

# DORSET TENNIS NEWS



## WELCOME to Dorset Spring 2015 News.

It's been a busy time since the AGM in November – Wimbledon opt-in, Aegon Team Tennis, Team Tennis Schools, Coach Forums, Venue Forums, Regional Workshops, Volunteer Day, summer tournament planning.....

Thank you to everyone who opted-in to the Wimbledon Ballot and to all the volunteers for helping their members to do this. All clubs should now have received their allocations.

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## VENUE FORUM / FUNDING

Thank you to everyone who attended the Venue Forum at The West Hants Club. Hopefully you will have found this useful, particularly with regards to the new LTA Funding Programmes. Clubs can register interest in funding by visiting the LTA website and completing a short form about their project - [www.lta.org.uk/venue-management/facilities-advice/](http://www.lta.org.uk/venue-management/facilities-advice/)

Clubs can also apply to the DLTA Small Grants and Loan Scheme. Information and application forms are available on the Dorset website or by contacting the County Office, - [info@dorsetlta.co.uk](mailto:info@dorsetlta.co.uk).

There are also funding opportunities through Active Dorset – [www.activedorset.org](http://www.activedorset.org).

DLTA have recently assisted Dorset Tennis Academy, Victoria Avenue LTC and Jewell Academy.



16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May /13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June/1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Register your GBTW now via Clubspark.

Step-by-Step Guide available from your County or Regional Office.

Register your event and receive a Venue Pack of goodies.



## CHANGES TO THE BRITISH TENNIS RANKINGS SYSTEM

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, changes are being made to the British Tennis Rankings System, including all junior and adult players (excluding seniors) appearing on one universal ranking list with age group filters. To view these changes, please visit [www.lta.org.uk/rankingchanges](http://www.lta.org.uk/rankingchanges)



### MINI TENNIS RATINGS CHANGES

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, Orange 1 and Green 1 rated players will be able to earn their 1\* ratings from matches in tournaments graded 1 – 5, not just grades 1 – 3. This change will allow more Mini Tennis players to compete locally and make progress in a less pressurised competitive environment.

### COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Competition Regulations updated from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 are available on the website [www3.lta.org.uk/NewWebsite/LTA/Documents/Organisers%20and%20Officials/Regulations/LTA%20Competition%20Regulations%20April%202015.pdf](http://www3.lta.org.uk/NewWebsite/LTA/Documents/Organisers%20and%20Officials/Regulations/LTA%20Competition%20Regulations%20April%202015.pdf)

## 18U COUNTY CUP

18U County Cup took place at the end of March with Dorset boys at Gosling Tennis Centre in Welwyn and girls at Newport Tennis Centre.

Congratulations to the girls team who won their group and will be promoted. The boys also had a great weekend winning 2 out of their 3 matches – they came second in their group and will stay.

Thank you to all the players and Captains Emma Bennett and James Pankhurst for representing the County.

Qualifying rounds for 14U County Cup take place 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## HSBC ROAD TO WIMBLEDON

HSBC Road to Wimbledon is the biggest junior tournament in British Tennis and gives all 14U players the opportunity to progress through to compete on the world famous grass courts at Wimbledon

21 clubs/schools have entered this year, thank you for supporting this event. Finals 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> July at Bournemouth Gardens. Good luck to everyone.

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

The Dorset County Championships are taking place at The West Hants Club, 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August.

There will once again be Ladies & Men's Open events. David Walrond will referee the tournament this year and we would ask all clubs and coaches to encourage their players to enter. Dorset had the largest increase in entry numbers last year in the south west and it would be great to repeat this again in 2015.

Entry will be on-line, tournament code DOR15S1217.

## SOUTH WEST HOLIDAY GRADE 2, 3 AND 4 TOURNAMENTS

For a full list of Summer Season Holiday Grade 2, 3 & 4 Competitions happening across the South West region, please go to the Dorset LTA County website, [www3.lta.org.uk/In-your-area/Dorset/](http://www3.lta.org.uk/In-your-area/Dorset/)

## AEGON TEAM TENNIS / TEAM TENNIS SCHOOLS

Thank you to all the clubs and schools who have entered Team Tennis this year. Six new teams have entered Aegon Team Tennis with a total of 88 teams.

We welcome some new schools to the Team Tennis Schools Year 8 & 10 competition, Glenmoor & Winton Academies and Milton Abbey School. 37 teams have entered in total.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

The Talbot Heath and West Hants Tennis Academy who came fourth in the World Tennis Schools Championships in Qatar in March. The team won every national tournament including the Aberdare Cup resulting in being selected to represent England at the World Championships, a fantastic achievement.

The Team : Ellie Baker, Lauryn John-Baptiste, Anna Battersby, Jodie Burrage and Millie Smythe.

### VOLUNTEER WEEKEND

The LTA held a Volunteer Weekend on 14<sup>th</sup> March which went through the new strategy which many of you will have seen at the Venue Forum. Some workshops were held one of them being Retaining Members where GB Sport gave some great tips on Open Days and what research should be carried out before holding an Open Day, marketing, how to make the most from your website etc.

GB Sport provide expert business advice, support, training, consultancy, resources and software to those who work and volunteer in sport. They work with volunteers, committee members, full and part time coaches, administrators, clubs, local authorities, sports partnerships, national governing bodies and national agencies.

It was a very informative workshop and their website which gives information on marketing, web design, coaches and tax is well worth visiting – [www.gbsport.org.uk](http://www.gbsport.org.uk).

### LADIES 'ELEVENSIES' LEAGUE

The Ladies 'Elevensies' League is a new initiative by Dorset LTA to encourage more ladies to play competitive tennis within a friendly, social environment.

This new League (doubles) is aimed at women who have a rating of 8.1 or less (8.2, 9.2, 9.1 etc) or who do not have a rating and who have not played much competitive tennis. The League will run from April to end September and matches will take place weekdays, during the day.

11 clubs have signed up from all over Dorset – Bournemouth Gardens, Bridport Tennis Club, Corfe Mullen Tennis Club, Dorchester Tennis Club, Ferndown Tennis Club, St Leonards and St Ives Tennis Club, Victoria Avenue LTC, Weymouth LTC and Wimborne Tennis Club.

This is a great start, thank you to all these clubs and players for supporting this League.



**NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS**

We would be very grateful if clubs/coaches/players/parents could send in any good news stories for our Facebook/Twitter and Newsletters. Just a short piece! Please send to Annie at [info@dorsetlta.co.uk](mailto:info@dorsetlta.co.uk)

Thank you.



The Queen's Club, 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015



Devonshire Park, Eastbourne. 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June



Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham. 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June



Nottingham Tennis Centre, Nottingham.  
Women's 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June. Men's 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June

Tickets are currently on sale for all the above tournaments. For more information and to purchase on-line, go to the LTA website, [www.lta.org.uk/major-events/](http://www.lta.org.uk/major-events/)

**DORSET COMMITTEE AND USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Men's Captain	Richard Irwin
Ladies Captain	Karen Adams
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