



NEWSLETTER

British Tennis - Middlesex Slazenger League 2014 - General

Congratulations to The Park 3 - winners and St Mary's 2 who are promoted

Standings of Men's Doubles - West Division 9

	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 The Park Club III	98	6	98 - 46	49 - 19	72.1%	365 - 247	59.6%
2 St Mary's II	82	6	82 - 62	41 - 31	56.9%	359 - 301	54.4%
3 David Lloyd Hampton III	74	6	74 - 70	33 - 35	48.5%	294 - 317	48.1%
4 Brentham V	68	6	68 - 76	34 - 38	47.2%	314 - 329	48.8%
5 Twickenham IV	66	6	66 - 78	29 - 39	42.6%	286 - 326	46.7%
6 NPL II	61	6	61 - 83	30 - 37	44.8%	284 - 314	47.5%
7 British Airways II	55	6	55 - 89	27 - 44	38.0%	292 - 360	44.8%
8 Chiswick II	0	0	0 - 0	0 - 0	0.0%	0 - 0	0.0%

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Team talk- Middlesex Leagues

The men's second team are on the move again and will play in West Division 8 next season. Elvis Malhotra, who captained the team, was delighted with their efforts, praising their determination, skill and team spirit and welcomed the new challenges that 2015 would bring.

Congratulations are due also to the Men's first team who maintained their position in Division 6 and to the Mixed Vets team for winning Division 8a in the Spring. Both were tough leagues.

'Competitive play that develops players' technical, tactical, mental and physical skills.'

St. Mary's new coach

We welcome Jay Hunting, appointed as St Mary's Head Coach in February. Jay represented Middlesex at all junior levels and was a National U16 player. He is as happy coaching youngsters through to senior players and is keen on using his own video analysis system to map out improvement.



In the Spring, Jay helped to introduce young people to the sport with a series of workshops in local schools, also raising the profile of St. Mary's Tennis Club. He linked

with Jenny Wile, one of Hounslow's Sport Impact School Co-ordinators and arranged taster sessions in Chatsworth Primary, Hounslow, St Mary' Catholic Primary in Isleworth and St. Paul's CE Primary, Brentford.

Jay has developed coaching programmes on Fridays, catering for youngsters under 8, as well as adults new to the game or those with 'rusty racquets'. Feedback has been very positive, with participants commenting on his enthusiasm, ability to motivate and improve people's play and mentioning how they look forward to the weekly sessions.

Two new initiatives for St Mary's were the introduction of Cardio Tennis pilot sessions and the mini red tournaments on our clay courts: both LTA strategies to improve participation levels in tennis. Despite selecting some of the hottest mornings on record in London for the cardio tennis, participants practised tennis drills, improved their fitness and enjoyed some dynamic routines, inspired by lively music.

The Sunday afternoon under 8 mini red tournaments attracted entries from as far afield as Berkshire and Surrey. They provide competitions for 'Regularly competing juniors' or RCJs and have been popular in enabling the young players to learn on the clay court surface, as well as publicising the club to its wider community.



Please contact Jay Hunting directly on: 07427 698 885 to find out further information about the new Autumn group coaching programme starting on September 5th or to book any individual lessons.

His individual coaching programme is based around the four main factors that make up a modern tennis player:- technical, tactical, mental and physical.



Open day

St. Mary's marked the completion of its major facility improvements with an Open Day on April 27th. A grant from Sport England through the 'Inspired Facilities' programme enabled the refurbishment and extension of the pavilion, with a new kitchen, full equalities access, and a more visible entrance from Musgrave Road. Middlesex Tennis also provided a loan and a grant to purchase a new court watering system.

The project, 'Towards our Centenary' planned to develop the Sports Ground's and tennis club's facilities and extend their life beyond 2029, and into their second century so that more people can participate in sport and develop their tennis. The club is very appreciative of Ray Gale's donation of a table tennis table which has already provided much fun and skills development.

Remember to record each time that you visit to play to help with the throughput monitoring. This is one of our ambitious targets that we need to meet in the next five years to fulfil our Sport England requirements.
2310 in 2014

Lost winders? We've nailed that problem..

The Mayor of Hounslow, Councillor Sachin Gupta, was the guest of honour, who cut the official ribbon and tried out the clay courts in his mayoral regalia. Richard Green, one of the Sports Ground Trustees, welcomed the guests. Jane Ross was the MC and the new highly effective pressurised watering system was demonstrated.

The rain stayed away, visitors and guests watched and played some tennis and enjoyed refreshments. The tennis club recruited new members and the Sports Ground said goodbye to Patrick Turner, one of its Trustees.

Members' feedback

The 2014 questionnaire revealed the 'club atmosphere and feel' and the clay courts as the features most liked by the members.

New hoppers?

Thank you to Mike Perry who was instrumental in arranging for a local sports club to donate its spare hoppers and tennis nets. The hoppers are stored in the green shed and are excellent to use if you need lots of tennis balls to practise your serve.

You may have read about our missing net winders which seem to have had a life of their own, escaping to further places. Unfortunately, their travelling days are over as Phil White has secured them to the posts!

Quiz champions

In response to members' requests for more social functions, the tennis club hosted its first quiz evening in June, which attracted 24 participants, four teams (and a guide dog) and made £105 profit. Unsurprisingly, the team with the guide dog managed to take the trophy. A second quiz is planned for October 22nd. Please reserve the date.



Top of the league

Congratulations to David Macintyre, who won the first of this summer's singles box league, which is a chance to play two sets against other people in your league over a 6-7 week period. The second one is in progress until late September. If you are interested in taking part in the next one, please contact Susan Casey on the club's email address: stmarystennisclub@hotmail.co.uk



www.stmarystennisclub.co.uk

Wimbledon tickets

The tennis club's ticket allocation is based on its British Tennis membership. This increased this year, resulting in more tickets being available in our ballot; our policy for allocating the tickets is confirmed each year in the Annual General Meeting.

Watch the action close up

Members enjoyed seeing action on Centre Court, as well as the other show courts and many also took advantage of the excellent

Wimbledon Qualifier event, which is also free, that is held at the Bank of England site in Roehampton, prior to the main tournament.



Final weekend.. Wimbledon tickets

This year our club took advantage of its eligibility as a performance centre to apply for additional tickets on Court One for the last weekend of the Wimbledon tournament and all members who applied were successful in gaining tickets. We hope to repeat this next year as well. This ticket allocation is also available to centres who are Clubmark accredited.

