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A NOTE FROM... *the chairman*

“Never even liked tennis anyway” Andy Murray cheekily signed off as his tennis playing career ended in Paris. His was an illustrious career, driven by a will to win to which British tennis owes a huge debt of gratitude. Failure to win in elite tennis is not fatal, in fact it’s the norm. As Andy has shown, it’s the courage to continue that counts. We all feel a bit of that when we gaze across the net sometimes, sizing up the opposition, whilst knowing deep down it is unlikely to be our day. We hope to learn something from the experience, and next time fail a little better.

Failure is also part of success, however! Our county teams have been performing strongly over the summer and at the time of writing, we top the County race by a smidgen. We have new plans to broaden the reach of our performance training into inner city areas while also increasing the number of junior players on the programme. Talking of participation, the number playing has reached a new all-time high, with 185,000 adults and

children playing at least once a month, with a big thank you to all coaches, venues and volunteers for making this happen. As a big thank you to everyone, we will be launching our inaugural Surrey Tennis Showcase in August at the AELTC Community Tennis Centre. This will be a chance for all tennis enthusiasts – venue volunteers, coaches and players – to interact with various suppliers and experts, all under one roof, to answer questions relating to tennis and padel in Surrey. To further encourage diversity and inclusion, we have recently launched the Surrey Tennis Inclusivity Fund to help projects that make tennis more accessible, welcoming and enjoyable.

After much debate, the Council has also recently put together a set of values that hopefully help define Surrey Tennis. These are set to be the building blocks for our organisational culture moving forward. The values we feel are the most important are ‘Excellence, Kindness, Inclusivity’. Understanding our core values should



mean our decision-making is easier and we aim to stay loyal to them. We hope you agree with our choices.

SURREY REPRESENTATION IN PARIS FOR TEAM GB

You may have noticed that Surrey Tennis had representation at the 2024 Paris Olympics with both Jack Draper and Joe Salisbury joining Team GB!

It was a very exciting moment for all of us here at Surrey Tennis, as we waved our GB flags and cheered on Joe and Jack as they took to the clay, hoping to bring home a medal from the games. Sadly, it wasn't to be for the Surrey pair, despite battling valiantly against some seriously tough opposition.

Joe and Neil Skupski narrowly missed out in the Men's Doubles, losing to the Czech pair Machac and Pavlasek. Joe also came up just short in the mixed doubles with Heather Watson, losing in a third-set tie-break against the Canadians. Jack notched an impressive win against Japan's Nishikori but fell to the in-form American Fritz in three sets.



LTA AWARDS OPEN IN OCT

We would like to remind you that in October the nominations for the LTA Awards will open! This is your chance to highlight the incredible achievements and contributions of people in tennis throughout Surrey! Categories will include club of the year, volunteer of the year, performance coach of the year, school of the year and so many more! To keep up to date, simply visit lta.org.uk or keep an eye on our website via www.surrey.tennis.

COLLECT YOUR COUNTY RACE TROPHIES

The Office Team would love to welcome to our Esher Office anyone who played in the 2023 County Race and couldn't come to the Awards Ceremony. We have a number of trophies just waiting to be collected. The team is generally in the office from 10-4PM Monday to Friday, but please contact admin@surrey.tennis to arrange a date and time first.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

- 1 AUG:** Winter Season 24/25 Events Entry Open
- 11 AUG:** Surrey County Championships Entry Closed
- 25 AUG - 1 SEPT:** Surrey County Championships
- 31 AUG:** Surrey Coaches Conference
- 31 AUG:** Surrey Showcase

SEPTEMBER

- 1 SEPT:** Surrey Padel County Championships Entry Closed
- 3 SEPT:** Winter Season 24/25 Entry Closed
- 8 SEPT:** 'Welcome to Surrey' Day
- 14 SEPT - 15 SEPT:** Surrey Padel County Championships
- 20 SEPT - 22 SEPT:** Junior Four Nations
- 27 SEPT - 29 SEPT:** 12U County Cup Finals

OCTOBER

- 1 OCT:** Winter Season 24/25 Launches
- 25 OCT - 27 OCT:** Seniors County Cup Final

NOVEMBER

- 22 NOV - 24 NOV:** Winter County Cup



The month is August and Hannah Klugman, one of Surrey’s brightest young stars, has just put herself on the radar of the nation as she very nearly qualifies for the Wimbledon main draw at the age of 15, having reached the final round of qualification in Roehampton. Alison Taylor, Surrey Tennis trustee and LTA Councillor, was the former coach of Hannah and still maintains a wonderful relationship with the young talent, always following her results, cheering her on and helping her along her journey. After an impressive 2024, Alison sat down with Hannah for the STQ to discuss her passion for tennis, balancing academics with elite sport and what continues to inspire her.

What inspired you to start playing tennis? I know you played many sports when you were young, but what made you choose tennis?

I started playing tennis when I was very young. I think I was about three when I started playing at my local club in Wimbledon where my older sisters played. I joined in on the side of the court with my mum hitting red mini tennis balls, or I hit against the wall. The moment I picked up a racket, I loved the sport. I used to play lots of different sports – swimming, netball, running, and particularly hockey. I ended up having to choose tennis

when I was about twelve as I had started to travel more and put in more hours each week, so I just didn’t have the time for everything else. But it wasn’t a hard choice as tennis always came first. I love the individual aspect of tennis more than the team sports, even though it can be tough and demanding.

