

ROPLEY TENNIS CLUB

Spring 2011 Newsletter

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ROPLEY ACHIEVES CLUBMARK STATUS!

After a lot of hard work from the committee members, Ropley achieved the LTA Clubmark standard, and were duly awarded in February with a plaque which will shortly be displayed in the clubhouse.

Clubmark was introduced by Sport England in 2002 and is currently being implemented across 34 sports. The LTA administers its own version of Clubmark based on the National guidelines for best practice combined with real life examples of successfully run places to play across the country.

All places to play awarded with Clubmark have to produce a clear plan of action for long term sustainability and future growth and also:

- Ensure the place to play has a fair and transparent operational structure
- Adhere to best practice policies and procedures around safeguarding junior and adult members/users



Members of the committee receiving the clubmark award from Simon Johnson, Tennis Development Manager Hants & IOW LTA

- Deliver a comprehensive and all encompassing tennis programme for all ages and abilities

It is hoped that by gaining the award it will also help in our bids to secure any grants and loans needed for the resurfacing and renewal of the floodlighting project.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership for 2011 is due by 10th April. Attached is a membership form which will need to be returned with cheque to us on the Open Day or by post to Mary Flatt, Chalk Cottage, Soames Lane, Ropley, SO24 0ER. We will then send you the new court key. See page 6 for more details.

We also require you to fill out a medical form this year, which is also attached—many thanks

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ROPLEY'S MIXED TEAM CONVINCING
WINNERS OF DIVISION 3 OF THE
EAST HANTS WINTER LEAGUE!**

**NEW POLO SHIRTS (WHITE WITH
RLTC LOGO) NOW AVAILABLE IN ALL
SIZES PRICE £16.99 EXCELLENT
QUALITY AND VALUE
CONTACT CAROLINE 773877**

Email: caroline_bonney27@yahoo.co.uk



Dear Club Member

A hardworking year for the committee with a lot of Clubmark paperwork to complete. Now we have achieved it we can focus on fundraising and moving forward with the resurfacing project. If possible we would also like to replace the floodlights with more modern and less obtrusive lighting. We are still reviewing the club's status as regards becoming a company limited by guarantee, or possibly becoming a CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club) which gives some financial benefits..

We hope you enjoyed the recent barn dance—many thanks to the committee, especially Mary, Helen and John for organising it. Everyone had a fantastic evening and we raised over £600 for the resurfacing project .

Many thanks to Min Palmer who stepped down from the committee this year. Min will be missed—she worked hard on the Clubmark project and as Secretary. She is stil, however, our Child Protection Officer, and her details are to be found in the clubhouse. Helen has kindly taken on the role of Secretary.

Thank you also to Sue Coleman for stepping forward as treasurer in 2010—a great help! Caroline Bonney has volunteered to take on this role in 2011.

Thanks also to the team captains as usual—your time spent organising and rearranging matches is much appreciated.. This summer we have 5 teams in the East Hants District leagues., and welcome Anneke Inigo-Jones as the new Ladies B captain.

We are pleased to say that Don Perrin Tennis (under the new management of Donna Holliday) has been reappointed as our club coach. Thank you to Don and all the coaches for a providing us with great coaching in 2010, and to Donna for helping us successfully complete the club tournament—the first time for several years!

The Thursday club nights proved to be immensely popular, and will continue in 2011, though a small charge will be made to recover our costs.

Thank you for your support over the last year, keep an eye on the web-site for any news and please come along to the club nights!

