

2015/16 AGM COACHING REPORT
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OPEN DAY

I was once again pleased to attend a very successful May open day. To enhance proceedings I ran the new LTA Quorn Family cup doubles event on the day. This was a new LTA event for 2015 for parents and their children to play together against other like minded families and there were many great prizes on offer. All those that played very much enjoyed the event and our visitors will have witnessed a substantial buzz at the club not seen at previous open days.

ADULT PROGRAMME

Our Open day was scheduled to coincide with one of the LTA's Great British Tennis Weekends. I was pleased to be able to secure funding to run a "follow on" course for adult attendees which proved so popular all 12 places were taken up on the day itself.

Following the success of the Beginners course, it was agreed to introduce social tennis to players of lesser experience without the requirement of having to go through a play test. With the help of intermediate member Sally Brochoka, this was trialled on Mondays during September. The sessions proved very popular and I look forward to picking up where we left off and to developing this initiative in 2016.

As in previous years my popular "Rusty returners" sessions were held on Saturdays at 4pm

JUNIOR PROGRAMME

From March to May I ran our Road to Wimbledon tournament for some 16 players

Throughout the summer I ran our Boys Open and a Girls Open club championships and a further event for intermediate players.

These events attracted a total of some 40 entries. Congratulations go to Alice Knight for successfully defending her title as Girls Club champion and to Nat James winning the Boys title for the first time.

As some of you may know we now have in excess of 150 junior members. With each new member comes a coaching expectation so I would like to say a "thank you" to members using the hardcourts between 5.30pm and 6.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays as I'm well aware that on some weeks the players can be pretty lively!! Your understanding is appreciated

With the considerable strength in depth we now have, a total of 10 teams were entered in the LTA Aegon Junior Leagues in 2015. The level of commitment required to organise this number of teams is very considerable however, it's more than made up for when I see how much our players benefit from the competitive experience and how proud they are to represent Weybridge Itc

HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

As in previous years holiday tennis camps were run at Easter, during the half terms and in the summer holidays. These are so popular they are often over-subscribed and I have to draw a line under attendances.

SCHOOL LINKS

As well as my coaching at the club as part of our outreach programme, early in 2015 I delivered a total of eight taster sessions during curriculum time to 150 children who are pupils at either the Manby lodge or St Charles Bromero schools.

THANKS

I would once again like to thank our chairman Patrick Gibbon and his committee for their support throughout the year and a special thank you to Chris Ford. As always I will be happy to look at any suggestions and very much look forward to seeing what successes 2016 will bring.