



# TENNIS SQUAD COACHING ACADEMY

Penarth Windsor LTC – AGM November 2018

Many thanks to our players, parents, coaches, assistants, leaders, junior committee and Junior Coordinator Liz James for all their support for the coaching programme and its activities during 2018. Its been another hugely successful year in the following areas:

## **Coaching Participation**

Enrolments have increased steadily throughout the year, with around 300 places per week taken on our midweek courses plus further participation in short courses, Saturday junior mornings and private coaching.

Balancing members demand for coaching with court utilization continues to be a challenge, and we continue to run as many daytime sessions as possible including running private lessons for Evenlode pupils during lunchtimes. Many thanks to all our members for their patience when waiting for spaces to become available.

Our programme is diverse and inclusive, including sessions for Tots, a range of disabilities and all standards of tennis player.

## **Workforce Development**

Our team of coaches continues to grow in both size and responsibility. Full-time Windsor coaches Rob Gaunt and Tom Cole continue to lead projects typically run by a 'head coach' and join me in driving forward activities at the club.

Chris George and Joanne Rees join us from other Tennis Squad venues through the week to help us cope with demand, and Niamh Sweeney is also joining us whilst on a gap year.

Windsor has a new Level 1 Coaching Assistant in Johnathan Jayne, who joins Connie Shah, Andrew Te Water Naude, Holly Keith, Gabby Merrick and Theo Valencia. Johnathan is a fantastic ambassador for the inclusiveness of our programme, having been featured in a Tennis Wales video on deaf tennis (as was Betsy Honour).

Beneath them sit a team of Tennis Leaders mentored by Rob Gaunt, all attending regular training to help us drive quality at all sessions. Our workforce now numbers over 60 such is the size of operations and the popularity of volunteering amongst our teenage members.

## **Competition**

In line with our 'play the game' ethos, Windsor continues its proud reputation for developing players who compete regularly for the full tennis experience alongside training and social activities. 2018 highlights include:

- Coach visits to Ladies night and team training run for both Mens and Ladies squads.
- 13 junior teams including league-winning 8&U/10&U sides.

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- Juniors representing themselves and the club well in senior teams, and performing with distinction in the senior championships
- Introductory Sytner Mini Tennis tournaments
- Girl, Set, Match festival and Quorn Family Cup
- Our internal junior championships – a record entry in recent years and an event we were delighted to finally complete after many rain delays!
- The LTA Grade 3 Windsor Open – with special thanks to our Referee Mark Wilkinson
- Further LTA Grade 5 local level events.

Our competition structure aims to ensure that all levels of player can compete. To us, they are all champions, but stand-out successes include:

- More Welsh Champions (Max Lendrum 8&U, Felix Bockelmann-Evans/Neirin Gilni 12&U Doubles)
- Dozens of players playing in South Wales County and Development training groups.
- One of the highest numbers of regularly competing juniors in Wales.

Our goals from the 2017 AGM were as follows, with updates provided.

- Help the club achieve continued membership growth. I am delighted that membership has grown to yet another record level.
- Grow the workforce. With 6 full-time team members across our venues and a workforce of more than 60, we have made significant strides.
- Drive more private play. The Junior Ladder now being run on a voluntary basis by Tom Cole has proved to be very successful, more so in the winter when there are less frequent competitions. We hope to grow the ladder past 50 players this season.

Looking forward to 2019, we hope to support the club with:

- More short courses to attract occasional/rusty rackets into the game -particularly adults.
- Continued development of club culture and recognition of volunteers.
- Growing Saturday Junior Mornings with more member-orientated activity.

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