocolates for the winners and runners up which were very kindly donated by both David Sadler and Ragdale Hall Health Spa. Thank you once again to the various organisations and individuals who sponsored our club trophies. Thank you to Jacky and Nick Gregory for offering their lovely garden for the Hog Roast even though we were unable to take advantage of their hospitality due to the weather. Thanks as well to Helen Rawlins and David Sadler for organising the Hog Roast and to all who generously made the yummy desserts!

Colin Manvell - a lovely man

Many of you will have seen the national news coverage about the sudden death of Colin Manvell, whilst on holiday in India photographing wildlife. His love for the outdoor life was unwavering and there is no doubt that at the time of his tragic death he was enjoying his hobby. Colin has been a very big part of tennis in the area for many years; including his long-standing capacity as treasurer of the Portsmouth & District LTA and involvement at the Avenue Tennis Club in Havant. He will be very much missed and we send our condolences to all his family.



TENNIS AND MULTI SPORTS HALF TERM CAMPS

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MONDAY 28th & THURSDAY 31st October & FRIDAY 1st November

9am - 12noon or 9am - 2pm

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



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

All Coaches are LTA Qualified and Licensed

QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 16th November from 7pm

St Mary's Church Hall Warsash
 Contact Helen Rawlins for more info on 07771 744303

Coaching news

Back by popular demand are the Adult and Junior singles leagues. They are set to run over a 10 week period and is a good chance for players to put their singles skills to the test. It's great to see the demand is strong and some great matches are anticipated. Prizes and results will be given at the end of the 10 weeks.

A big congratulations goes out to Jake Norris who has won through to the main draw of the Powder Byrre U14 singles competition. This is a National event and starts with a box of 3 opponents and winner of each box goes through to main draw. Jake won all his box matches and in one of the matches he beat the number 2 seed who is ranked 12 in the country. We wish good luck to Jake in the main draw.

The adult and junior coaching programme is in good shape and all who are involved have seen great improvement. If you have yet to participate then contact Rob and he can direct you to the right session.

For more information about the club please go to www.warsashtennisclub.net

Ladies teams : captains change

Karen Downie has amazingly been the Captain of Ladies Portsmouth 1 for over fifteen years but has now decided to hand over this position from this winter season. Her team has consistently been placed in the first division and all who played for her over the years would like to thank her for all the organising she did on their behalf. Karen is still going to run the summer Apsley B and Ladies +40A teams alongside the very difficult and arduous task of being our Match Secretary, so, don't worry, she won't be twiddling her thumbs! Nicki Eldridge has kindly agreed to be Ladies 1 Captain in her place and is looking forward to the challenge.

PG Udal and Claire Wilkinson are also taking on new roles as Ladies A and B Captains in the Southampton league this winter.



WARSASH TENNIS CLUB awarded clubmark status 08/2009