

# OTC Newsletter – June 2015

## **Chairman's Note by Phil Askew**

Many thanks to everyone who came to the EGM recently to discuss the improvements to the path from Buryfields Car Park leading to the Tennis Club. For those of you unable to attend it was a lively discussion and the vote was overwhelmingly in favour of completing the path with tarmac. We are now waiting for a period of settled weather to be combined with a school holiday so my best guess is July/August for the work to be carried out.

We are also very keen to add some more members to help in the running of the club & to join the committee. We have several roles available including Men's B Team Captain, Social Secretary and Maintenance - no experience is necessary but enthusiasm and a sense of humour are recommended. Committee meetings are held in the pub about 5 times per year. If you have some time to spare and would like to contribute your skills (whatever they are) we'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact myself or Lesley Lee if you would like to find out more details before making a commitment.

We're also always open to your suggestions for making the club more enjoyable – please don't hesitate to contact any of the committee and we look forward to your ideas and feedback.

## **Volunteers Needed – Can you help!**

**Club Maintenance** – contact Phil Askew or Lesley Lee

The OTC needs someone to take on the role of maintenance management for the club. This person would be responsible for organising the mowing/court tidying rota, minor handyman work and organising the contractors to repair lighting etc.

Volunteers are needed to help with a grass cutting and court cleaning rota. The rota would work along the same lines as the Clubhouse Cleaning rota depending on how many people volunteer. The more volunteers the longer the rotation. If you would be willing to help with either of these roles please email Phil or Leslie on [odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk)

**Men's B Team Captain** – contact David Danson

The OTC needs a Mens B Team Captain. The team captain is responsible for arranging players for matches, liaising with opponent team captains and reporting progress to the playing committee. If you would like to take on this responsibility please email David Danson on [odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk)

**Adult/s to help with OTC stall at the Odiham All Saints Fete** – contact Phil Askew or Sue Cockcroft

We have a willing junior coach who is willing to run a mini tennis stall at the All Saints Fete on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1.30pm but we need an help supervise the stall, answer questions and give out our flyers on the day. Can you help? If yes please email Sue Cockcroft on [odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk)

## Dates for your diary

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June @ 6.30pm - Bowls Evening** – contact Sue Cockcroft ([sue@redwrf.co.uk](mailto:sue@redwrf.co.uk))

Calling all potential bowls players. On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June @ 6.30pm the Bowls Club is running a bowls tournament involving local clubs/organisations. They have asked if the OTC would like enter a few teams. A team would be 4 people, 1 from the bowls club to guide and assist and 3 from the tennis club, ideally both genders. There will be food and prizes and it would offer a great opportunity for the OTC to offer support to the Bowls club. If you are interested in playing please contact Sue.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July @ 1.30pm - OTC Odiham All Saints Fete Stall** – Volunteers Needed  
Odiham All Saints Fete, which is taking place at Hatchwood House on Saturday 11th July from 1.30 to 5pm. The stall will help raise the clubs profile within the community and hopefully encourage new members.

**Sunday 19th July - OTC Club Championships Finals Day** - contact Roger Barnacle

## Tennis Event News

**Spring Floodlit League Spring 2015 Update** – Helen Osgerby

Three teams competed in the Spring 2015 floodlit league, with a total of eighteen players taking part in one or more of the matches. The games were very competitive and also a lot of fun and very enjoyable, the aim being to provide club members who might not play in league teams or club tournaments, with an opportunity to play some doubles matches. After six matches the results were Blue team 112 points, Green team 110 points, Yellow team 102 points. Thank you to Helen Osgerby for organising a very enjoyable league.

**NSPCC Charity Tournament** –

On 28th April the OTC participated in a fundraising tournament for the NSPCC with all three courts being used. The ladies who played enjoyed lovely weather, fun tennis and very enjoyable morning tea before attending leaving to attend the lunch and prize giving. Thank you to the ladies who participated making it a very pleasant event.

