



KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR TENNIS CLUB

MEET THE COMMITTEE

Last week we introduced our President, Nigel Shaw and Chairman, Duncan Smith. This week have two new committee members for you to meet!

RACHAEL MOON SECRETARY



Favourite Player: David Goffin
Favourite Shot: Forehand
One thing not many people know about me: Despite loving driving now, it took me 4 attempts to pass my driving test. Including failing coming out of the test centre!

"I've played tennis since I was 5 and have been a member of the Club for just as long! I spent time on the committee as the junior representative before I went to university where I was lucky enough to get to play on their teams. Since I graduated, I have taken on the role of secretary. My favourite memory with the Club has to be finals day - it's great to have so many members down the courts, lots of tennis on display and a great atmosphere. I played my first Club Tournament Final when I was 11. I hadn't played much competitive tennis before and believed myself to be playing a best of 5 sets match! Therefore, when the umpire was announcing I'd won (after 2 sets), I didn't realise I just asked if I could go and get a drink!"

ROKAS LEONAVICIUS TREASURER



Favourite Player: Enjoy watching Federer and Nadal

Favourite Shot: Forehand

One thing that not many people know about me: In my teens and 20s I was a professional karting racing driver in the British Championship. I then nearly got signed for British Aston Martin GT3 racing team, however in 2011 I was involved in a life changing motorbike accident which ended my journey to becoming a professional racing driver. Motorsport is still very close to my heart and remains a main hobby of mine.

"During my recovery days from a motorbike accident (spent many months in bed and physio) for the first time I watched every game of Wimbledon 2011 tournament (won by Djokovic). Back then all I wanted was to get back on my feet and play sports again so I set myself a challenge to one day start playing tennis. Here I'm in 2018 moving to the KBS village and finding out about KBS Tennis Club. In the summer of 2019 I have booked a "rusty racket" session and got introduced to the club. Since then I've been playing as much as I can on Thursday and Sunday sessions and watching many YouTube videos to improve my tennis. I've also joined the Men's C Team and the Committee to keep me engaged as much as I can. My next step is to start having some lessons and keep playing tennis at every opportunity I have. Tennis is a great sport to keep my competitive side upbeat but also socialise within a club with everyone being so welcome."

OUR CLUB THROUGH THE YEARS



If you have any photos of the Tennis Club and our members throughout the years, we would love to see them! We are hoping to create a gallery of 'Our Club Through the Years' to be unveiled once the new courts are opened to commemorate the occasion.

If you have any photos, please email our Club Secretary, Rachael Moon, at kbstennisclub@gmail.com



NEW COURT UPDATE

After a cold week, our new court construction is still pushing ahead! If you've passed by the courts, you would have seen the huge progress they have made over the last few weeks!

They are currently working on levelling the base for the new courts and laying the new kerbs. As well as this, the new fencing has arrived and discussions regarding the ramp that will go from the entrance to court level have been underway! A busy week in difficult conditions!

By the end of this week, they hope to have completed the levelling, the floodlight masks should be up and the entrance path completed!



AUSTRALIAN OPEN

If you've been dying for some tennis action, catch some of the Australian Open on TV! It is now into its second week and there has been some phenomenal tennis on display!

As it's held in Australia, you might have to alter your sleep schedule a little to catch the matches! However, there are often matches on throughout the morning!

Hopefully, it won't be too long until we are back on court too!