

## SUMMER 2010

Summer 2010 feels a long time ago now, especially after the long cold winter we have had, but spring is nearly here and we are looking forward to the 2011 summer tennis season.

This is a very exciting time for Whitchurch Tennis club with agreement by members to pursue the opportunity to adopt Laverstoke Tennis courts as part of Whitchurch Tennis Club. This will provide members with additional facilities and unrestricted access to courts, in a beautiful location.

The club currently has 60 fully paid up members, which is down on last year. However with the additional facilities at Laverstoke we are looking to attract new members, so if you know of anyone that maybe interested in joining us, please bring them down to a club night. Alternatively, if you are new to the area or are interested in joining a tennis club either as a player or a social member please contact one of the committee members (contact details on page 5).

The junior section continues to thrive and many thanks go to Carol Rogers for all her hard work.

We are now looking forward to the summer 2011 tennis season!

Tennis starts on Tuesday, 12 April 2011 with some maintenance, from 6.00pm - 6.30pm, followed by tennis. Please come along and help clear the litter and generally tidy up the courts ready for the start of the season.

Club nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.00pm until dusk. A committee member will be on court from 7.00p.m. to ensure there will always be someone to play tennis with.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the tennis court soon!



## DIARY OF EVENTS

Thursday, 24/03/11	AGM - 8.00 pm The Bell, Whitchurch
Tuesday, 12/04/11	Start of the season Maintenance Evening 6.00 - 6.30 pm
Sunday, 22/05/11	Spring Tournament 11.00 am. Followed by a BBQ - 3.00pm at the Robins'
Saturday, 23/07/11	Summer Tournament - 1.30pm Followed by a Whitchurch Ramble and supper at the Russell's.
Saturday, 17/09/11	Autumn Tournament - 1.30pm Followed by a skittles evening.
Saturday, 12/11/11	Annual Dinner
Saturday, 10/12/11	Progressive Dinner
Saturday, 25/2/12	Progressive Dinner

## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Julie Wild took over from Deb Crook as Membership Secretary.

Deb Crook took on the role of Club Match Secretary.

If anyone is interested in joining the Tennis Club committee in any role we are always looking for new members so please contact Wendy Helsby, tel. 01256 892036 or email [wendy@helsby.com](mailto:wendy@helsby.com).

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## BASINGSTOKE AND DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUES

Many thanks to all those who took part in the teams and particular thanks to the team captains:

Mens : John Dennett

Mixed: Ellen Dennett

Ladies: Deb Crook.

Also thanks to Deb Crook who was the Club Match Secretary for 2010. Special thanks also to Ellen Dennett and Barbara Russell for their support to Deb in the latter part of last season.

*The depressing thing about tennis is that no matter how good I get, I'll never be as good as a wall.*  
Mitch Hedberg

## WINTER LEAGUE 2010/11

We currently have a mixed team in Division 3 of the Winter Leagues and matches are still being played, but hopefully will be completed by end of March 2011.

Thank you to all the players who have turned out on those cold, damp winter days to play in the winter league.

## SUMMER LEAGUE 2010

Well done to the ladies doubles team who will stay in Division 2 for 2011. The Mixed team went up to Division 3 and finished middle of the league so will remain in this Division for next season. The Mens team will unfortunately be going down to Division 4.

## BASINGSTOKE AND DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE RESULTS

### SUMMER 2010

#### Ladies Doubles Division 2

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Hook A	8	6	1	1	44	20	24	13
2	Goodworth Clatford B	8	6	0	2	44	20	24	12
3	Totally Tennis A	8	5	2	1	37	27	10	12
4	Preston Candover A	8	5	1	2	42	22	20	11
5	Winchester A	8	4	0	4	40	24	16	8
6	Odiham A	8	3	1	4	36	28	8	7
7	Whitchurch A	8	2	1	5	20	44	-24	5
8	Sherborne St John A	8	1	2	5	22	42	-20	4
9	Totally Tennis B	8	0	0	8	3	61	-58	0

#### Mixed Division 3

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Hook B	6	4	2	0	34	14	20	10
2	RSF B	6	3	1	2	23	25	-2	7
3	Beechdown B	6	3	0	3	29	19	10	6
4	Whitchurch A	6	2	1	3	22	26	-4	5
5	Sherborne St John A	6	2	1	3	20	28	-8	5
6	Mortimer A	5	2	0	3	18	22	-4	4
7	Old Basing LTC C	5	1	1	3	14	26	-12	3

#### Mens Doubles Division 3

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Andover Mens C	9	8	0	1	53	19	34	16
2	Winchester Mens A	9	8	0	1	49	23	26	16
3	BDH Mens A	9	6	1	2	50	22	28	13
4	Hook Mens A	9	6	0	3	45	27	18	12
5	Aldermaston Mens A	9	4	1	4	33	39	-6	9
6	Oakley Mens B	9	4	0	5	35	37	-2	8
7	Oakley Mens C	9	2	3	4	29	43	-14	7
8	Waverley Mens B	9	2	0	7	27	45	-18	4
9	Mortimer Mens A	8	1	0	7	23	41	-18	2
10	Whitchurch A	8	0	1	7	8	56	-48	1

## JUNIOR SECTION

The junior section of the tennis club continues to flourish with squads ranging from Tiny Tots for 4½-5 year olds up to a Drills/Performance squad for 14-18 year olds.