Winning the Orange Bowl at 14 is a remarkable achievement; would you consider this your best tournament, or is there another tournament you feel stands out? Could you share the experience and emotions of that victory?



Winning the Orange Bowl in Florida is definitely my biggest tournament win to date. It was actually a very unexpected win as I hadn’t done particularly well in the tournament just before, so it was a bit of a shock winning the title. I am also proud of my progress in getting to the final round of the Wimbledon Ladies Singles qualifications. They were both long weeks with lots of different emotions – nerves, happiness, excitement, and a bit of disappointment in losing in the final round of the Wimbledon qualies.

What challenges have you faced in balancing academics with training and tournaments?

Being a high-level junior tennis player isn’t exactly the norm for a teenager as so much time is spent training and traveling, so it is hard to fit in the schoolwork. I was at Wimbledon High School until the beginning of this year. My mum used to pick me up from school and rush me to the NTC for my training, often eating lunch in the car so I wasn’t late! I loved going to school and my school was very supportive of my tennis, but eventually, it got too much with all the traveling so I have recently moved to online schooling which I can fit in better with my training. I still see my school friends when I am home, which is great.

SPECIAL feature

How do you handle setbacks and defeats, and what lessons have you learned from those experiences?

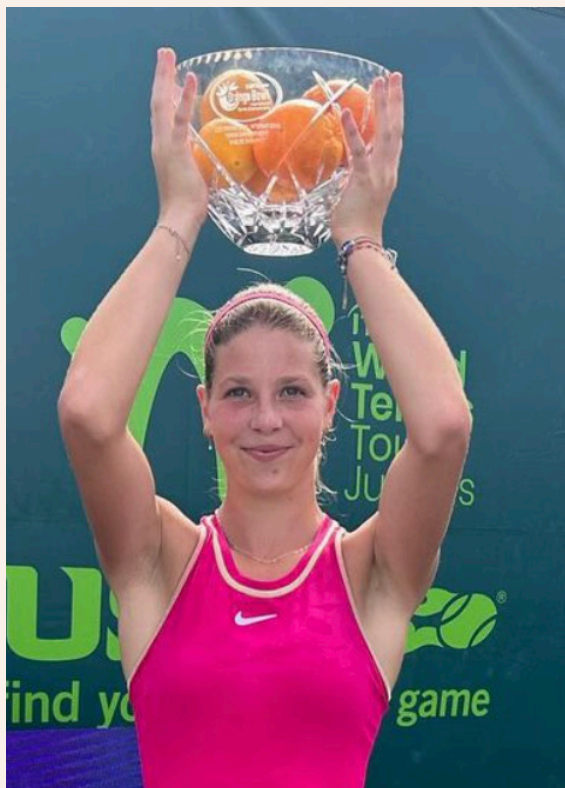
Being a tennis player is tough, there are highs and lows, so it's embracing the challenges that allow you to deal with the low times better. It's important to have a good team and family around you to bring you back up. Immediately after a loss, I like to have a bit of time alone to reflect.

What advice would you give to young tennis players starting on their tennis journey?

The most important thing is to enjoy and have fun with the game – it's a long journey. Keep doing other sports for as long as possible. It's good for your tennis and keeps life a bit more normal. Be happy on court and don't be too hard on yourself.

How important is mental strength and resilience in tennis, and what strategies do you use to maintain a strong mindset on and off the court? Do you meditate, visualize or have help with a sports psychologist?

Mental strength is probably one of the most important and underestimated areas of the game. You go through so many different emotions during a match, so having your own routines like taking your time and concentrating on your breathing helps to keep your emotions in check. You should do the same routines in



training to reinforce these good habits. I don't see a sports psychologist at the moment.

Could you share a memorable training moment or match that has had a significant impact on your growth and development as a player?

In January 2023, when I was 13, I lost to a top junior 7-6, 6-7, 7-5 in an ITF tournament in Germany. Even though I lost, it gave me the confidence that I had the right level to compete with the top players. I ended up winning a few tournaments back-to-back after this tournament, knowing I had a good level.

How do you ensure a healthy work-life balance while dedicating so much time to your tennis career?

Whenever I am home, I like to see my school friends; they don't really ask much about my tennis but they are always happy for me when I do well. I also like to get away and do things outside of tennis and be around my family. I'm close with my three older sisters.

What are your aspirations and goals for the future, both in tennis and beyond the sport?

My short-term goals are to keep working hard, to improve on the court, and then hopefully the results will come. Obviously, I would love to win a Grand Slam. I think that is every tennis player's dream. Other than tennis, I would just like to become a better person on and off the court.

Can you describe a typical day for you, from training sessions to recovery routines?

Now I'm doing online schooling, I start my day with a 1.5-hour tennis session around 9 am. I will do my online lessons after tennis and then have lunch. In the afternoon, I usually do a 1-hour fitness session followed by a 20-minute stretch. I then do more online lessons and may play again for an hour or so. Currently, I only train twice a day a couple of times a week, and usually, the sessions are 1.5 hours. Soon I am going to try slightly longer sessions, maybe 2 x 2 hours on court,



but I prefer quality over quantity in terms of time on court.