Janice Stratton

Chairperson



Reports from teams

Ladies A Team

The ladies A team was in Division 3 of the East Hants League in the summer and finished 6th. In the winter we have been more successful and will probably finish second in Division 3—still have one match to go. Thank you to all who played—Vera Christensen, Captain

Ladies B Team

We had a mixed summer season with some tough but enjoyable matches—particularly at Midhurst where the flapjacks are excellent. Mary and Caroline played for the first time this season—it is always good to welcome new players to the team. We finished 5th out of 6 teams in Division 4, which was creditable given the high standard of the league. We didn't enter the winter league this year given the difficulty getting two ladies teams out in the winter. Good luck to Anneke who is the new captain for the forthcoming summer season—Janice Stratton, Captain

Mixed team

This was the first year we entered a mixed team and we were very successful, winning our league—even with Barry and Moira abandoning us for sunnier climes before Christmas. We look forward to a great summer season ahead—Janice Stratton, Captain

Thank you to everyone who has played in the last year (sorry if anyone has been missed). If you would like to join them please contact Vera, 772019, Janice, 773590 or Anneke, 772035.

Ladies A team

Vera Christensen	Sue Maxse	Claire Stratton
Catherine Harris	Moira Newton	Hannah Stratton
Georgia Hugh	Helen Sandell	Janice Stratton
Emma Laney	Tamsin Saunders	

Ladies B team

Caroline Bonney	Georgia Hugh	Helen Sandell
Mary Flatt	Anneke Inigo-Jones	Claire Stratton
Catherine Harris	Emma Laney	Janice Stratton
Jane Hodgson	Jane Macrae	

Mixed Team

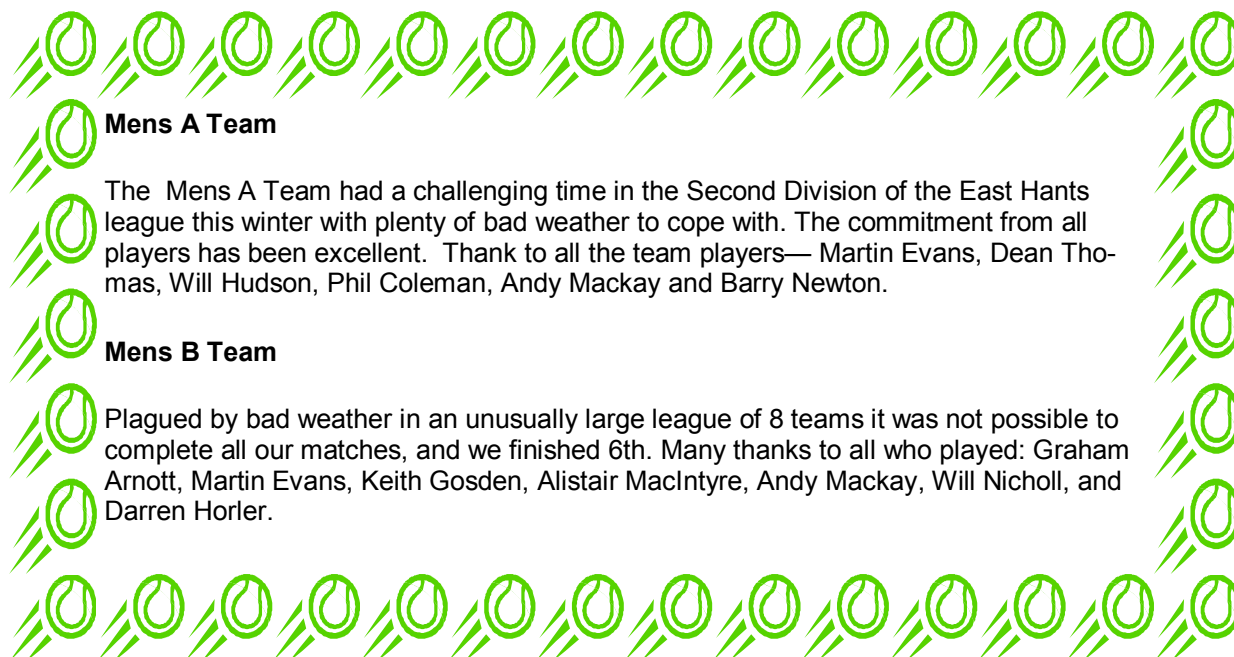
Frank Branagan	Vera Christensen	Will Hudson
Phil Coleman	Moira Newton	Barry Newton
Martin Evans	Helen Sandell	Janice Stratton
Darren Horler	Claire Stratton	

The East Hants League has a comprehensive web-site which gives up-to-date results,

<http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=01C41D95-28E3-4D6B-B944-13F6A86F4C04>



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Reports from teams



Mens A Team

The Mens A Team had a challenging time in the Second Division of the East Hants league this winter with plenty of bad weather to cope with. The commitment from all players has been excellent. Thank to all the team players— Martin Evans, Dean Thomas, Will Hudson, Phil Coleman, Andy Mackay and Barry Newton.

