



JULY/AUGUST 2008 NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 17th August 2:00pm onwards

Presidents Invitational American Tournament and Barbecue

COACHING

SATURDAY MORNINGS (ADULT)

09:00-10:00 Beginners
10:00-11:00 Intermediate
11:00-12:00 Advanced

These sessions are pay and play costing £6 for members and £8 for non-members

MONDAY AFTERNOON (JUNIOR)

15:00-15:45 Tiny Tots (3 to 4 years)
16:00-17:00 Mini Tennis Red (4 to 6 years)
17:00-18:00 Mini Tennis Orange and Green (5 to 11 years)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON (JUNIOR)

16:00-17:00 Mini Tennis Red (4 to 6 years)
17:00-18:00 Mini Tennis Orange and Green (5 to 11 years)
18:00-19:00 Junior Club Night (Courts 5 and 6 only)

If you are interested in private coaching please contact Paul on 07961 170675 or via email paul@londontennis.co.uk

CLUB SECURITY

Following a couple of recent incidents changes have been made to the club's security. A bell has been fitted to the gate for the use of all visitors, this rings in the bar. If any member hears this would they kindly answer this by greeting people at the gate. Also would all members please ensure the gate is closed behind them on entrance and exit.

The alarm has now been reinstated in the bar. Would all members who have keys to the bar doors contact Nigel Tabbron for instructions on how to activate and deactivate this.

CLUB TENNIS

Club sessions are held on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 18:00 onwards and on Sundays from 14:00 onwards. These sessions comprise of doubles play (short set) on a rotational basis. Courts 5 and 6 can be used for singles or pre-arranged matches but only if the courts are free and no-one is waiting to play.

WIMBLEDON FORTNIGHT

Thanks to all members who gave up their time to staff the bar during Wimbledon fortnight. Due to their hard work we turned over approximately £3,000. Well done to all concerned

HAVE YOUR BALLS SEEN BETTER DAYS?

If you have any old balls hanging about that are too bald or flat to play tennis with any longer, please put them in the blue bucket on the verandah. They can be recycled by donating to local primary schools for the children to play with.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENTS

Thank you to James and Sharon for organising this years finals day, a great day was had by all. Thanks also to Rob and Sarah for their umpiring stints. The winners were::

Ladies' Singles	Wanda Golinska
Gentlemen's Singles	Hector Pinnington
Ladies' Doubles	Harriet O'Regan & Sue Ellen Wright
Gentlemen's Doubles	Hector Pinnington & Csabo Szabo
Mixed Doubles	Lana Currie & Heino Von Weiligh
Gentlemen's Plate	David Kirkby

Thanks to all of you who took part and helped make them extremely well fought competitions. Well done to all.

KEEP THE GARDENS TIDY

As you all know the bar is run by volunteers who are not always in attendance. Whilst it is acceptable practice for members to serve themselves from the bar it does not appear to be general practice to tidy away any used glasses, bottles or food wrappings. As a result of this the same people end up keeping the bar and balcony areas clean and clutter free. As a courtesy to all users of the club, please wash your dirty glasses and put empty bottles, cans and other debris in the appropriate bins behind the bar. Please do not use the bin on the balcony for items which can be recycled.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The club committee meets once a month to discuss a variety of matters relating to the maintenance and efficient running of the club on your behalf. If anyone would like to see the minutes of these meetings then please contact David Riggs at the following address clonmore99@btinternet.com A summary of July's meeting is outlined below:

Membership

Full = 118; Junior = 31; Social = 7.

Club Development & Re-development

Although the shale courts are in a poor state there is no sense in investing significantly in their upkeep ahead of the planned re-surfacing in the autumn. Planning permission, and engaging a contractor and surveyor, for the re-surfacing work should all be achieved in time for the work to commence in September/October.

The work to improve security is in hand, including a change of the lock on the side gate.

Tennis Coaching

Paul Barton's probation period ended 9th July. The extension to Paul's contract was approved unanimously.

Social Events & Newsletter Items

20th July: Finals' Day.

It was decided to follow the traditional order of events. It was suggested it might be an idea to play the Men's Plate ahead of the Mixed Doubles, so as to give a rest to any man playing in both the Men's and Mixed Doubles Finals. On a related topic it was decided to investigate reviving a tournament for the juniors; this would have to be organised through the coach.

17th August: President's Tournament.

Aileen plans to organise an American Tournament.

Captain's Cocktails: the date is still to be decided.

A.O.B.

Nigel highlighted his growing annoyance with members who don't bother to clear up, especially in the bar and on the verandah. While members seem to have no trouble understanding the bar is self-managed when getting and paying for their drinks, they seem less understanding of the need to tidy up after themselves.

Moreover, Nigel has had considerable success in educating Fiona and Cleo of the need to tidy up after they have used the hall, such that it is now the club members who are the bigger problem.

The importance of this issue was generally recognised and it was agreed to try and tackle it by asking for more co-operation from the membership, both through notices in the bar as well as through the newsletter.

The bar took about £3k over the Wimbledon fortnight.

Next Meeting Thursday 4th September.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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