

ADULT TENNIS REPORT 2008

Argyle entered 4 teams into the Southport & District leagues, and the results during the season proved to be quite mixed.

Our first team dominated division 1, and for the second year running were crowned champions. The team were further strengthened this year by the introduction of Madeleine Witter, and Roman Wyrpl. During the season the team won every match, only dropping 25 sets in total. The first team were able to prove their domination by winning the Christiana Hartley Cup competition.

The second team, who were promoted to the first division the previous year, found it difficult to maintain their position, finishing 7th and were thus demoted to the second division. However the team did finish on a high note, by carving out a draw with Birkdale, who had previously only dropped points to Argyle 1.

Argyle third team, captained by Holly Bond, displayed what can be done with good team spirit and sustained leadership. They finished top of division 5 as champions and were thus promoted to division 4. This was an important result, to enable our teams not to drift too far apart in relation to the divisions.

The task of looking after the 4th team yet again fell on Angus Taylor. Historically this team has introduced our newer members and our juniors to the experience of league tennis. As in previous years the 4th team fields many different players, partly due to the above reasons, but also due to the fact that their players are required to move up to the other teams, when they are short. Angus deserves a big pat on the back for the amount of work in ensuring this team continued to compete within the leagues. The team were demoted from division 8, but many players gained useful experience.

Once again Argyle entered teams into the National Club Leagues.

The Men had 1 team in the county division, and 1 team in the 2nd national division, having won the county division the year before.

The first team yet again displayed their strength by winning the national division and are thus promoted to the top division in the country.

However their success was to the detriment of the county team, who lost players up, and therefore did not fulfil all their fixtures. This situation is being carefully considered for the 2009 season.

The ladies team yet again proved their strengths in the county division. Having won this division the previous year, they were narrowly pushed into 2nd position in 2008.

As in previous years Argyle participated in a full friendly match calendar. Christine Mann must be congratulated on the superb effort in captaining and organising these matches. Whilst immensely enjoyed by our members who participated, Christine ensured that the home fixtures were very much appreciated by the opposition. This is a great boon for Argyle to display strong abilities to host and welcome other clubs to experience good food, drink and camaraderie.

The Club social tennis prevailed all year. Wednesday club night has a core of players who play each week, and this evening provides the opportunity to welcome new and prospective new members to the club. A number of fun Sunday afternoons took place throughout the year, with American type tournaments and refreshment.

The backbone of all tennis clubs is the ability to provide avenues for its adult members to compete in teams and enjoy social tennis. The adult fees sustain the club for future development. This in turn requires volunteers and support to the main committee to ensure a friendly, welcoming and all inclusive atmosphere. To this end the club provides the Adult club nights and special fun events, which it is to be hoped will be supported by all levels and standards of players during the coming year.