Seeing you come off the court at Wimbledon reminded me, how do you handle media attention and the spotlight that comes with being a successful young athlete?

This year at Wimbledon I did get a bit more media attention and publicity because I did quite well in the qualies. At the moment I don't mind it. It's actually pretty cool and I like the support I receive but don't take it for granted.

How do you get ready just before your matches?

I like a short 25-minute practice. I then prepare mentally with my team and go over a game plan. If I'm playing in the afternoon, I try to keep myself busy so I don't think constantly about the match.

What are your favorite cities to visit and why? Anywhere you would like to go? You have played all the Grand Slam junior events, what's your favorite tournament and why?

I loved Milan and Paris but really want to go to Japan; I haven't been yet. Of course, Wimbledon is my favorite slam as it's my home slam and I live 10 minutes away. I also really liked the Australian Open. It was really special as they treated the juniors so well, like professionals. They also put the juniors on some of the big stadium courts and lots of people come out to watch, unlike the US Open where there weren't many spectators for the juniors. I played my first round of the juniors on court 3 which was full of spectators.

SURREY competitions

SURREY SUMMER KNOCKOUT FINALS

In late July we were thrilled to host our Surrey Summer Knockout Finals at Oxshott Village Sports Club for the first time! With the sun shining all day, club members and spectators gathered to cheer and support all our finals. With some truly epic encounters, it was certainly a finals day to remember. It was wonderful to see the club embrace our event, with a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped the day run smoothly. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the winners and participants, and a big thank you to everyone who came out to support. Winners to the right.



MD 65+ Barrie Gilbert+Tony Ingram	MS 45+ Mark Winton
MS 65+ Barrie Gilbert	WD 40+ Caroline Joy+Natasha Sherrard
WD 60+ Bim Newton+Susie Reid	WS 40+ Jennifer Marlow
WS 60+ Rebecca Scorer	WS 35+ Selina Russell
MD 55+ Nigel Grace+Julian Jones	MS 35+ Patrik Ewe
MS 55+ Dougal Bridger	Mixed Doubles Sam East+Eleanor Cross
WD 50+ Amanda Shephard+Natasha Sherrard	Womens Doubles Lereesa Easterbrook+Virunee Viravong
WS 50+ Sara Evans	Mens Doubles Tony Brown+Aditya Sarang Rajan
XD 45+ Andrew Middleton+Hazel Middleton	Womens Singles Lyla Read
MD 45+ Matthew Squire+San Sunkaraneni	Mens Singles James Gibbens

the WINTER SEASON is COMING

Entry for the winter season 24/25 is now open! We are delighted to announce that you can now enter the Wilson Surrey Leagues, the Mixed Team Knockout, the NLJTT and the Surrey Knockouts! Entry closes on 3rd September and all info and links to enter can be found via www.surrey.tennis/competitions. A small summary on each of our events can be seen below.

WILSON SURREY LEAGUES

Our flagship league event with over 10,000 players competing annually. Players represent their clubs playing home and away.

NATIONAL LEAGUE JUNIOR TEAM TROPHY

The NLJTT is a winter league to knockout event for teams with ages 8U-18U. A winter version of the LTA Youth League.

THE SURREY KNOCKOUTS

The Surrey Knockouts offer singles and doubles events from OPEN to 65+. Matches played on a day/ time that suits you!

THE MIXED TEAM KNOCKOUT

Winter event where women and men compete together in a medley format representing their clubs.



BOOST IN SUMMER PARTICIPATION

We were delighted to see a boost in our summer participation across our summer '24 events, meaning we continue to have some of the largest competitions across the UK. Something we

are very proud of. Here are some key stats.

WILSON SURREY LEAGUES:	790 teams, 1,952 matches across 8 events.
LTA NATIONAL / YOUTH LEAGUE:	402 teams, 849 matches across 32 events.
SURREY KNOCKOUTS:	395 entries across 20 events

SURREY competitions

SURREY SCHOOLS EVENTS CONTINUE TO GROW

The Surrey Schools events have continued to grow this summer, four years after Surrey Tennis incorporated them into our competition programme. This season, featuring the Rootham & Branston Shields, the Surrey Schools League, and the Surrey Schools Festival, certainly did not disappoint. Over 100 schools across Surrey participated, giving hundreds of children aged 8-18 the chance to pick up a racket and compete.

These school events were previously run for many years by a group of dedicated volunteers passionate about opening up tennis participation opportunities within schools. Their hard work, spanning over 50 years,



has resulted in Surrey hosting some of the most prestigious school events in the country. With many of those volunteers still actively assisting our school events, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of them. Without their dedication, our events would not be what they are today. All of our 2024 winners can be found via surrey.tennis/schools-tennis

If you would like to learn more about our Surrey Schools competitions, you can get in touch via competitions@surrey.tennis.



The Surrey County Championships return, and once again, we will be hosting our event on the beautiful AELTC Community Tennis Centre grass* as players battle to become Surrey champion. We are also excited to include disability events (including wheelchair, visually-impaired, learning disabilities, and para-standing tennis) as well as padel events. The 2024 Surrey County Championships promise to be our most exciting yet!

