

Chairman's Report - AGM May 2023

Welcome to another season at Jordans Tennis Club. When writing this report, I was thinking about what kind of club we are, and it struck me that it is probably something like this.

We try and provide tennis facilities to as many different types of people as possible, within an inclusive and friendly environment. We want our members to have the opportunity to improve their level and to play tennis competitively, socially, or both. Whatever your ability, our message is the same: 'come and play.'

Hopefully we get close to achieving that and it is largely down to you the members. There are certainly players of every age and standard playing and it's been great to see more juniors on the court. Our membership numbers remain strong, to the extent at one-point last year we had to start a waiting list. The roll ups continue to thrive, so thank you to the those who organise them every week. Details of when they are on, and who to contact are on the website.

You will have noticed a bin on the court which is for ball recycling. Please put your old balls in there and every time we get up to 250 balls, we send them off to a company who re-uses them in different ways. I'd also like to thank Michael Williams for doing an excellent job with the court cleaning.

We continued with the free junior coaching last year and our intention is to encourage as many juniors to not only attend the sessions but as they get good enough, play with each other. Hopefully it also encourages some of the parents to play as well! It starts again in June, and we've had the biggest response ever for places. Our coach Nick will be running the sessions which commence on Saturday 10th June to July 15th. Nick will also be hosting his summer camps from 7th-11th and 21st-25th August.

We plan to hold the usual events this year including the John Rootes Trophy (provisionally booked for Sunday 17th September) and the Club Supper on Saturday 11th November.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the committee for everything they do for the club each year. Barbara Fairgrieve is standing down after many years on the committee, and I'd like to personally thank her for all she's done for the club, particularly as the driving force behind the Club Suppers. Maybe this year you can come to the supper without having to cook! Andries Hoekema has volunteered to stand this year, subject to approval at the AGM, and we look forward to welcoming him to the committee.

Wishing you all a fun and healthy season.

David Wooster

Chairman