**May 15<sup>th</sup> - Wimbledon Draw 2015** –

The Wimbledon Draw Night and Mini tournament went down very well. Fifteen members played in the mini-tournament and the format was very well received with players asking for more tournaments to be run in the future. The Draw took place after the Mini tournament was completed and attendees were treated to nibbles along with strawberries and cream to get us into the Wimbledon spirit. The OTC committee would like to thank Andrew Ridgers for running the Mini tournament, Helen Osgerby & Steff Johnston for organising the food and Lesley Lee for officiating the draw. The committee would like to also thank all our members for Opting IN which allowed the running of the Draw and Mini tournament this year.

## Coaching News

**Saturday Coaching News** – Lesley Lee

Saturday coaching courses are continuing to be well subscribed. Courses currently being run are:

9.30 - 10:30am Mini Red Ball (under 8yrs)

10.30 - 11.30am Adults

11.30 - 12.30am Mini Orange Ball (8-9yrs)

12.30 - 1.30pm Yellow Ball Juniors(10-13yrs)

1:30 - 2:30pm Yellow ball Teens(13+yrs)

If you would like to attend a course please email Lesley Lee on

[odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Drill Sessions –**

The drill sessions (Tues 6.30-7.30pm) are a cardio sessions for players of all levels and have been running since April. The sessions have been very well received with between 9-12 members signing up. Some members who have not been able to attend on Tuesday evenings have been asking if other sessions will be run so to address this will be looking to see if we could run another session on Thursday evenings at 6.30-7.30. we would only be able to run this session if there is enough interest so please register your interest by emailing Lesley at [odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk).

### **Coach Lead Match Practices –**

Andrew has resumed the Wednesday (10.00am-11.30am) and Friday (3.30pm-5.00pm) match practise sessions which halted during the half term break. These sessions continue to be well received and attended by members.

## **Ladder Player News**

### **Adult Singles Ladder League – Phil Askew**

The Club's Mixed Singles ladder was introduced in Jan 2015 as a new way to hone your match skills against players of a similar or higher standard. The ladder is online based (take a look at "Tennis Rungs" for more details) so players are kept informed by email when they are challenged - ladder positions, match results and rules are all available online. Don't worry if you are unsure about your level of play - there are players of all abilities so you can either choose to play some social tennis or, for those with a competitive streak, to push yourself! Please contact Phil if you are interested in joining the ladder.

### **Junior Singles ladder League – contact Will MacPhee**

The 2015 Junior Ladder League is about to get under way. Will MacPhee has kindly offered to run the Junior League again this year and is finalising the details. The ladder is a great way to develop your tennis skills and have fun at the same time. It is open to both Girls and Boys who are currently at Secondary School (11 to 16yrs of age). If you would like to participate please email Will using [otcjuniors@googlemail.com](mailto:otcjuniors@googlemail.com).

## **Adult League Teams News**

The OTC teams have performed extremely well in the Local & District leagues this winter with 'special notes' in the Basingstoke League's Winter Report for most Odiham Teams. The OTC Committee would like to thank all the team captains for their hard work in managing our league teams and of course a big thank you to all our team players for their great results for the Winter Season. Below is your Captain's report for the season and attached is the full Basingstoke Winter League Report and Results. Wishing you all the best for the Summer Season.

## **Winter Season Captains League Report – 2014/15**

### **Mens A – Division 3 – Captained by Ian Allan**

We were promoted last season and expected a tougher time in Division 3. However, everyone seemed to rise to the occasion and we ended up winning 5, drawing 1 and losing 1. There was a notable victory against an impressive Hampshire Court A. Old Basing were good for their win but we gave them a great tussle on a bitterly cold day. Harry Allan played in all the games; Roger Barnacle, Tom Lynch and Ian Allan were regulars; and there were cameo appearances by Phil Askew, David Barnacle, Ian Bessant, Claudio Nold, Graham Jones, Jeremy Hillage and Roger Searle. Thanks to all concerned.

