

2011 at the Wychwoods Tennis Club Oxfordshire Tennis Club of the Year!

At the end of another successful year, the Oxfordshire Lawn Tennis Association (OLTA) presented our Tennis Club with the **Oxfordshire Club of the Year** award.

With over 40 clubs to choose from, the OLTA recognised the success of our junior coaching programme. With 160 juniors in the summer programme from the age of 5 up to 18 we achieved fantastic results due to the efforts of our experienced coaching team and the close association we have forged this year with the OLTA. We were also recognised for the Club's focus and direction which we have developed this year.

Club Tournament

The finalists of the 2011 Club Tournament were:

Men's Singles-Giles Henderson beat Peter Barnes.

Ladies Singles-Lucy Artus beat Hisae Hollingsworth.

Men's Doubles-Giles Henderson and Simon Lyle beat Chris Powley and Andy Muddle.

Ladies Doubles-Jean Kloos and Rachel Henderson beat Anita Hollingdale and Lucy Artus.

Mixed Doubles-Kate Lister and Giles Henderson beat Chris Powley and Hisae Hollingsworth.



Tournament Finals:

Back Row: Giles, Peter and Chris

Front Row: Hisae, Anita, Rachel, Kate, Lucy and Jean

Junior Coaching

Coaching is available for Mini-Reds, ages 5 to 7 ½, in the New Beaconsfield Hall, run by Lisa Wilkinson, and then up to the age of 18 on our outside courts through our experienced coaching team comprising Head Coach, Sam Burke, and the coaching team of Lisa Wilkinson, Paul

Snare and Giles Henderson. During the winter months, a small number of juniors were coached indoors at Abingdon, Chipping Norton and Burford.

On the Road to Wimbledon

During the summer months, the programme was full in all age groups. The Club entered 12 girls and 21 boys into the *On the Road to Wimbledon* competition.

The winners, George Genc and Holly Gorton, and runners-up Luke Miller and Maggie Boyd represented the Club at the Regional Finals at The White Horse Tennis Centre in Abingdon.

13 juniors took part in the Leader's Course in the Wychwoods, run by Sam, and have since volunteered their help with groups at the Club and the School's Competition at Abingdon in June.

Successful Junior open tournaments took place in May, July and October with Wychwood juniors doing really well. Under our School's outreach coaching programme, all the year groups at

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Wychwood and Bledington Primary schools received coaching from Lisa Wilkinson and all the children from Wychwood School came to to play on the club courts one afternoon. Coaching at Chipping Norton School continued with Giles Henderson.

Easter and Summer camps at the club courts, which are also open to non-members too, were hugely popular.

Shipton Fete Contribution

This year's Shipton Fete was in aid of local children's activities. We are very grateful to the Shipton Fete Committee for their contribution from the proceeds of the Fete to our school's outreach programme which will continue to benefit the children of The Wychwoods Primary School.

Social Adult Play:

An important theme of our Club is that tennis extends through all ages and abilities. This year, to our established Wednesday club morning, two weekly club nights and Rusty Rackets (for returning players) we have successfully introduced Sunday Club mornings, a Veterans' tournament and 'Mums into Tennis' sessions. Members also organise their own social tennis throughout the week.

Future Development

Building on our success in recent years we recognised several years ago the need for court floodlighting and our own clubhouse. We have reached an agreement to develop four additional courts, with flood-lighting and a small pavilion at The Wychwood Golf Club near Lyneham together with the use of their extensive Clubhouse facilities. This development will enable us to extend our tennis activities throughout the winter, in particular junior coaching and general evening play, and will provide us with a focal/social point to the Club. The LTA has agreed to fund a significant proportion of the costs, recognising the contribution to the local community and to tennis that this development will make. A full planning application was submitted to WODC in December 2011.

Our website provides a lot of additional information about the Club including full league tables and summaries: www.wychwoodstennis.co.uk
Contact Martin Gibbs on: 01993 832440.
We are looking forward to an even more successful and exciting 2012.

Martin Gibbs
Chairman

A Bumper Year!

Those of you who drive along Bruern Road will know all about 'the table'. We put our surplus fruit and vegetables outside the gate and invite those passing to take what they want in return for a donation to charity. The choice of produce has increased over the years as neighbours and fellow allotment holders have joined in. This year our most popular lines were sweet peas, chutney and jams.

We support Lawrence Nursing and this is where we send the money. All those pounds and pennies add up and this year we have raised our highest amount yet, sending the magnificent sum of £792.

Thank you everyone. We look forward to seeing you and achieving our aim of an even higher amount in 2012.

Joanna and David van de Poll