*Some events will be played at alternative venues.

DATES: 25th August – 1st September (Padel: 14th – 15th September and Disability events: 29th – 30th August)
LOCATION: AELTC Community Tennis Centre 170 Grand Dr, London SW20 9NB (Disability and Padel events differ. Visit website for more info).

ENTRY DEADLINE: 11th August. (Padel 1st September. Disability 24th August)

HOW TO ENTER: Scan the QR code below or visit surrey.tennis/county-championships

MORE INFO / ENTER



or visit surrey.tennis/county-championships



SURREY performance

THEY'VE DONE IT AGAIN... SURREY MEN CROWNED NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



What an exciting week our Surrey County Men's team had at County Week (22nd to 25th July). With both our Men's and Women's teams back in Division 1, there was lots of support on show. On Monday, the men had a hard fought match against Kent, winning 5-4 with Surrey taking 3 of the 4 matches which went to a Championship Tie-break. Tuesday saw the men take on East of Scotland, winning 7-2 with another 2 championship tie-breaks. Another 7-2 win for Surrey on Wednesday, this time against Northamptonshire with another 4 Championship tie-breaks stretching the team. With lots of rain delays on Thursday, the players were faced with the challenge of Fast Four. Captain Mark Whitehouse and his partner Damian Rodriquez battled

through 3 more championship tie-breaks to take a close 5-4 win against North of Scotland. Friday saw Surrey clinch the title with a 5-1 win over Hertfordshire, finishing the week just 2 points ahead of East of Scotland. With 5 players playing 10 or more matches, it was a demanding week of tennis not helped by a couple of rainy days hampering play and 15 out of 42 matches going to Championship Tie-breaks, but the effort by all our players resulted in Surrey being named Champions for the second year in succession. Well done to Mark Whitehouse, Damian Rodriguez, Max Basing, Harry Rock, James Beaven, Henry Jefferson, Matthew Beecher, Jamie Diack, Emile Hudd and Tim Sagar – Surrey appreciates all the time and effort you give up to wear

the Surrey badge, we love you all! And just in case you are wondering, a very young ladies team finished mid table (4th) meaning they will stay up in Division 1 next year. Having lost on the first 2 days, the team had to battle hard for the rest of the week to avoid relegation. To demonstrate how close the teams were, with just one more match win on Friday, the Surrey ladies would have finished in 2nd place. So well done ladies, you too did the Surrey badge proud. Thank you Mandy Spicer (captain), Danielle Hack, Sally Pethybridge, Lara Bakhaya, Amelia Tye, Ciara Moore, Brooke Black, Isabella Townsend, Lucy Webber, Katie Morris and Giulia Lesa.



JUNIOR SUPPORT GRANT

The Surrey Junior Trust is a registered charity (Charity No.286244) established in 1983 with funds donated by a charitable settlement from the late Vernon Ely. The Trust continues to be supported by donations from the Vernon Ely settlement and Surrey Tennis which are invested by the Trustees. The purpose of the Trust Fund is to support the development of talented and aspiring junior players so that they can reach their potential and achieve their tennis ambitions. Grants may be provided to any eligible junior player, but priority will be given to help those

from disadvantaged backgrounds or those who demonstrate a greater need.

Funding available:

Grants will normally be in the range of £250 to £2000. A player may receive only one grant per year. Successful award in one year does not guarantee funding in a future year. Trustees may choose to make an exceptional award at their absolute discretion. The costs for a young player to develop their tennis career can be considerable and we encourage a player’s club to contribute also, either financially or in-kind. This may be, for example, through subsidised membership or contribution to coaching fees.

Who can apply:

To be eligible for a grant a junior player must: Have already represented Surrey in competition, or be on a pathway for selection to represent Surrey in any age category up to and including Under 18. A player awarded a grant is expected to represent Surrey if requested.

What can a grant be used for?

Funds can be used for any reasonable

cost associated with the player’s training or competitive tennis programme. This can include, but is not restricted to: Equipment (rackets, shoes, clothing, strings). Coaching fees. Tournament entry fees. Travel and accommodation for tournaments. Funds may not be used to cover club membership fees or general subsistence.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted on behalf of the player by a parent or guardian. There are two opportunities per year to apply. If you are unsuccessful with a submission you may resubmit an application for the next deadline, but you should make clear any change in circumstances. For more information, details on deadlines and to apply, head to www.surrey.tennis/junior-support-grant



It has been nothing short of an incredible year for our Surrey teams, as we sit atop the County Cup Race leaderboard with just two events to go (12U and Winter County Cup). So far in 2024, we have collected a whopping six national titles across various age groups, including the 18U Boys, 14U Girls, 14U Boys, 10U Boys, 11U Boys, and most recently, our Men’s team in the Summer County Cup.

As well as our winning teams, there have been some truly incredible performances from our teams who weren’t able to lift the title but still battled with pride and determination, missing out to some impressive opponents. Overall, we couldn’t be more proud of our teams, captains, parents, and staff, who all contribute greatly to each and every success we have on the court.

All results from throughout the year can be found via <https://www.lta.org.uk/compete/junior/county-cup/>. Best of luck to everyone competing in our final two events!

