

## Team Reports 2019/2020

### Woking and District League

#### Winter 2018/19

We fielded 4 Men's teams, with the A & B teams in Div 2. C in Div 3 and D in Div 4, but our resources were very stretched which meant that in general the teams were playing a division higher than their standard dictated, and understandably all teams finished in the bottom two relegation positions. The Ladies A team finished a creditable 3rd in Div 2, while the new B team finished mid-table in Div 5. The Mixed teams also suffered from a lack of depth in the squads and the A team were relegated from Div 2 and the B team finished in the bottom 2 in Div 3, but avoided relegation when the league composition for 2019/20 was announced.

#### Summer 2019

After the poor results of the winter we decided to reduce the Men's teams to 3 instead of 4 by amalgamating the A and B team squads. We also had a number of good players join this season – notably Fred Kirby, Billy Ellison and then later in the Summer James Somauroo and Sam Sefati. With the strengthened squads the A team finished 2nd in Div 2 thus gaining promotion back to Div 1 for the first time since 2016. The B team finished 3rd in Div 3 and the Men's C mid-table in Div 4. The Ladies found Div 1 much tougher than Div 2 but competed well and proved they are now Div 1 standard. The Mixed A team finished 3rd in Div 2 and the Mixed B 2nd in Div 4. So a good summer season with no relegation for the second summer in a row.

#### Winter 2019/20

This winter the season was curtailed early on 18th March by the Coronavirus. All the Weybridge teams had completed their matches but there were a number of other matches unplayed. The Men's A/B teams were further strengthened this winter when John Carr, Nick Cavey and Will Verrell joined and Anthony Falce re-joined the club, and we can now say with certainty that the Men's A team will finish top and the Men's B team mid-table in Div 3 but the Men's C team will finish bottom of Div 4. The Ladies A team are pleased to have just avoided relegation from Div 2 this winter, as they have coped with a reduced squad due to availability and injury. The Ladies B team have again competed well in Div 5 and will finish mid-table. The Mixed A team will finish 3rd in Div 3 with the Mixed B again finishing in the bottom 2. So a reasonably good winter, with the Men now matching the Ladies results.

### Other Leagues

In the summer 2019 Chaucer league the Men's team finished mid-table in Div 2. The Mixed team again held their own in Div 1. A Mixed team also competed in the Chaucer Winter 2019 K/O competition and have got to the semi-final of the plate competition before the coronavirus stooped play.

In the Surrey league, the Ladies team finished 3rd in Div 19 West in the summer league and also 3rd in Div 10 west this winter when the league was abandoned due to coronavirus.

The Men's Vets team finished in the middle of Div 4 in the Surrey over 55 league, but had some very close matches.

### This Summer

Unfortunately all leagues have been abandoned due to the Corona virus and no matches have been played. We entered 3 Men's, 2 Ladies and 2 Mixed teams in the Woking League. They would have been competing in Men's Div 1 (A), Div 3 (B), Div 4 (C), Ladies Div 1 (A), Div 4 (B), Mixed Div 2 (A) and Div 3 (B). The Men's team were due to play in The Chaucer league in Div 2, and the Mixed team in Div 1.

The Men's Vets in the Surrey 55+ league in Div 4.

The Ladies team in the Surrey League Div 19 West.

Thanks to all the players (old and new) who have represented us this year, I hope that we can get back to competitive team tennis for the Winter season but for now I hope we can enjoy playing amongst ourselves for the rest of the summer.