### **Mens B – Division 4 – Captained by David Bissen**

Men's B are expected to be promoted next winter season. This promotion hinged on getting 1 more point from their last match. Congratulations Men's B a terrific result. Thank you to all who played in the team this season.

### **Ladies – Division 1 – Captained by Helen Osgerby**

We have been playing in division 1 in the Winter 2015 season and we have completed all our matches, with 2 wins 2 draws and 3 losses. It is too soon to know if we have done well enough to remain in division 1 because several teams have 2 matches outstanding. Our team performance (8 players, including one junior, playing in different combinations) has been helped greatly by Andrew's team coaching and we're looking forward to testing ourselves against some strong opposition in division 1 in the summer season.

### **Mixed A – Division 2 – Captained by Jill Vaughan**

The mixed A team have performed very well this season and are top of Division 2; hopefully we will be promoted to Division 1 next winter season which will be a real challenge. We had some very good wins, 8 - 0 being the last one thanks to Roger, Rachel, Sue and Lee. I would like to thank the team for their support this season and look forward to the summer season.

### **Mixed B – Division 3 – Captained by Alex Bell**

The Mixed B's completed the winter season in second place which is a very good result. Apart from a strong Beechdown B side taking 7 sets from us we have been competitive in some tight, exciting matches. The final tally of Win 1, Draw 2, Loss 3 should be seen alongside the statistic of total sets won/lost being 22/26 to appreciate our improvement from last Winter's 14/34. 11 members have played for the Mixed B's with three new recruits this Winter. Many thanks for your support. Notable performances from Claudio Nold and Graham Jones whose three matches each yielded 11 and 7 sets. Special mention to Helen Osgerby who played 5 matches, winning the majority of her sets, and also captaining the team on many occasions.

### **Mixed C – Division 4 – Captained by David Danson**

The Mixed C have completed all their winter matches, despite having to reschedule several due to the weather, and have won 2, lost 2 and drawn 3. It is my policy for the Mixed C team to give as many club members as possible experience of league matches, and altogether 13 club members have played in these matches.

### **Veterans – East Hampshire Winter League – Captained by Alan Turner**

The winter veterans team have won 3, lost 4, drawn 1. Altogether 9 club members played in one or more matches.

### **Under 16's Basingstoke League Team Report** – Captained by Antonia MacPhee

Unfortunately, we only managed to get 1 out of 4 matches played this season. The match played against Preston Candover was good fun and although we lost, everyone is still keen to have another go in the Summer League. There won't be many matches in the Summer League due to their only being 2 teams, but we will hopefully get to play both of these. Thanks to everyone who played in the winter!

### **Maintenance Report** - Ian Allan

#### **Repairs pending** –

2<sup>nd</sup> court lighting repair – Apologies for the delay in repair unfortunately the contractor had advised waiting until the spring and drier weather to replace the lighting lamp on court 2 due to the muddy ground leading up to the lighting pole. Using the cherry picker on the courts to repair the lighting would track large amounts of mud onto the courts because it would need to come through the double gates. We are now waiting for the contractor to come back with a date so please bear with us.

#### **Repairs completed** –

*Gate and floodlight code changes* – Codes for both single gates and flood lights have been changed for the 2015/2016 membership year. The double gates code is unchanged.

*Moss kill* - Moss kill was applied on the 1/04/2015

*3<sup>rd</sup> court winder* - New post winder fitted to the far court. The previous one was damaged and slipped making it difficult to raise the net.

*Jet Wash* – Completed in early May.

### **Clubhouse Cleaning** - Helen Osgerby

The clubhouse is currently kept clean by a team of 12 volunteers and we are looking for more club members to join the rota. Are you able to give up 2 hours of your time approximately every 3-4 months to help maintain our facilities? Please contact Helen Osgerby 07831 627465 or [h.osgerby@btopenworld.com](mailto:h.osgerby@btopenworld.com)