Mens B Team

Plagued by bad weather in an unusually large league of 8 teams it was not possible to complete all our matches, and we finished 6th. Many thanks to all who played: Graham Arnott, Martin Evans, Keith Gosden, Alistair MacIntyre, Andy Mackay, Will Nicholl, and Darren Horler.

2010 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

- Men's singles: Dean Thomas
- Women's singles: Vera Christensen
- Men's doubles: Phil Coleman and Barry Newton
- Women's doubles: Hannah and Claire Stratton
- Mixed doubles: Hannah Stratton and Dean Thomas
- Boys singles: Sam Beckett
- Girls singles: Emily Rodgers

MESSAGE FROM DON

Easter camps

Last April we offered members intensive weekly courses....these structured but fun courses are a great way of improving and making new friends at the same time.

We have spaces left on courses starting in 2 weeks for juniors of all ages and abilities.
email Donna (administrator@donperrintennis.co.uk)

**REPORT FROM DON PERRIN TENNIS—by Don Perrin – Ropley Tennis Club Head Coach**

Welcome everybody.....

Yes, there have been many new tennis activities and initiatives over the last 12 months at the club:~ 'return` of the club championships, Thursday 'bumper' club nights during the summer, achievement of LTA 'clubmark' status, regular visits to Ropley primary school, return of men's team practise , junior Easter camps and more!

Return of the club championships

Although a little rushed, it was great to be able to revive this event and offer members an end of year championship in all categories, from adult singles and doubles to junior singles. With closely contested preliminary knockout matches making for a thrilling finals day on a bright sunny day last August....the pick of the finals being an incredibly even, competitive and 'long' girls final between Emily Rodgers and Rachel Flatt. Entry is now open for this year's competition!

Thursday club nights

These proved consistently popular, this popular session regularly attracting 18 players....drills, matches and a social 'catch up' made for a popular end of week session (starts again on April 21st 7 to 9pm).

Achieving LTA clubmark status

This was awarded to the club in February, 2011....a national accreditation recognising high quality in standards regarding, the coaching programme, club management and equality and diversity. A huge amount of work went into achieving this, led by Chairman Janice Stratton and a dedicated committee...well done everybody!

Regular visits to Ropley Primary School

Myself and other Don Perrin tennis coaches have been 'educating' the next generation of club players with curriculum time assemblies and 'taster' sessions during this term.... Places on new junior classes at the club to start after Easter are now available. These sessions provided many pupils with the chance to learn and enjoy the basics of this great game!

Return of Men's team practice

Monday nights have been well attended throughout the winter by 'a' team, 'b' team and potential match players.....I have thoroughly enjoyed this session (as with all sessions at the club) and expect many new partnerships and new team players over the next 2 years (on a par with the high number of ladies team players that exist within the club).

For more information on coaching classes and other competitive/social activities at the club why not attend the open day on April 10th (contact Janice Stratton, 01962 773390) or email Donna (administrator@donperrintennis.co.uk).

Finally, I would like to thank all those attending coaching groups, all club members in general and the committee for their loyalty and continual support of this wonderful club.

Donna Holliday (owner of Don Perrin tennis) should also be thanked for all her hard work in supporting the club by further developing links with Ropley primary school, Perins community school, Hants LTA and other local community groups

Happy Easter everybody....I look forward to seeing you all after the break as well as lots of new faces.....lets have a great summer!