SURREY performance

SURREY INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS: MAY - JULY

ATP / WTA / ITF / Tennis Europe / ITF WCTT / ITF WTT

EMILY HUBB

May / Doubles / ITF / M25 NOTTINGHAM

FELIX MISCHKER

May / Doubles / ITF / M15 ANTALYA

JAY JOHNSON-HAULDREN

May / Singles & Doubles / ITF / J60 ISTANBUL

JACK DRAPER

June / Singles / ATP / Boss Open

GINNY CHEN

June / Singles / Tennis Europe / Lexus Junior International West Hants

LOLA BROWN

June / Doubles / Tennis Europe / Lexus Junior International West Hants

EMILE HUDD

July / Doubles / ITF / M25 NOTTINGHAM

TOMAS GABOR

July / Doubles / Tennis Europe / Adriatic Cup

LIV ZINGG

July / Singles & Doubles / Tennis Europe / Icelandic Open U16

NEO ARMUS

July / Singles / Tennis Europe / Lexus Junior International Dukes Meadow



SURREY performance



SURREY AT WIMBLEDON

When Wimbledon comes around each year, we are always thrilled to see so many Surrey players competing on the famous All England grass. Right across qualification, main draw and juniors we have a host of Surrey players looking to make their mark at the world’s oldest tennis tournament.

LILY MIYAZAKI

LADIES’ SINGLES: 2nd Round
LADIES’ DOUBLES: 2nd Round

JACK DRAPER

GENTLEMEN’S SINGLES: 2nd Round

JOE SALISBURY

GENTLEMEN’S DOUBLES: 2nd Round
MIXED DOUBLES: 2nd Round

ARTHUR FERY

GENTLEMEN’S SINGLES: 1st Round
GENTLEMEN’S DOUBLES: 3rd Round

EMILY APPLETON

LADIES’ DOUBLES: 2nd Round
MIXED DOUBLES: 1st Round
LADIES’ QUALIFYING SINGLES: 1st Round

HANNAH KLUGMAN

LADIES’ QUALIFYING SINGLES: 3rd Round
GIRLS’ SINGLES: 2nd Round
GIRLS’ DOUBLES: 1st Round

ISABELLE LACY

GIRLS’ SINGLES: 1st Round
GIRLS’ DOUBLES: 1st Round

BROOKE BLACK

GIRLS’ SINGLES: 1st Round
GIRLS’ DOUBLES: 1st Round

ALLEGRA KORPANEC-DAVIES

GIRLS’ SINGLES: 1st Round
GIRLS’ DOUBLES: 1st Round

MAX CARRIER

BOYS’ SINGLES: 1st Round
BOYS’ DOUBLES: 1st Round

JAMIE DIACK

BOYS’ SINGLES: 1st Round

JAY JOHNSON-HAULDREN

BOYS’ DOUBLES: 1st Round

HENRY JEFFERSON

BOYS’ SINGLES: 1st Round
BOYS’ DOUBLES: 1st Round

MARK CEBAN

BOYS’ SINGLES: 3rd Round
BOYS’ DOUBLES: 1st Round

KAI-LUCA AMPAW

BOYS’ SINGLES: 1st Round



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SURREY venues

SURREY SHOWCASE

The Surrey Tennis Showcase is a chance for tennis enthusiasts – venue volunteers, coaches and players to interact with various suppliers and experts, all under one roof, to answer questions relating to tennis and padel in Surrey. There will also be opportunities to test out some rackets and get involved in some fun on-court activity. In attendance we plan to have a variety of industry experts including: planning experts, tennis and padel equipment suppliers, tennis and padel court suppliers, court maintenance companies, wellbeing practitioners, floodlighting experts, facility fit-out contractors, membership management software suppliers and tennis and padel



coaching staff. **Please note: Only people that have signed up via the online form will be able to attend on the day. Due to a limit numbers it will be first come first serve.**

When discussing the Showcase, our Chairman, Peter Bradshaw, said: “Surrey Tennis leads the way with innovative ideas to help LTA registered venues within our county. The Surrey Tennis Showcase is your chance to interact with a host of suppliers and experts, all under one roof, to answer questions relating to tennis and padel in Surrey.”

To sign up simply head to www.surrey.tennis/surrey-showcase or email tim.sagar@surrey.tennis.

TONY BLACKBURN PLAYS PADEL AT EPSOM LTC

Surrey’s Epsom LTC had a special guest over the summer as the legendary Tony Blackburn visited the club for BBC Good Morning to give padel a try. Tony was welcomed by a number of club players and volunteers, who all came together to make his and the BBC’s visit as memorable as possible. The visit was a huge success, highlighting the club’s fantastic padel facilities and helping to raise awareness of the sport!



