

The Wychwood Tennis Club

2013 had been a year of highs and lows. The lowest point was that, despite winning the Planning Appeal valid for three years, allowing the development of four floodlit courts and pavilion at The Wychwood Golf Club, the



Mixed Doubles Championship finalists

Committee halted the development. But 2013 also had many highlights. With membership remaining stable and despite the atrocious early spring weather with the courts snowed in for several days then partially flooded through the thaw, we started the year with a successful opening night and tennis activity got underway as the weather improved.

During the year we implemented an on-line court booking system, linked to our web-site and, on the playing side, introduced a mixed singles ladder and then Cardio Tennis, a fantastic way to keep fit whilst enjoying fun on the courts.

The Adults

During the summer, five adult teams played against Oxfordshire clubs. All teams did well, eclipsed by the mixed team who won their division for the second year out of three. Well done to Captain Hisae Hollingsworth and the team and, indeed to all team captains and players. The Club Championship ran throughout the year with finals day in September. Our champions were Simon Lyle (men's Singles), Hisae Hollingsworth (ladies' singles), Mark Saunders/Simon Lyle (men's doubles),

Lucy Artus/Anita Hollingdale (ladies' doubles) and Mark Saunders/Rachel Henderson (mixed doubles). Another champion was Andy Murray, alas not at our club but at Wimbledon!

The Juniors

The juniors fared well too. Max Peniket, Kyle Albert and Holly Gorton (for the 3rd time) reached the junior 'Road to Wimbledon' regional finals whilst the Wychwood Primary School teams came 1st and 2nd in the Oxford Schools competition at our courts, with the first team going through to the Regional finals only losing in the semis to the eventual winners. Well done.

In September our Head Coach, Giles Henderson, stepped down and Peter Barnes was appointed. Peter has grasped the opportunity and winter junior coaching commenced under lights at Charlbury, alongside coaching at Burford School and in Shipton. Peter has further developed the junior and adult coaching programme, about to start on our courts at Shipton, and there are plenty of vacancies should you be interested. Contact Peter on: peter.barnes84@yahoo.co.uk

So we are looking forward to another successful year. If you are interested in tennis why not see what we have to offer for all ages and abilities. Contact Anita Hollingdale (Membership Secretary) on: 01993 830743 or our website at www.wychwoodstennis.co.uk

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