Don



Wimbledon Draw Tuesday 10th May—7.30pm Pavilion

The Wimbledon Draw will be run on the same lines as last year draw—you must be a paid up member of the club by the date of the draw and you must be a British Tennis Member in order to receive tickets. You are still able to join up by visiting the LTA website at www.lta.org.uk/membership or call 0845 873 7202.

The draw is open to all Ropley Tennis Club members, including children 9 and over. If children are allocated a ticket, they must be accompanied by an adult. Please sign up on the list in the clubhouse.

OPEN DAY—SUNDAY APRIL 10TH FROM 2-5 pm

Everyone is welcome to come to renew their membership.

There will be free coaching as follows: -

2.00—3.30pm 14 and under

3.30—5.00pm adults

Cakes and refreshments also available!

ROPLEY LAWN TENNIS CLUB COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN:	Janice Stratton, Dunbreck, Soames Lane, Ropley, SO24 0ER	773 590
SECRETARY:	Helen Sandell, Glebe End, Vicarage Lane, Ropley	772179
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Mary Flatt, Chalk Cottage, Soames Lane, Ropley	772419
TREASURER:	Caroline Bonney, Hedgeside, Soames Lane, Ropley	773877
MAINTENANCE:	Phil Coleman, Beeches, Gascoigne Lane, Ropley	773819
TEAM SECRETARY:	Janice Stratton, Phil Coleman	
Committee	John Yianni, Wayside, North Street, Ropley	773 288
	Graham Arnott	773083
	Catherine Harris	772325

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

2011/2012

New players joining a coaching course are allowed one course's grace after which membership becomes

Your EMAIL ADDRESS please:

Do visit our new WEBSITE: www.ropleytennis.org.uk

Title	Surname	First Name	Date of Birth
Address:		Would your company like to advertise on our new website?	
Post Code:			
Phone No:			

Membership : RENEWAL NEW

Court Key Exchange : YES NO

Family Membership	Family of 3 or more <small>(no more than 2 adults plus all dependent children under 21)</small>	£130	£
Family Membership	Couple	£120	£
Senior Membership	18 years and over	£80	£
Student Membership	Full time and Cardholder—please send copy of card	£25	£
Junior Membership	Under 18 years	£25	£
Winter/Temporary Membership	1 October - Open Day	£40	£
	Single Couple/Family	£55	£
Key: old members	Old members—please keep old key, new key will be exchanged on receipt of subs.	-	-
Key: new members	Court & clubhouse (New Members Only)	£ 10	£
		Total:	£

Please make cheques payable to: Ropley Lawn Tennis Club &

I/We agree to abide by the Rules of the Club and to allow RLTC to use my/our membership information for club purposes only.....

We occasionally organise some adult tournaments at short notice. Please indicate below by ticking one of the boxes whether you wish to be notified of these tournaments. By doing this you will help the Club keep its stationery, postage and telephone bills low.

YES NO

For Office Use	Date processed:/...../.....	Cash: <input type="checkbox"/>	Cheque: <input type="checkbox"/>
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MEDICAL INFORMATION & CONSENT

MEMBERS NAME

(To be completed by PARENT or GUARDIAN if under 18)

In case of emergency and as part of the clubs responsibility to its membership, **ALL club members** are required to complete this medical information form as accurately as possible. Details will be held securely with access restricted to authorized club officers only.

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RELATIONSHIP

PHONE HOME

MOBILE

DOCTORS NAME

SURGERY (name and address)

PHONE

Please detail below (continue overleaf if necessary) any important medical information that we need to be aware (eg epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, allergies, heart condition, dvt/varicose veins, ongoing conditions) and note the treatment or medication required:

Declaration: I consider myself (my son/daughter)* to be physically fit and capable of full participation and agree to notify the club of any changes to the medical information provided. Furthermore, in the event that I am injured I give my permission (for my son/daughter)* for coaches/club members to obtain emergency medical treatment on my behalf.

SIGNED

DATE

(RELATIONSHIP)