

CLUB NEWS



WICKHAM COMMUNITY TENNIS CLUB



Welcome....

Spring 2014 finds Wickham Community Tennis Club in fine health. Membership numbers and court usage are up, an increasing variety of coach lead activities are available and we have entered into partnership with Bishops Waltham Tennis Club with benefits for both clubs.

On the coaching front, Chris Hull continues to impress with his undying enthusiasm and endless energy, especially during his cardio Tennis sessions! He and his team are delivering a variety of tennis based activities at Knowle and Wickham with something for all ages. Chris and his team are also actively involved delivering tennis activities at several local schools, encouraging youngsters to pick up a racquet and get involved in the sport. Please contact Chris for more details of available coaching and activities, chriscoach@me.com.

With the help of Wickham, Bishops Waltham Tennis Club have employed the services of Fraser Hussey on a trial basis to deliver tennis sessions to 6 -11 year olds on a Sunday mornings. Interest and attendance has so far been encouraging, and visibility of activity at the Hoe Road facility has obviously generated interest in tennis in Bishops Waltham. Wickham will be actively engaging with Bishops Waltham over the summer to develop a program of sessions both open and coach led at Hoe Road; the joint membership agreed between the 2 clubs will entitle members to the use of both venues, as well as discounted rates for coach led activities. With the help of the LTA and Bishops Waltham Parish Council, we will be seeking funding to refurbish the Hoe Road facilities - watch this space!

In other news, we have enlisted the services of Sam Kingdon-Marston as our club communications specialist. Sam will be responsible for editing and publishing our newsletter, as well as re-designing and maintaining the club website and Facebook page, and designing any other publications to promote the club. Thanks to Sam for her hard work setting up the new communications.

So, all in all, Wickham Community Tennis Club continues to go from strength to strength. Once the new committee is elected we will be looking to push forward to the next phase!

Enjoy a wonderful summer of tennis!

Simon Barry - Acting Club Chairman

COACHES

From Left to Right

Chris Hull (Head Coach),
Catherine Ewart-Smith,
Sam Kingdon-Marston,
Kim Ford, Adam Moore and
Fraser Hussey





Coaching for Adults

WICKHAM COURTS

TUESDAY

CLUB MIX NIGHT

6.00pm - 9.00pm

THURSDAY

CARDIO TENNIS

6.40pm - 7.30pm

RETURN TO TENNIS

7.30pm - 8.30pm

FRIDAY

RETURN TO TENNIS

1.00pm - 2.00pm

CLUB MIX NIGHT

6.00pm - 9.00pm

SATURDAY

RETURN TO TENNIS

8.30am - 9.30pm

KNOWLE VILLAGE

TUESDAY

RETURN TO TENNIS

11.30am - 12.30pm

SATURDAY

CARDIO TENNIS

8.00am - 8.50am

Match Reports

Ladies

So the summer season kicked off with fantastic weather for the first match at home on Saturday 26th April against Ventnor. One of the team kindly collected the opposition from the train station so they could travel more cheaply from the Isle of Wight. Sue North and Mike Parsons played as first pair and Simon Rustell and Claire Watson player second pair. Both pairings played well together but felt they were outplayed by the opposition who were extremely good. The result was unfortunately a loss for Wickham but a great experience for the team moving on into the rest of the season.

Our next match was rearranged due to being scheduled for Easter Saturday and a large number of members not being able to play so the mixed team 1 will be back in action on Sunday 1st June away at Carlton. Last year the Carlton tea was to die for with a massive chocolate cake to finish and although we lost it was by a few games. Lets hope this year we can improve and get the cake and eat it.

The plan for the team this year is to try and play team members together regularly as a pairing and hopefully build up some continuity and knowledge of partners game style and abilities. Match practice on a Sunday morning is a great time to try these things out so fingers crossed the weather will keep improving and we can see more members at the courts.

Michelle Stuart

Mens

"The summer league so far has only yielded one match due to fixtures needing to be rearranged secondary to dates coinciding with bank holidays and unfortunately a lack of players available.

The one match we have played was away against Ryde Meade. Despite a very close fought match we lost 3-1. Everyone involved felt happy with there individual play however it was agreed a consistent pairing is of huge benefit in this situations. Something as captain I agree with and will continue to try and facilitate in the future matches.

I feel the team is now consistently performing to a good level and it's now more match tactics that will improve our results."

Mr. I. Stuart - BSc (Hons) Ost. Med., N.D

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Committee News

Our Chairman Adrian Baskerville is standing aside after 2 years at the helm; our thanks to Adrian for his hard work and direction guiding the club from a standing start to the thriving position it is now in

Also standing aside is Club Secretary Nicki Oliver; again, we owe Nicki our gratitude for all her effort and energy behind the scenes ensuring our members have the best facilities available to them. All this means we are in a position to elect a new committee; the club is inviting nominations for the following positions: Chairperson, Treasurer, Club Secretary, Membership Secretary, Team Secretary, Parish Council Representatives plus at least two other committee members from the membership. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more details, please contact Simon Barry, simonmdbarry@aol.com.

Membership Benefits

Did you know that by joining Wickham Tennis Club you can enjoy the following benefits:

- * Free access to 4 courts at Wickham and Bishops Waltham
- * Access to club sessions and coaching at a discounted rate
- * Membership to BTM
- * Free access to flood lit courts at Wickham
- * Use of indoor facility at Knowle for Cardio and junior tennis
- * Entry into Wimbledon Ballot
- * Discounted coaching sessions
- * Opportunity to play in team competitions - currently mens, ladies and mixed teams

Membership fees (1st May 2014 - 30th April 2015) are:

Individual	£ 65.00
Single parent with child	£ 65.00
Household	£100.00
Young adult in education	£ 25.00
Juniors	£ 20.00

For a membership form or for more information please contact the Club Membership Secretary - Richard Watson on rwatson@speedboard.co.uk



Junior Sessions

Our mini and junior sessions continue to grow and thrive with the first closed competition taking part at Knowle over the weekend. This was the first taster of competitive tennis for most of them and they all did superb.

Mini and junior sessions are available at: Knowle Community Hall on a Saturday
Contact Chris Hull on 07799 117787.

Wickham Courts on a Saturday
Contact Catherine Ewart-Smith on 07909 965122)

Bishops Waltham Courts on a Sunday
Contact Fraser Hussey on 07828 631155

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Merchandise

Club kit can be bought on line at www.seriousport.co.uk

A link to site with all club merchandise can be found on the club website

www.wickhamtennishampshire.org.uk

