

Susanna Hunt's Coaching Report for 2021

2021 has been another strange year, due to Covid, with no coaching permitted for the first three months of the year. We were certainly pleased to get back on court from April onwards and this year I continued my groups throughout the school summer holidays as very few people went away and were grateful for extra sessions, to make up for those missed earlier in the year. I don't think we realised just how much we would miss our tennis until it was taken away from us. Not only was it lovely to play tennis, but also to see one another and socialise in the fresh air, with no masks required.

Ladies Doubles Coaching Sessions

I offer four mornings of ladies' doubles, covering all levels of ability in addition to private lessons and a teenage girls' group on Mondays after school, which runs from Mar-Oct.

Ladies Doubles Coaching Groups:

Tue	9.30-11.00	Experienced
Wed	9.30-11.00	Beginners/Intermediate
Thu	9.30-11.00	Experienced
Fri	9.30-11.00	Beginner/Intermediate

The main aim of my coaching sessions is to help female players realise their potential, encourage them to enjoy the wonderful game of tennis and then to prepare them for doubles play, whether that be playing socially with friends, attending our social sessions at the club, or feeling confident enough to enter the club tournament and play for the teams.

Thank you to Alan Elbourn

I would like to thank Alan who ran my groups for a week whilst I was self-isolating. He enjoyed it so much that he has been helping me out on a Wednesday morning, taking small groups for specific practices, which everyone has loved!

Match Play

I also prepare players for match tennis, so they can join either the ladies or the mixed teams and experience competitive tennis, representing Faringdon against other Oxfordshire clubs.

3 Ladies teams and 3 Mixed teams compete in the Dunlop Oxfordshire summer season and 4 Ladies teams in the winter. Across the squads over both seasons 30-40 ladies compete, and a similar number attend the coaching sessions.

There is a Ladies mid-week friendly league, which caters for those who are busy at weekends or perhaps want something a little less competitive than the leagues. Sian Starr is the captain.

The majority of the Ladies B, C and D teams are made up of ladies from the coaching sessions and I am delighted that so many ladies are choosing to join the Club and compete, rather than just attend coaching. It is the key to increasing our membership and one's enjoyment of the game of tennis.

Ladies Winter Teams – Divisions and Captains

Premier Division	Ladies A	Susanna Hunt
Division 3	Ladies B	Lynne Jilbert
Division 4	Ladies C	Christine Noke
Division 6	Ladies D	Fiona Pickett and Maddy Robinshaw

I am pleased that all the captains have been happy to continue this winter after the disruption of last winter. Thank you so much to all of you for volunteering your time. It is very much appreciated.

School Links

Alan and I usually run 3 or 4 Mini Red and Mini Orange school competitions mid week during the summer term at the club for the local Junior schools' Partnership, in conjunction with Faringdon Community College and King Alfred's, Wantage, so the club has good links with the local schools. Only one Mini Orange Competition took place this year at the end of June.

Thank you

I wish to thank the committee for their voluntary dedication to the club and their support of all the coaches, to Adrian Noke for being match secretary, to Steve Wright for organising the Club Champs and to all the captains.

Here's to 2022 and hopefully a full year of uninterrupted tennis.

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