SUTTON CHURCHES PUTS THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING



“ Thank you to everyone who attended and donated so generously on Saturday. We have raised over £2000, which will provide several terms of free tennis coaching for the children of Brookways School. This event wouldn’t have been possible without the contributions of many people. Special thanks to Danny Sapsford, James Auckland, and Jake for their coaching and organizing; Suzanne Barrows, Cheryl & Phil, Jeff & Alice Roger, and Richard G for their logistical support; Carolyn Dale for donations; Morrisons, Surrey Tennis, Tesco, and Imperial College for their contributions; Emma Shovelton for photography; Joan, Maeve, Linda Parish, and all kitchen helpers; Gerald for managing the Fastest Serve competition; and everyone who baked, donated, and helped clear up. ”

WE WANT YOUR CASE STUDIES

Has your tennis venue recently refurbished their courts? Have they tested a new court booking software? Perhaps they have installed new floodlights? We want to hear from you! We are collecting case studies from across Surrey with a view to helping other venues learn and improve. We already have great case studies from Redhill LTC’s new courts and Wigmore LTC’s clubhouse refurbishment. If you would like to submit a case study, you can do so by heading to www.surrey.tennis/case-studies.



THE LEXUS SURBITON TROPHY DELIVERS ONCE AGAIN

World class tennis returned to Surrey once again this summer, with Surbiton Racket & Fitness Club hosting the Lexus Surbiton Trophy, forming part of the LTA Trophy series, in the lead up to The Championships, Wimbledon. The event again benefitted from a top-level player field in both the men’s ATP and women’s ITF events. Although defending champion, Andy Murray pulled out injured, there were still over 10 top 100 ranked players in both draws. British star Billy Harris did brilliantly to make a shock run to the semi finals, kick starting his fantastic form for the grass court season. There was also excellent Surrey representation, with Arthur Fery losing out closely to Mikhail Kukushkin in the first round and Emily Appleton having a great week, coming



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through qualifying and making the main draw quarter finals. The tournament proved again to be hugely popular with spectators, with an increased centre court capacity and ground passes selling out each day on the event. We hope many of our Surrey tennis family were able to get along and watch some world class tennis in the County.

CHARITY ‘YOUNG CHAMPS’ WANTS YOUR OLD RACKETS

‘Young Champs’ the charity founded by G Tennis is currently collecting old rackets for their free Summer Tennis programme in Stockwell and also to take to Zimbabwe for a Tennis event in August. They are collaborating with a Tennis provider in Harare that like them, takes Tennis to communities that wouldn’t normally be able to access Tennis.



Any rackets are welcome but we would especially love 21” & 23” (mini) ones and if anyone has any old fold away nets we will take them off your hands too! If you can take them to your local club (let us know, email below) or you can drop them to us at Larkhall Park, SW8 2BT London, that would be amazing. Young Champs is a registered charity so for more info or to donate please head to www.youngchamps.uk. THANK YOU!



LTA AND SURREY TENNIS COUNCILLOR, ALISON TAYLOR, ATTENDS PARK COURT RE-OPENING

Surrey Tennis, LTA councillor Alison Taylor, attended the relaunch of the tennis courts across Croydon Parks at Trumble Gardens on Saturday 20th July. These works have been funded as part of the Parks Tennis Project, a joint investment by the LTA Tennis Foundation and UK Government, delivered by the LTA, to refurbish public tennis courts across Britain and support a new generation of players to get into the sport. This investment is designed to open up tennis to people of all backgrounds, to level up sports provision across the nation, and provide greater opportunities for children and adults to be active. Park tennis courts are particularly important in providing affordable, engaging and accessible opportunities for more female players and those from

lower socioeconomic backgrounds, as well as being the most popular venue for women to play after they have left education.

Alongside this investment, Croydon Council, GLL and Purley Sports Club will be working with the LTA to deliver a range of tennis activities catering to all ages and abilities. This will include Free Park Tennis sessions where equipment is provided, and Local Tennis leagues. The event was attended by the Mayor of Croydon, GLL, the LTA and local media.



DIVERSITY and INCLUSION



“ IN JULY WE HOSTED OUR FIRST EVER WALKING TENNIS TOURNAMENT. WE HAD 18 PLAYERS TAKE PART FROM SCTC AND MITCHAM, MANY OF WHOM WERE COMPETING FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE RESPONSE FROM EVERYONE ON WALKING TENNIS HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE! ”

Kirsy Garrett. SCTC volunteer

LTA OPEN COURT

What is it *and* how can I get involved?

The LTA Open Court Programme is a national scheme that actively promotes and delivers opportunities for disabled people to get involved in tennis and padel. Partnered with and jointly funded by Sport England, the programme provides disability specific sessions for tennis and padel – including adaptations for learning disability, wheelchair, visually impaired and deaf. We’re also expanding our programme into other long-term health conditions such as mental health and dementia.

The LTA work with tennis and padel venues all across the country, putting on a range of activities to improve mental and physical health through increasing opportunities to play,

socialise and compete with similar people in the sport.

What’s on offer?

The LTA have developed a package of equipment and support to enable venues to increase opportunities for disabled people through being a part of our Open Court programme. This includes:

- Provision of an adaptive equipment bag with rackets, balls, net and range of equipment (worth £350) to help make sessions flexible and fun.
- ‘Flying visits’ with your coaches, volunteers and venue staff by disability development experts, providing disability awareness training so that they may assess their accessibility and inclusion offer.
- Funding support to cover start-up costs and get your activities up and running so that you have time to make them sustainable in the long term.
- Support with marketing and communications, enabling you to effectively communicate with your local disability community.
- Invitation to networking events.
- Access to our specialist Disability Development Partners as ongoing

support to help overcome any barriers you may face in your quest to be more inclusive.

