

# FIRST SERVE

Warsash Tennis Club, Osborne Road, Warsash, Southampton

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## JAKE DOES THE TREBLE

A summer of tennis was set with our Club Closed Tournament running from June 13th through to September 12th 2015.

48 members entered the five events and there were many close competitive and fun matches played. Thank you to everyone who entered and played their matches promptly ensuring a smooth run to the exciting climax on Finals Day. Thanks also go to the following people without whom the event could not have taken place:

- Club Captains, Sue Kitt and Nick St John for organising a well-run Finals Day and for sourcing the awards.
  - Club Chairman Denise Franks for presenting the trophies and prizes.
  - David Sadler for donating prizes.
  - All the companies and individuals who sponsor the trophies
  - Helen Rawlins for organising the Hog Roast and to all who generously made the delicious desserts!
  - and finally, PG Udal, for organising and refereeing the whole tournament.
- For all the details and final scores from the tournament go to 'Ita.tournamentsoftware.com' and search for 'Warsash Tennis Club Closed 2015'



Above: All the finalists 2015  
Left: Jake Norris in action

### MENS SINGLES

**Winner: Jake Norris**  
Runner Up: Matt Pond  
Trophy sponsored by Trethrowans Solicitors

### LADIES SINGLES

**Winner: Victoria Pine**  
Runner Up: Gemma West  
Trophy sponsored by David Sadler

### MENS DOUBLES

**Winners:**  
**Jake Norris and Matt Pond**  
Runners Up: Ian Udal & Martin Wilkinson  
Trophy sponsored by Copyrite Business Solutions

### LADIES DOUBLES

**Winners:**  
**Jo Downing and Nicki Eldridge**  
Runners Up: Katy Firrell and PG Udal  
Trophy sponsored by Karma Beauty Therapy, Titchfield

### MIXED DOUBLES

**Winners:**  
**Jo Downing and Jake Norris**  
Runners Up: PG and Ian Udal  
The Ian Stewart Cup



### CONSOLATION EVENTS:

**MENS SINGLES**  
**Winner: Richard Vaughan**  
Runner Up: Jonty Challis

**LADIES SINGLES**  
**Winner: Nicki Eldridge**  
Runner Up: Karen Harrison

**MENS DOUBLES**  
**Winners:**  
**Bill Evans and Michael Isaacs**  
Runners Up: Mike Betteridge and Kevin Harris

**MIXED DOUBLES**  
**Winners:**  
**Carole Ablitt and David Skeete**  
Runners Up: Greta Kennard and Paul Rocket

## TEAM NEWS News from the Summer leagues

### HAMPSHIRE & IOW COUNTY LEAGUES

Both Ladies A and Mens A stayed up in their top divisions. Mens B had a very successful summer and are to be promoted to Division 3 (a or b) next year.

In the Vets County leagues we came top in 2 divisions - Ladies +40A move back up to Div 1 and Mens +45A will return to Div 2 again.

### PORTSMOUTH LEAGUES

Mens 1 narrowly missed out on winning Div 1 by 1 point, which was the penalty for having to concede a walkover to Ryde Mead 1 in the summer.

Mens 2 were extremely unlucky to miss out on promotion to Division 1 by 0.1% of a set in their final standings! Mixed 2 are brilliantly being promoted to Division 1.

### SOUTHAMPTON APSLEY LEAGUE

Apsley A ended up a creditable-mid table in the Premier Division after a number of injury and absence issues. Our Apsley B team had an exciting end to the season by managing to avoid demotion by only 2 rubbers and will be staying in Division 1 for next summer.

Apsley C will be staying in Div 3 but unfortunately Apsley D had a tough season and will be in Div 5 for 2016.

*If you would like to play in the teams please can you let Sue Kitt (ladies) or Nick St John (men) know. There is match tennis for every level of player available if you would like to play.*

TEAM NEWS

# COACHING NEWS

It's been a good summer of tennis and all sessions are generally running well and catering for all levels and ages. Now we approach winter it's a great time to develop players games and from previous years Rob has noticed when players put the right amount of time into their game over the winter then summer shows the improvement, not only with your shots but your confidence. So anyone that hasn't tried a session before or for a while then please speak to Rob and he will be happy to help and advise.

Rob is pleased with all the junior sessions that are running and he has seen a lot of the juniors developing their understanding of the shots whilst having lots of fun. Rob has decided to give any juniors the opportunity to play matches on a Saturday 11am-12noon. This will give those who take part a chance to test their tennis from what they have learned and also (if they have an LTA rating) will have the result submitted which enables a goal to see how they do. For juniors who

want to play even more competitive matches can discuss with you local events which are available to play. Amongst all the current junior sessions Rob is running October Half-Term camps on Monday 26th, Thursday 29th and Fridays 30th Oct with a 9-12 or 9-2pm option. Spaces are still available so if you want to book contact Rob on 07519 633559.

A lot of members are accessing Rob's great deals on racquets, equipment and restrings, so if you are looking for anything then let him know and he will look to help and accommodate your needs.

## ROB'S TOP TENNIS TIP

If you want more time before playing a shot, then focus needs to be on how the opponent takes their racquet back and how they shape up before they hit the ball. This extra information before the ball is hit by the opponent will allow you to anticipate how and where the ball will be hit which will give you more time to play.



Saturday  
7th November

# QUIZ NIGHT

Tickets **£13.00**

St Mary's Church Hall

Choice of hot meal served from 7pm

Contact Helen Rawlins to book on 07771 744303 or [helen.noble2@btopenworld.com](mailto:helen.noble2@btopenworld.com)

Bar available. Maximum of 8 people per team

## Mystery Mixed

Our Winter mixed doubles event is open to all club members (adults & juniors) with the pairings chosen at random. It all starts on 12th December and runs until the end of March with prizes awarded at the club AGM.

Entry fee is £3.00 which this year will all go to Sport Relief 2016 and everyone is guaranteed at least 2 matches. Please sign up in the clubhouse from mid Nov or email [pgudal@sky.com](mailto:pgudal@sky.com) by the 10th December latest.

STOP PRESS... SOCIAL NEWS.... Plans are in progress for a Barn Dance in Feb/March so dig out your checked shirts and skirts and look out for more info soon.... yee ha... STOP PRESS...




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## BALL MACHINE

*Just to remind everyone that we have a fully operational ball machine for our member's use at the club. Rob can explain how to get the best out of it but for full instructions please read the instruction folder in the clubhouse. There is a demonstration evening planned so please look out for information about that coming soon.*

## TENNIS AND MULTI SPORTS HALF TERM CAMPS

at WARSASH TENNIS CLUB for all ages 5-15yrs

### MONDAY 26th, THURSDAY 29th & FRIDAY 30th October

**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  
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All Coaches are  
LTA Qualified and  
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