Coaching Report – Horsham Lawn Tennis Club AGM 2026

We have seen some wonderful developments in coaching this year, particularly with the introduction of our disability tennis programme and our partnership with a local school. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have made this possible. The school has been absolutely delighted with the students' progress, and the feedback has been incredibly rewarding.

After just a couple of weeks, one of the teachers sent us this lovely message:

"Hi, I just wanted to say a massive thank you for today's lesson. All my students have come away saying how they had so much fun, how lovely you all are and how you all understood them. You're not 'pushy' or 'bossy', and you're all a lot of fun. So thank you so much.
See you next week!"

We have been delighted with the progress made and are now looking to develop similar partnerships with other schools.

Throughout the year, we have worked to give members more opportunities to develop their skills and enjoy competitive tennis. Initiatives have included adult coaching camps, junior team training and the continuation of the ladder, giving players more opportunities to compete throughout the year.

Our coaching team has worked hard, supporting players of all ages, building school links and encouraging club members to improve their game. Thank you to Tessa and Nigel for the wonderful work they continue to do with their players. Also a huge thank you to Martin and our junior volunteers whose help ensure the sessions run smoothly.

A special mention must go to Josh, who has really stepped up this year and shown tremendous commitment to the club. As well as running a fantastic club tournament, he came up with the Court Masters idea and delivered an exciting event that all the competitors thoroughly enjoyed. It was wonderful to see so many junior and adult players coming together, creating a brilliant atmosphere and a real sense of club spirit.

We appreciate the feedback from members about court availability during coaching sessions. Coaching is a fundamental part of developing the club and attracting new members, and we are looking at ways to balance this with access for general play. We have reviewed the number of coaching sessions taking place at the same time and believe there are only a couple of occasions when more than two coaches are working. We will continue to monitor this closely. While we have always aimed to keep at least one court available for members, we would endeavour to keep two courts available with no coaching on wherever possible.

We look forward to another successful year.

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