

Tennis Winter Report 2015-16

Yeovil and District Mixed league

Our Yeovil and District League mixed team won a very competitive Division 3 by 16 points from Bridport A, achieving a second successive promotion. The team was captained by Grahame Bennett and 11 players made appearances during the season, Alison Beaven, Elspeth Gracie, Helen Austin, Ann Williams, Jenny Warwick, Philippa Fortescue, Martin Kimberley, Mike Williams, Keith Mason, Marc Watton and the Captain. The favourite away venue was Wincanton just because the courts were purple!

Dorset League

Men's Vets 2

Grahame also captained Men's Vets 2 which he did not find too arduous as the team only had 3 matches in a four team division 2. The team had a 100% record with wins at home to Winton and Victoria Avenue and away to St Leonards to secure the title and promotion to Vets division 1 for next winter. The players who helped secure the title (number of appearances in brackets) were, Guy Simmons (3), Peter Smith (3), Richard Gracie (2) Neil Blincow (1), Adam Lawrence (1) Chris Porter (1) and the captain (1).

Dorset League

Men's

The team finished 5th of 8 in Division 1. The team captained by Kevin Willemse used 9 players during the winter who were Kevin Willemse, Alex White, George Morrissey, Ellery Ford, Guy O'Neil, Damian Stacey, James Tindall, Alexander Gordon and Paul Scott. The home match against East Dorset 2 was very competitive, our team of Kevin/Ellery and George/Damian won all 4 rubbers; in every set the side that lost the set won at least 4 games.

Women's

Our team did well in a very tough league, retaining their place in division 1 by finishing 5th of 7. The team is captained by Elspeth Gracie and the other players in the squad were Alison Beaven, Emily Noel, Kayleigh Budge, Sarah Skidmore, Claire Horne and Ann Williams.

Mixed

Another fine effort in a tough league the team achieved a 6th place finish out of 8 ensuring another winter in Division 1. Our captain Sarah Skidmore used the following players Yvonne Henderson, Kayleigh Budge, Sally Dinham-Scott, Elspeth Gracie, Alex White, Hal Cazalet, Paul Scott, Alexander Baker, and Tim Button.

Mixed Vets

Our Captain Sue Ramsbottom is recovering from injury and wasn't able to play this winter. The players Sue chose achieved a 4th place finish out of 6 and those players were, Elspeth Gracie, Yvonne Henderson, Alison Beaven, Sarah Skidmore, Paul Scott, Mike Williams, Martin Kimberley, Derek Hanby, Tim Button, Adam Lawrence, Neil Blincow and Marc Watton.

It is encouraging to see several junior members playing in the teams. Good luck to all our teams competing in the summer league, details of matches are on the website.