

**2019/20 AGM COACHING REPORT
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OPEN DAY

I was pleased to attend our open day which was held alongside the formal opening of our artificial clay courts. Once again we secured funding to be able to offer a subsidised 6 week "follow on beginners/improvers course." As expected, this offer proved very popular and within hours the first class was fully subscribed.

ADULT INTERMEDIATE PROGRAMME

Commencing in April we ran continuous 4 week courses on Monday evenings from 7.45pm to 9.15pm. This is a time that proves popular for working professionals travelling back from Central London. The sessions are open to non-members and members alike and cause minimal impact on other club activities. During the autumn the weather proved less than helpful but we still managed to produce considerable additional revenue throughout the summer months. I would like to thank **David Bowers** for assisting me in delivering these sessions.

TEAM PLAYERS DRILL SESSIONS

In 2019 these were run by LTA level 4 Coach **Richard Burns**. Richard also has the capacity to offer individual coaching and has become a familiar face at the club. I am pleased to have secured Richard's services as he is primarily based at Foxhills.

JUNIOR PROGRAMME

As all clubs have a responsibility to encourage young people to play the game, we can be justifiably proud of our active junior membership. Once again we entered 10 teams in the LTA Surrey Team Tennis Leagues. The level of commitment required to organise this number of teams is 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 our club. Throughout the summer we ran our Boys Open and Girls Open club championships. Congratulations go to our new girls champion **Kiera Satchel** and to **Aydin Malek-Zadeh** in defending the boy's title.

SUCCESSFUL JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In 2019 we saw a significant number of long term members leave for University. Whilst there will always be some variation in annual junior numbers, it became apparent that this year we needed to become proactive in attracting new players. Special membership offers were agreed for players participating in my outreach programmes which included, for the first time, coaching Runnymede's tennis team in the Surrey Youth Games. It's fair to say that these measures together with word of mouth recommendations from existing players proved very successful and resulted in around 40 new players joining us.

HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

As in previous years we ran well attended tennis camps during the school holidays.

SCHOOL LINKS

As part of our outreach programme I continue to run an after school mini-tennis club to pupils of the Manby lodge Infants school.

THANKS

I would once again like to thank our chairman **Patrick Gibbon** and club secretary **Alison Wade** for their support throughout the year. As always I will be happy to look at any suggestions and very much look forward to seeing what successes 2020 will bring.