

# Rufforth Tennis Club News!

## Spring Edition

### A Night at the Races!

Thank you to all that supported our first ever 'Race Night'. It appeared that everyone had a great time, with horse owners and those betting doing very nicely indeed. A huge thank you to the small dedicated team of volunteers led by Carole and Wendy - the event was a great success with a lot of money raised for the club, as well as being a fun, social get together within our community.



### 2022 Match Review

Congratulations to our Ladies 1st team on their success in the 2022 season - they lost only 1 match throughout the campaign and will step up to Fulford Ladies League Division 1. The team effort was crucial to our success including from those asked to play up from the 2nd team - thank you! The 2nd team fought a relegation battle and secured another season in Division 4. Meanwhile the 3rd team welcomed several new members giving even more people chance to play competitive tennis in a friendly and fun team.

In mixed league news, our 1st team celebrated a runners up place in Division 2, consistently strong performances from all who turned out ensured a successful season. The 2nd team struggled to pick up enough points and were unfortunately relegated to Division 5 where they will no doubt regroup this year. The 3rds finished a very respectable 3rd in their division and narrowly missed out on promotion to Division 6...bring on 2023! Our 4th mixed team ended the season joint 3rd with Wetherby,



### Court Maintenance

Our annual tidy up will take place on Sunday 12th March 9.30am - social play will follow the session

### AGM

Monday 20th March 7pm at the Playing Fields Clubhouse - all members are welcome to attend

### Coaching

Adult coaching resumes with Beginners, Improvers and Cardio from early March - please contact Kate (07939 272498) for more information

### Easter Camp

11th - 14th April 9.30-12.30  
£18 per session - please contact Kate (07939 272498) to book a place

having started the season strongly they had hoped to see promotion in their sights but perhaps this year will be their year...

And finally, the men's team continued to struggle with a lack of players willing to commit to Sunday mornings throughout the summer, they finished a disappointing 2nd from bottom in their division. They have withdrawn from the league this year but will run a men's social on Sunday mornings and hopefully re-enter the league in 2024.

Good luck to all our teams for the new season!



## 2022 Jim Hughes

It was fair to say that Vicky Wrigley was in no mood to finish second as she had done 2 years ago in this highly contested competition! Paired with the late entry Dan Russell, the two players showed why their court coverage is a huge benefit to their game. Their opponents thought they'd played winners only to find that Vicky had read it and reacted confidently to push another shot, Dan powers around the baseline squeezing every last shot out until the error is forced and the point secured. Andy Ivel and Wendy Farnell joined up to put the eventual winners under pressure throughout the afternoon. Wendy misses nothing at the net and with Andy still showing the same class we have come to expect on court there were, as is usually the case, a few scalps taken by the formidable duo. Stalwart David Laws teamed up with Lesley Sinton and proved a useful couple taking their place in the semi finals comfortably.

And the bookies favourites, Charlie Dixon alongside his old partner Liz Powell, grew stronger as the afternoon progressed even



dishing out a 5-0 whitewash over the eventual winners on their way to the semis.

New comer Jazz Colley enjoyed a great afternoon displaying her potential as she hit hard and put in the groundwork to support the tactical mastery of her partner Phil Sinton. This was Phil's first outing at the competition for some years but he demonstrated why he is such a tricky character to play with faultless shot selection no matter the pressure.

Competitive play is always on display with Philippa Page and Emma Whiting, each pairing the relatively new members, Adam Price and Luke respectively. Unfortunately their determination and court coverage was not

enough to see them through to the knock out stage this year.

Well played to all our pairs and thank you to the supporters braving the cooler weather - it was a fun and competitive afternoon with a very successful raffle for all club members.



## The Chair's Christmas Cracker!

12 hardy members signed up for our Christmas club gathering, now affectionately known as the Chair's Christmas Cracker. The stakes were high as the Treasurer's Titans took on the Chair's Champions with no side going easy just because it was Christmas!

A strong partnership from Charlie and Philippa put the Titans under pressure throughout the evening, however, Ewan and Emma edged their head to head to come out winners in that particular rubber. It wasn't to be for the Titans though, as the Chair's Champions ran out comfortable visitors 35-28. The evening finished with very festive refreshments.



Mulled wine and mince pies to celebrate!

## SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Sarah, our dedicated Welfare Officer, will be making a few appearances at coaching sessions in the coming weeks, please feel free to have a chat with her. If you have any questions regarding our recent and successful LTA Safeguarding Audit she will be happy to answer them and provide any further information. All concerns are treated confidentially, if you can't get hold of Sarah and wish to report a concern please contact the LTA Safeguarding Team by scanning the QR code on the Welfare Officer Poster. Our updated policies can be found on our website ([www.rufforthtennisclub.co.uk/Safeguarding](http://www.rufforthtennisclub.co.uk/Safeguarding)) or a hard copy file containing all documents can be requested by contacting the club secretary (email [rufforthtennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:rufforthtennisclub@gmail.com)).

Reminder: as we use a shared building for toilet facilities, we recommend only using them if necessary and all juniors must be supervised by their own parent/carer or as part of a group accessing the facilities with an LTA accredited coach. Thank you for your support with ensuring that everyone stays safe!

**YOUR WELFARE OFFICER**

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About Me: Hi, I'm Sarah and I have played tennis locally for over 30 years and been a club member for the past 8 years playing in various teams as well as socially. My safeguarding background is extensive, as a result of over 10 years working at a local primary school providing after school care as well as completion of the LTA Safeguarding requirements including DBS clearance and First Aid Training. My experience helps ensure a 'Safe to Play' environment for all our members and visitors. Please get in touch with any concerns or questions you may have, I'm always happy to help!

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