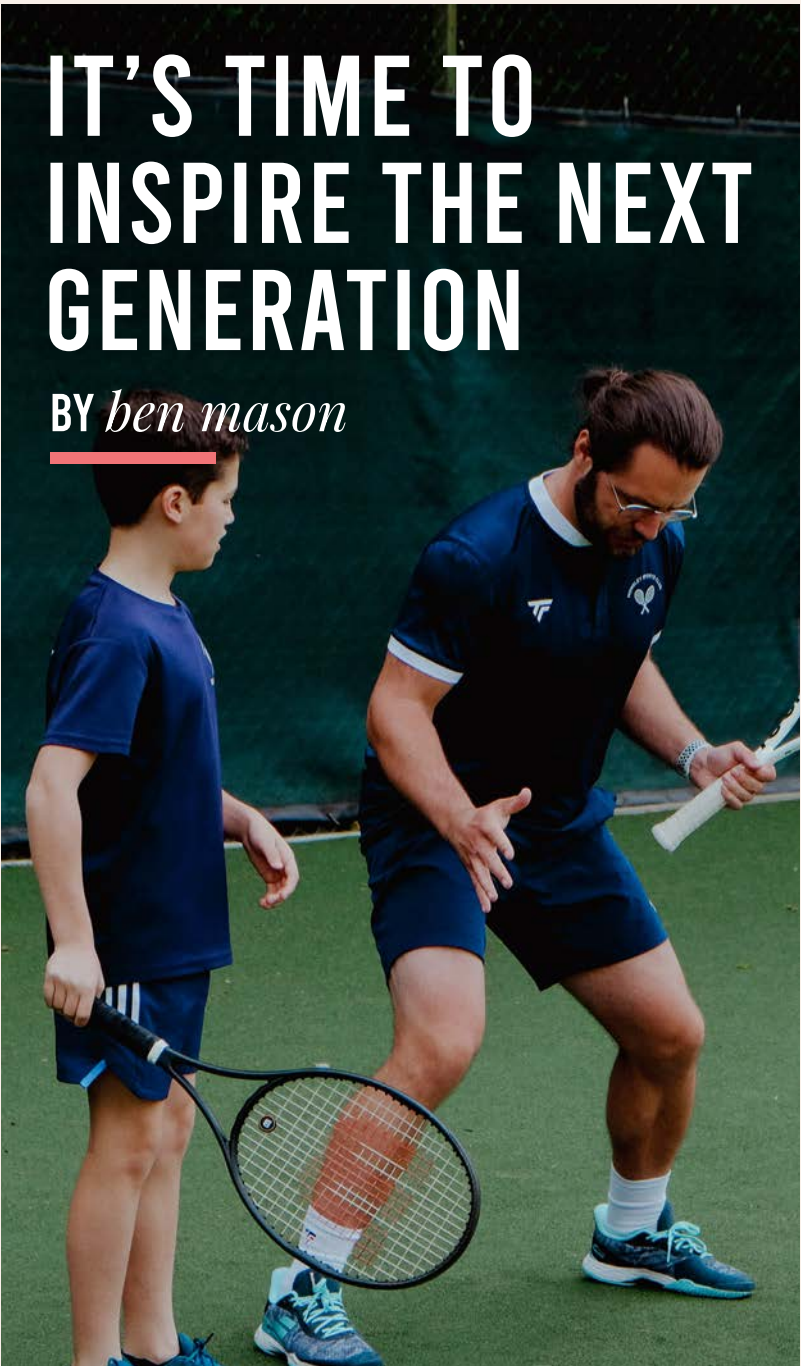
Your commitment

To be part of the Open Court Programme your organisation or venue needs to commit to the following for 12 months (ideally Jan – Dec):

- Engage with your local and countywide disability groups and organisations to promote your offer and attract participants to your venue.
- Deliver regular, high quality, disability specific tennis sessions on a weekly and/or monthly basis.
- Engage participants – specifically people who have a learning disability, a physical disability or a mental health problem and are in the under 35, BAME and women and girls groups.
- Complete the required monitoring and evaluation three times a year and partake in any research studies connected with the LTA (a maximum of two per year).

Get involved

To get involved, you can contact our Surrey Tennis Development Manager, Tim Sagar, who can talk you through how you can best get involved.



IT'S TIME TO
INSPIRE THE NEXT
GENERATION

BY *ben mason*

In a time when tennis participation is high compared to the number of available coaches, it's more important than ever to nurture and develop your own coaching team. Every coach has had a mentor or coach who inspired them to take up this wonderful job. Now, it's time for us to pass on that inspiration and get young people trained. There's a special bond that forms when you grow through a program and then go on to coach for it, similar to a local footballer making their debut for the city's first team.

Horsley Sports Club is following in the footsteps of successful clubs like Pitfarm and the WJTL. With funding from Surrey Tennis, Horsley has had two juniors start their LTA Level 1 coaching qualification. The first to qualify is Ladies Doubles Club Champion Amelie Aitken, 17. Amelie, a familiar face in the Horsley junior program for many years, coached during the Easter break camps, assisting with the weekly program, and plans to use this qualification at

university to find work at a local club.

