

Faringdon Tennis Club

Match Secretary's Report 2008/09

Winter 2008/09

Mens

Under the captaincy of Graham Hand the A team maintained their place in Division 1. Promotion to the premier division is not an ambition at the moment which enables the team to call upon more players. The B team, captained by Don Cain, competed in Division 4, winning 1 and drawing 3 of their 13 matches. Unfortunately this left us in a relegation place and a drop to Division 5 where we will come across some familiar faces from previous encounters when the C team were in that division.

Ladies

Susanna Hunt led the A team to top spot in Division 2 and a place in Division 1 next season for the first time in the club's history (we think!). The team are very excited about playing in Division 1 and are hoping to maintain their place next season.

The B team competed in Division 4 finishing with 5 wins and 2 draws in 13 games and 7th place out of 14.

Summer 2009

Mens

Wilson Oxfordshire League

The special 2009 colour leagues (we were green) meant that the A team (Captain – Sjoerd Vogt) came up against an exceedingly varied standard of play. In the end we took no prisoners. We either won or lost – no draws. Five losses & two wins – including the final **match**, but, even this, was not enough to take us off bottom spot despite having the same points as the two teams above us. Many thanks to all the players, in particular to Mark Kiff for standing in as captain on a number of occasions, and to the Haynes “team” for providing the loyal backbone.

Don Cain also captained the summer B team in Division 6. The team's two wins out of six, both against teams from North Oxford, left us in 5th place out of 7. 12 players represented the Club in a series of enjoyable and close-fought matches. Don's best memory is a trip to North Oxford to play against their E team. It was a perfect hot and sunny June day. The match was played on their excellent grass courts which was a novel and pleasant experience. Both pairs play the extra 3rd set in the second rubber. We eventually won by 3 rubbers to 1 (6 sets to 4), which was an especially pleasing outcome to a tense and hard fought match played in good company over a long summer's afternoon.

Swindon League

After being promoted last year to division 1 (top division), Joe Moore and his team had the challenge of staying up this year. With the help of an excellent and committed squad, they pulled off some fantastic performances to finish 6th (in a league of 8, playing home and away) to avoid the drop comfortably. This was a brilliant achievement in a league full of high quality teams. Some great tennis was enjoyed. Special thanks to: Paul Devereux, who has now left England to live in his native New Zealand, after several successful seasons with Faringdon. He will be sorely missed, and played more matches than anyone else this year.

Ladies

Susannah's A team played in the purple division this year and finished 5th out of 8 with 3 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses.

The B team, which was captained by Anne Sawyer, competed in Division 2 and finished in 6th place out of 8 with 2 wins, 2 draws and 3 losses. The team called upon the services of 12 players during the season, some of whom had not played competitive tennis before.

For both the men's and ladies teams the shake-down following the abandonment of 3 pair leagues which led to the colour leagues in 2009 means that their placements next season are not yet finalised.

Mixed

Juliane Spiers again captained the mixed team in the summer. She called upon 15 players including two juniors in Julia and Philip who, when paired together, contributed to the team's only win. This win, even combined with 3 draws, left us one from bottom of the table and the likelihood of facing very different opposition next year.

Summary of Team Performances

Summer/ Winter	Mens/ Ladies/ Mixed	Team	Captain	League	Division	Wins	Draws	Losses	Points	Position
Winter	Mens	A	Graham Hand Susannah	TV	1	5	2	4	46	9/13
Winter	Ladies	A	Hunt	TV	2	8	2	3	71	1/14
Winter	Mens	B	Don Cain	TV	4	1	3	9	27	14/14
Winter	Ladies	B	Sarah Moore	TV	4	5	2	6	50	7/14
Summer	Mens	A	Sjoerd Vogt Susannah	WO	Green	2	0	5	4	8/8
Summer	Ladies	A	Hunt	WO	Purple	3	1	3	7	5/8
Summer	Mens		Joe Moore	S	1	3	4	7	10	6/8
Summer	Mens	B	Don Cain	WO	6	2	0	4	4	5/7
Summer	Ladies	B	Anne Sawyer Juliane Speirs	WO	2	2	2	3	6	6/8
Summer	Mixed			WO	2	1	3	3	2*	9/9

* - points deduction

TV - Thames Valley Winter League

WO - Wilson OLTA League

S - Swindon & District League

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