

Hants Inter- County Senior Results 2009/10

Mens

The Senior team are playing in Bristol 14/15 November. Teams as follows:

1st match v Oxfordshire: Downer, Phillips, Sinclair, McLoughlin, Thornton B (sub Thornton C)

2nd match v Avon: Downer, Phillips, Sinclair, McLoughlin, Thornton B (sub Thornton B, Summers)

3rd Match v Dorset: Downer, Phillips, McLoughlin, Thornton B, Thornton C (sub Summers)

O35 Men

The Over 35 team slipped down to Division 2 and things were not looking good with several players unavailable through various reasons. So with the prospect of probably strong Devon and Sussex teams, 3rd place looked like the probable outcome. Things looked even worse when the team was weakened by a sudden withdrawal on Wednesday and then another on Friday.

Fortunately, Devon were not too strong and with a last minute stand-in (Nick Kyzer) Hants were able to kick the weekend off with a 3-2 win (Dudley lost 3-1, Smith won 3-2, Rhynes won 3-0, Cunningham lost 3-0 and Kyzer won 3-1). Sussex also Cornwall 5-0.

Cornwall were quite weak and Hants recorded their second win by 5 matches to 0 (Dudley 3-2, Trott 3-2, Rhynes 3-2, Cunningham 3-0, Kyzer 3-0). Sussex won again 4-1

Sussex had been strong on the first day but were missing their number 1. This played into Hant's hands as the team went on to win 4-1 and finish 1st in the weekend (Summers 3-1, Cairns 3-2, Rhynes 2-3, Cunningham 3-0 and Kyzer 3-0). This left Sussex in 2nd place and Devon secured 3rd place with a 5-0 win over Cornwall.

As in the past, getting players to commit to a weekend is difficult, particularly with many of the Over 35 players having young families. My thanks goes out to all those who were able to get involved, especially in Nick's case as he only had 90 minutes warning... It is also important to add that the players who could not make the weekend were gutted and we hope to see them involved some time in the future if the dates work out.

O45 Men

To be played 28/29 November

O55 Men

To be played 21/22 November

O60 Men

No report yet

O40 Women 1st

The Avenue had two ladies from the Club representing the County in the first round of the Ladies Over 40's Inter County Championships held on Sunday 18 October 2009. The team travelled to St Albans for the match which was held at a fantastic facility at Nuffield Health Centre, which boasts an enviable 9 courts.

Binky Hallett saved the day by stepping in at 5th string to replace a last minute injury suffered by Lee on Solent player Carol House. Binky played superbly to clinch a vital first win for the team in a close five setter. Alison Trott from Lee on Solent followed suit to win comfortably 3-0 at number four. Third string Debbie Sands from Nuffield Health, Portsmouth took the first game, but

succumbed to the Middlesex player's strength losing 3-1. Debbie's sister Bev Brockway, also from Nuffield Health, had a tough match against the Middlesex number 1. Bev battled to stay in the match with long rallies but unfortunately was unable to make her mark, leaving the team at 2 matches a piece.

Fran Blake who has this year taken over captaincy of the side was advised there was 'no pressure' from her team as she went on court to challenge the second string from Middlesex. Fortunately, Fran was able to secure a victory taking the win 3-0.

The team will be playing the second round on 17 January 2010 in Bishops Stortford where they will meet Essex and Hertfordshire.

Hants v Middlesex

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| Bev Brockway v Jo Brown | Lost 0-3 |
| Fran Blake v Gillian Lilico | Won 3-0 |
| Debbie Sands v Nicky Simmonds | Lost 1-3 |
| Ali Trott v Jill Champion | Won 3-0 |
| Binky Hallett v Judy Williams | Won 3-2 |

O40 Women 2nd

On 18th October the O40s Ladies II Hampshire team travelled to Wellington College, Berkshire to play Surrey II. Much to our joy and surprise we won the match 3 - 2, results below.

The match was played in good spirits and was also an interesting day on a personal note. We played on the courts my mother first played squash on 65 years ago and the Surrey captain turned out to be someone I had shared a room with at Bisham Abbey 33 years ago when we were on a squash coaching weekend & we recognised each other!

| <u>Surrey II</u> | <u>Hampshire II</u> | |
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| Kim Ricks | Gwen Isaacs | Lost 0-3 |
| Sarah Salvage | Ros Hursell | Lost 1-3 |
| Sue Monckton | Lois Hutchinson | Won 3-1 |
| Thelma Timmon | Karen Ollive | Won 3-0 |
| Sue Hamilton | Lesley Johnson | Won 3-0 |

All in all a good day & a great team win.
Lois Hutchinson (Captain)