Head Coach of Horsley Sports Club, Ben Mason, said, "It's amazing to have juniors that everyone knows come through the program and get qualified to help coach. It shows the juniors that there's another option through tennis that isn't just becoming a player. It sets a pathway that others can try to replicate, and as a coaching program, you get a conveyor belt of homegrown assistants to help run your sessions. I am very grateful to Surrey Tennis for their help; this funding was a healthy encouragement and it is now going to benefit Horsley Sports Club for the next year."

The Surrey Tennis is committed to promoting junior coaching qualifications, especially for female coaches. If you have female juniors interested in the Level 1 coaching course, please contact the Surrey office via tim.sagar@surrey.tennis.

SURREY COACH CALEB
SIMMS MIXES IT WITH THE
BEST AT SW19

Surrey coach Caleb Simms certainly made a splash at this year's Wimbledon, spending time on court with some of the world's most high-profile names. Caleb, who grew up in Banstead, had previously competed at a high level as a junior before stepping into the world of professional tennis. His calm approach to the sport was popular with the Wimbledon stars, as he enjoyed hits with the likes of Novak Djokovic, Jannik Sinner, Daniil Medvedev, and Bianca Andreescu, among many others, being requested by the biggest names throughout the two weeks, including warming up Novak Djokovic for his final match against Carlos Alcaraz!

Now building his coaching portfolio in

the USA, Caleb is proud to be part of the Surrey Tennis family. When asked what he enjoyed most about his time at The Championships, he said, "My role is to ensure the players get everything they need out of the hitting sessions. My unique perspective as a coach and hitter means I can understand and adapt to whatever the player needs. Punctuality, adaptability, and consistency were key to my two weeks at Wimbledon. I thoroughly enjoyed every second".



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We have a number of key contacts within Surrey Tennis to help from a coaching perspective:

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SURREY COACHES CONFERENCE 2024

SERVE DEVELOPMENT *and* RETURN OF SERVE

31 AUGUST
10:00 – 13:00

THE AELTC COMMUNITY SPORTS
GROUND RAYNES PARK, SW20 9NB

3 CPD CREDITS *via* INDEPENDENT LEARNING

GUEST SPEAKER

SIMON *Wheatley*

Simon is Level 5 Coach Tutor and was formally the LTA Performance Coach Education Manager. Simon now runs SWNineteen which is a global coach education and player consultancy business. Simon’s session will cover:

- Dozens of Ideas to Improve serve & Return sessions in squads
- Simple solutions to solve common issues on serve & return
- Specific patterns & tactics for Serve + 1 and Return + 1
- Different progressions for serve development



THERE MAY BE MORE GUEST SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED AS PART OF OUR ‘SURREY SHOWCASE 2024’ TAKING PLACE LATER IN THE DAY.

TO SIGN UP CONTACT TIM.SAGAR@SURREY.TENNIS



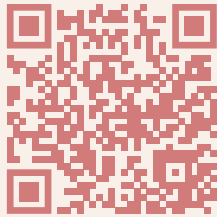
We are delighted to announce that Padel events are back at the Surrey County Championships! After an incredible response last year, for the 2024 Champs it will be bigger and better then ever with a whopping 7 events! All matches will be taking place from 14-15th September and will be hosted at the brilliant Weybridge Padel Club in Surrey.

The events include: MEN’S DOUBLES, WOMEN’S DOUBLES, MIXED DOUBLES, 14U BOYS, 14U GIRLS, 18U BOYS, 18U GIRLS. Entry is now open and closes on the 1st September. The Men’s and Women’s events will take place on the

14th September and our Mixed and Junior events on the 15th September.

All padel competitions at the Surrey County Championships will be an LTA Grade 3 which we hope will bring even more excitement and competitive spirit to the event. Mark Ayres, our lead volunteer for padel at Surrey Tennis, said: “Seeing the growth of padel in Surrey has been nothing short of incredible. With each year that goes by more and more people are getting on court and as a result, our padel events at the County Championships becomes stronger year on year”.

MORE INFO / ENTER



or visit surrey.tennis/county-championships

PADEL FESTIVAL & FINALS DAY A HUGE SUCCESS

Back in June, we hosted our second annual Padel Festival & Finals Day, which marked the culmination of the Surrey Padel League that runs throughout the Spring. Despite battling awful weather, Epsom LTC and their incredible team

of volunteers pulled together to ensure the day was a huge success.

A massive thank you to Mark Ayres and the entire club for all they did to host our event. The crowd was impressed with the high quality of padel on show, so a huge well done to all of our winners from the day. You can see all the results from our eight events to the right. Bring on next year!



- MEN’S DIABLO
The Bourne Club
- WOMEN’S COBRA
David Lloyd Raynes Park
- MEN’S COBRA
Ashted S&TC
- WOMEN’S DIABLO
Surbiton R&FC
- MIXED MIDWEEK
Epsom LTC
- WOMENS MIDWEEK
Epsom LTC
- MIXED DIABLO
The Bourne Club
- CENTURIAN DOUBLES
Weybridge Padel Club

NEXT EDITION

The next edition of the STQ will be released in December ‘24 so keep an eye out. A reminder you can sign up to receive the STQ by heading to www.surrey.tennis/stq.

If you would like to contribute to the STQ or if you would like to advertise in the



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