The juniors played in a series of tournaments and matches throughout the 2010 season at the end of which was a prize giving. An award was also presented for the most improved player. Congratulations to all the winners.

It was also great to see some of the older teenagers playing in the Mens Summer League last season.

## JUNIOR 2010 PRIZE GIVING



## COACHING

Carol Rogers continues to run a very successful coaching program for both juniors and adults.

Junior coaching is run after school throughout the summer and winter. There are currently 56 children signed up for coaching.

Carol will also be running regular adult coaching sessions in 4-week blocks during the summer season, on a Monday evening from 7.30-8.30 which will be starting after Easter.

## TENNIS LEADERS COURSE

Carol ran a very successful tennis leaders course last summer and now has 9 teenagers who are now qualified Tennis Leaders. In addition, 5 of these juniors used their Tennis and Tennis Coaching/Assisting for part of their Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Award.

Another Tennis Leaders course will be run this summer which is aimed at teenagers, 13-16 year olds, with the objective of them becoming a Tennis Leader and being able to assist a tennis coach teaching groups of children, age 5-10 years old.

Jack Allen and JB Spooner are hoping to take their Level 1 coaching certificate this summer, allowing them to continue to help and assist Carol with group coaching sessions and earn some pocket money at the same time!

## Tournament Results and Awards 2010

U10 Doubles	Winners	Leah Allen Matthew Butler
	Runner Ups	Alex Bundy Chris Lloyd
U12 Singles	Winner	Freddie Birtles
	Runner Ups	Emma Evans
Girls U16 Doubles	Winners	Maddie Spooner Amelia Inglis
	Runner Ups	Katherine Bundy Alice Hardy
U16 Development Doubles	Winners	JB Spooner Elle Inglis
	Runner Ups	Angus Harley Janine Fergus
U16 Singles	Winner	Angus Rochfield
	Runner Up	Matthieu Rident
'Most Improved' for the year		Alice Harley

**If you are interested in coaching or joining any of the tennis groups at any level contact Carol Rogers on 07939 264999 or email [carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carolrogerstennis@hotmail.co.uk)**

## TOURNAMENTS AND SOCIALS

Well we managed to play two out of our three tournaments last year which were well attended and followed by social events that were enjoyed by both tennis and social members.

Unfortunately the Spring tournament, on Sunday 16 May 2010, was cancelled due to wet weather but very fortunately it dried up for the social event which was a BBQ at Liz and Graham Jones'. Many thanks to Liz and Graham.

The Summer Tournament was held on 17, July and won by Barbara Russel and James Billingham, The tournament was followed by a Whitchurch Ramble involving an early evening stroll from the Jones' to the Helsby's, covering part of the Mill Trail with questions along the route - some historical and some cryptic. Congratulations to John and Henrietta Wiltshire who answered the most questions correctly!



**James Billingham, winner of the Summer Tournament.**



**John and Heni Wiltshire - winners of the Whitchurch Ramble Questions.**

The Autumn Tournament was held on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September with a good turnout of 12 people and the sun shone! The tournament won by Rod Crook and Pat Hunt. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to Sandra Smith for organising the tournament.

The tournament was followed by a very lively skittles evening at the White Hart in Stoke, attended by 20 people, where Vince Lindsey-Clark won the 'Killer' round which was very closely contested by Alun Rees.



Huge thanks to Liz Jones who organises all our social events.

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## WIMBLEDON 2009

What do you remember about Wimbledon 2010? It was the 124<sup>th</sup> championship and it was the first time Her Majesty the Queen had visited the All England Tennis Club in 33 years. Another memorable event was the longest ever match between John Isner of the United States and France's Nicolas Mahut which lasted 11 hours and 5 minutes, had a total of 215 aces and was finally won by Isner.

Last year, Whitchurch Tennis Club was allocated 8 pairs of tickets through the members' ballot which were then entered into the club draw. Remember to be included in the draw you must be a paid up member of the tennis club and be registered for British Tennis Membership (BTM).

British Tennis Membership (BTM) is free so if you are not already registered, visit the BTM website at [www.lta.org.uk/membership](http://www.lta.org.uk/membership) and register as a matter of urgency so that you can be entered into the draw for Wimbledon Tickets.

## THE GALLERY



## COMMITTEE DETAILS

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year was  
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taken?