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SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER

OTC Club website



All current news and information about Odiham Tennis Club, coaching and membership is accessible on the club website at www.odihamtennisclub.org.uk/ Why not make it a 'Favourite' and visit it regularly to keep in touch with events at the club.

If you have any photographs of activities at the Tennis Club that you wish to share with other members please send them on to suegoff@live.co.uk so that they can be posted onto the website.

Annual Club Membership Subscriptions



The 2011 membership subscriptions are due for payment by April 1st. Please see the Club website for the application form and details. The access code for the courts will be changed on April 1st and the new number will be given to members on receipt of their subscription.

Third Court Proposal

At a meeting with Odiham Parish Council the proposal for a third court, which required the purchase of extra land adjacent to the club, was presented by Pam and Roger. The Parish Council supported the proposal and the landowner was approached to see if the land could be purchased. The landowner felt unable to part with the land as it is in an area under the DEFRA Countryside Stewardship Scheme.

Club members have now been asked let the committee know if they wish for a 3rd court to be built within the land available or to leave the courts as they are. Members will be kept informed of the progress of this project. More details on the options can be found on the club website.

Club Maintenance



The Club is looking for a volunteer to take over the

role of maintaining the Tennis Club Facilities.

It is an important role, co-ordinating maintenance activities such as grass cutting, leaf clearance, weed control, general maintenance of the clubhouse and courts. If you would like more information about the role please ring Richard Alderton any time on 704423

If you feel that you can take this on please contact Pam Verdon, Club Chair, at verdons@verdonet.org.uk



Coaching

Tennis Coaching will restart on the 5th March and the new form with dates and prices can now be downloaded from the OTC website.

We are planning a tournament for younger juniors and also planning to restart the junior ladder league for the older junior members.

For further information on Coaching please contact Lesley on 01256 703292 or email

Odihamtennis1@Hotmail.co.uk

League Team News



Ladies, East Hants

This winter season we have had 10 matches to play and now only 2 remain outstanding. We have been playing 5 other teams on a round robin basis. They are Headley, Haslemere C, Midhurst C, Cheriton B and Buriton. Despite winning some sets at all our matches, bar one so far, and drawing at two of our matches we are in the lower half of our division. All our squad are enjoying playing the matches and I have been able to ensure that everyone gets some games depending on their availability. We also try to do a few practice sessions weather permitting during the season. Sue G

Basingstoke Mixed A:

We have only played 2 Mixed A winter league matches so far, and have lost both matches 7-1. The club is currently struggling to field players that are Mixed A team standard and to remain in Division 1. LW

Veterans East Hants

The veterans' team has played seven matches this winter having won 4 and lost 3. We currently have 35 (max 56) points and are 1st in the league of 6 teams. However other teams have played fewer matches than us so we will probably finish 3rd. RB

SPRING FLOODLIT LEAGUE

The Spring Floodlit League is due to take place on Friday and Sunday evenings during late March/early April 2011.

3 or 4 teams each of 4 players will play 3 matches during the league

Players new and old and of all standards are welcome to join in. Teams are planned to ensure players of a similar standard play against each other.

Please contact Sue Goff on 01256 703173 if you would like to play in these matches.

JUNIOR NEWS

The Junior Ladder League will start at the beginning of the Easter holidays and is open to all junior club members currently at secondary school. As of previous years there will be trophies and medals to play for. Further details to follow shortly. If you are interested in taking part please e-mail your name to Alistair MacPhee OTCJuniors@googlemail.com

Junior Floodlit League

A junior Floodlit Tennis League was held in December/January and was enjoyed by all participants. Team A were the final victors and there was a close fight for second place with Team B just beating Team C in the final game. Thanks to Adam for organising this series of matches.

Club Championships



Look out for details of the Club 2011 Summer Championships on the website and in the Club House. Entry this year is free. Please sign up on the sheets that will be posted in the clubhouse some time in April. The finals day is planned to take place on July 17th.



Club Sessions

Sundays 10.00 am – 1.00

Tuesdays 6.30 – 9.30
(‘Summer’ Season only)

Thursdays 6.30 – 9.30

(Please note ‘Summer’ Season runs from when clocks go forward in the spring to when they go back in the autumn.)

Ladies Social Tennis

Wednesdays 2.00–3.30

Club Social sessions are for Adult members only. However people genuinely interested in becoming members are welcome to attend one or two sessions to see if they like the club.

Also if there are strong older junior members who would like to come and take part please contact Lesley Lee, as we are keen to encourage younger players. Members are requested not to bring guests to these popular sessions as there is a shortage of court time available.