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Warsash Tennis Club, Osborne Road, Warsash, Southampton

www.warsashtennisclub.net

Cabinet reshuffle

WTC tennis teams' many successes have meant that we have had to expand the trophy cabinet to fit all our awards. Denise Franks commissioned this magnificent and secure display which is already looking quite full. The enormous Apsley trophy is taking centre stage but there is still plenty of space, of course, for the magnificent Solent Cup, which our men have already won again by winning both the Southampton and Portsmouth winter leagues. The actual Solent Cup event is to be held at Canoe Lake Tennis Club



on Saturday 14th April at 12.30pm and our men will be entertaining everyone with an exhibition match (totally competitive of course). At the same time, the Ventnor and Thornden ladies teams will battle their own match out for the ladies cup. Please go along and support the teams. Let's hope we can fill this wonderful trophy cabinet to capacity for many years to come. It is a great testament to visitors to our club of the level of our competitive team play and is already a great talking point.

Don't forget to pay by 1st May to get a discount

WTC Annual Subscription	Membership category	Price
1st May 2018 - 30th April 2019	Adult (18+)	£145.00
	Junior (Under 18)	£18.00
	Student (18+ in full time education)	£40.00
	Family (2 x adults and 2 x juniors)	£270.00
	Senior (70+)	£102.00

Discounts only valid on renewals paid by 1st May 2018

Adult membership reduced to £130.00 Family membership reduced to £240.00

Forms are available in the clubhouse or at www.warsashtennisclub.net

Please return to kirwan_264@hotmail.com

Please pay by bank transfer direct to the club's account using your name as a reference and confirm your payment to helen.noble2@bopenworld.com

Account No: 50940224

Sort Code: 20 30 89



Wimbledon Ticket Draw will be made at the Club Mix-in session on Tuesday 8th May 2018

See posters in the clubhouse for details on entering or contact Karen Kirwan, WTC Membership Secretary, for more information kirwan_264@hotmail.com

WARSASH TENNIS CLUB

Summer Party

Friday 29th June

at the recently renovated local historical house -

COLDEAST MANSION

£38.00 a ticket

- Welcome drink on the terrace
- 3-course set menu inc coffee
- DJ & Dancing until 11.45pm
- Raffle with great prizes
- Bar available
- DRESS TO IMPRESS

Only 45 places available so please ensure you book early - strictly 'first come - first in' policy.

To book please email pgudal@sky.com or phone/text PG on 07932 693815. Money payable at the time of booking into WTC account Ref: [Your name] COLDEAST Please advise of any dietary requirements at the time of booking



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With us all trying to raise funds for the courts resurfacing, **easyfundraising** is a simple way to raise money for Warsash Tennis Club with no effort or additional cost to you.

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www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/warsashtc/



Warsash Rd and Whiteley Tescos are also including WTC as one of their Blue Token nominated charities for the month of May so you can also help to raise money locally.

WTC SUMMER TOURNAMENT 2018

ENTRIES CLOSE: 6th June
DRAW MADE: 8th June
FINALS DAY: Saturday 8th Sept
More details published in May

TENNIS AND MULTI SPORTS HALF TERM CAMPS

Wednesday 31st May,
Thursday 1st June
and Friday 2nd June

- Book early to avoid disappointment
- 4½- 16 yrs • 9am-12pm OR 9am-3pm
- Hit lots of balls, lots of games and structured tennis in each session - as well as some Football and/or Rounders • All levels welcome
- Non members welcome

To book a place or if you have any questions contact Head Coach Rob Norris on

01489 325046 or 07519 633559

And the winners are...



The first of Rob's Mixed Doubles tournaments of the year was held on a Friday evening 6th April. It was a full house and some very competitive but friendly tennis was played on a lovely evening followed by lots of delicious cake. The overall winner was Jill Scott, 2nd place went to Julie Scaife and in 3rd place was Mike Betteridge. Rob's next tournament event is scheduled for Spring Bank

Holiday Monday 28th May. Please sign up asap to secure your place. FROM FRIDAY 13th APRIL Rob will be resuming his participation in the first hour of Friday Club nights offering tips and organising doubles play at no cost to members. Do come along and support these evenings as (hopefully) the weather starts to warm up and we prepare for lots of sunny summer tennis in the months to come.

The winner of the raffle to win a free WTC adult subscription for 2018/19 was PG Udal. (Your editor is happy but quite embarrassed to be writing this.) Michael Isaacs' grandsons did the draw. This competition, organised by Karen K, raised £115.00 profit for club funds. The winter tournament final between the two pairs that won their individual boxes was sadly postponed (like most of our winter's tennis this year) by bad weather. Gemma West and Syd Quinn will be playing Rob Norris and Jan Grant in the next week or so.

FUN DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 28th May

10.00am -12.30pm

Entry fee: £7.00 Prizes and refreshments included.

To book your place or to find out more details please contact Rob Norris on 07519 633559

WARSASH v LOCKS HEATH MATCH - a battle to the finish despite the rain

The annual battle of our local tennis villages took place on Sunday 8th April in what could only be described as 'soggy' conditions. This annual event normally signals the start of the summer season and fine warm weather but not this year.

The format started with 4 mixed rubbers which LH won 3. Unfortunately Warsash lost 2 of those rubbers on a Championship tie break being played in the worst of the rain. Those playing with glasses on really did need windscreen wipers at this point.

When the last 2 mixed pairs finally finished, a quick cup of tea and some drying out took place before the mens and ladies pairs took to the court with Warsash desperately needing to win 3 of the remaining 4 rubbers to stand a chance of winning on sets or even games. Unfortunately Carole Ablitt from LH had to retire hurt not long after starting her ladies match so this was conceded in favour of Warsash. Next to finish was the father and son pairing of Mike and Jake Betteridge who, despite foxing the opposition as they are both left handed, lost both sets. The 2nd ladies pairs were next to finish which was a win in favour of Warsash so it all came down to the final mens rubber being played between 4 actual Warsash men team players of Michael Isaacs, Richard Thomas (for Warsash) against Trevor Spence and Roger Gray. LH won the 1st set and then before we all knew it they were playing a tie break but was this for the 2nd set or a Champs tie break, no one knew! In the end it transpired it was a tie break for the 2nd set which LH won meaning the Cup stays with LH yet again with a 5-3 overall win.

Thanks to all players from both clubs that braved the wet weather. Their reward was a lovely lunch that was devoured with a glass of bubbly in celebration of the winning team. A great morning's tennis was played by all.

Report by Helen Rawlins



The hardy players - from left to right - Karen Kirwan, Sheena Quinn, Michael Isaacs, Helen Rawlins, Richard Thomas, Janet Armitage,

Jake Betteridge, Sarah Gray, Roger Gray, John Langrish, Mike Betteridge, Carole Ablitt, Trevor Spence, Janet Ayling and Mary Quinn

Show on the Green 2018

9th June 12.00-16.00
Sarisbury Community Centre

Warsash Tennis Club will be hosting a Bottle Tombola stall at this year's Show on the Green. We hope to attract lots of people to the stand where we will have Rob Norris and members handing out leaflets and informations about the club and also old tennis balls to children and dog walkers. Any help on the day with setting up/manning the stall and bottle/tin donations all gratefully received. If anyone has any news on where the club tombola is then can you please let a committee member know.



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