

Camvale Tennis Club—2013 Annual Review

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More information about the club is on: www.camvaletennis.btck.co.uk

Brian's Report

Once again a very busy year at Camvale with a calendar packed with an assortment of tennis which I would like to briefly touch upon..

The Club's Annual Dinner in March was well attended at The Blue Bowl in West Harptree with good food and lots of laughter.

On the tennis court the Club once again entered a ladies team and, for the first time, two men's teams in the Avon Summer League. Gary and Shelley's article provides more detail.

The Club tournaments were well supported and, following popular demand, we reintroduced a ladies singles knock-out tournament.

In July, we were in attendance at the "Your Paulton" community event. A busy afternoon which generated a lot of interest.

In September, after what seemed to be an eternity, we officially opened

phase 1 of our new "Kids Zone". At the same time, we also ran some fun tennis games and cardio tennis sessions—a great afternoon. Our thanks though to those organisations who kindly contributed funds towards the project. We are busy planning phase 2 now!

On the junior members front the standard of tennis is reaching new levels with individuals making an impact in our own, regional tournaments and, contributing to the league team.

This year we entered a team into the Aegon Avon under 14 league for the first time and were part of the area "Road to Wimbledon" competition (under 14s).

The Junior Coaching programme continues to develop with regular sessions at four local primary schools and the popular Saturday morning "Pay and Play" coaching sessions. Incidentally, an average of 32 children attend each Saturday morning..... and in 2013 only one day was cancelled.. ..the snow beat us!



Ladies Doubles Finalists:

Winners Mandy & Alison flanked by Jane & Helen

All of this was possible because of the ongoing commitment of our active Committee members and my thanks to all of them for their support.

We do appreciate ideas and suggestions regarding all aspects of Camvale so don't be shy, let's hear them—just contact me or a member of the Committee.

Finally, the Committee would like to wish you all a very healthy and enjoyable New Year with plenty of good quality social tennis.

Brian

Club Tournaments

As in previous years the Club's main competitions attracted a high number of entrants—all being tightly contested .

The Ladies Doubles saw Alison Walker and Mandy Watson as the worthy winners, whilst in the Men's Doubles two of our youngsters Matt Alexander (15) and Kyran Rotherham (16) won the competition

The Annual Club Tournament was a very close competition, with some tremendous tennis— Marie Bruckshaw and Matt Alexander beating Jenny Colvin and John Goulding in a Championship tie-break final.

In the 2013 Waddington Cup (under 18s) Ryan Harris fought through several tough matches to win the competition for the first time.

And, finally the 2013 Ladies Singles Winner is..... well you need to wait until the New Year to find out as due to a serious injury the final was postponed until January. Good luck to both Marie Bruckshaw and Mandy Watson.

The 2014 schedule will be on the website and on the noticeboard soon so keep a look out and keep the dates free— as we are looking forward to another great year of tennis at Camvale Tennis Club.



2013 Club Tournament Winners:

Marie & Matt

Club Captains' Report

Shelley Rees-Langley reports:

"Following our promotion in 2012 we had an enjoyable season with the ladies winning their last match 10-0 against Lakeview to finish in 4th place and consolidate our league placing.

We managed to ensure that we gave a game to all of the members who wanted to play!! of us!

Thanks go to the whole team of Marie Bruckshaw, Jane Flower, Sally Lee, Jenny Lemen-Hogarth, Sally Rawlings., Jenny Calvin, Jenny Theed, Alison Walker, Georgina Walker and Mandy Watson. —I hope you enjoyed it all!

Gary Dando reports: *"In 2013 our 1st team (the youngsters) represented the Club in division 8B where they finished as runners-up... sadly losing the last match of the season . Winning 70% of their sets played this was a great team effort. Thanks to Matt Alexander, Chris & Mark Goulding, Ryan Harris, Barry Martin and Kyran Rotherham.*

The 2nd team were in division 10A and with a mix of youngsters and "golden oldies" also finished as runners-up, winning 67% of their sets played.

Thanks to Ian Alexander, Ollie Dando, John Goulding, Ryan Harris, Tony Humphries and Barry Martin".

NB: If you are interested in playing for the Club in the league just speak to either Shelley or Gary.



Club Juniors at one of the Summer "Yellow" Ball Competitions



Junior Tennis News

It's good to report that Camvale is attracting new young players and the overall standard is improving (despite the decline in numbers at national level).

The opening of the "Kids Zone" has definitely helped with the facility being used on a regular basis, especially at the "tots" level (ages 4 & 5).

On the courts, as mentioned before, Ryan Harris won the Waddington Cup in a closely contested competition, whilst the juniors featured well in the "adult" club competitions and of course the league teams.

Another first, the Club entered a team into the Aegon Avon Summer League (under 14s) and also took part in the

"Road to Wimbledon" (Under 14s) competition with Axel Obern progressing to the area final.

In 2013 there were 4 groups of 4 tournaments, (red, orange, green and yellow ball) with entrants (ages 5 to 16) not only from our own club but also far and wide.... Camvale's reputation still grows.

The two Tennis Camps (Easter and Summer) proved to be as popular as in previous years attracting a large number of youngsters..... and many wanting more!!!!

And, finally, every Saturday, Brian our Head Coach, ran coaching and development sessions for youngsters of all ages -attracting non-members as well as members— 50 registered with an average of 32 attending every week.

Well done to Brian, Ian and Chrisand, also John for making the coffee for the watching parents :-)



Junior players at the Summer Tennis Camp



KidsZone—next!

We've done it—phase 1 is complete thanks to generous grants received from several benefactors. We now need to plan and raise funds for phase 2 which includes lighting and a practice wall.

British Tennis Membership

As a Club member you can sign up for British Tennis Membership absolutely free. Details (including the application form) are available in the Clubhouse—just complete the form and hand it to Brian for forwarding.

In return you get: a chance of Wimbledon tickets, discounts, priority booking for LTA events and all the current tennis news. There is no catch, just winners.

See the Avon County Website for up to date tennis information in our area:

www.lta.org.uk/in-your-area/avon