

CHAIRMAN’S LETTER

The end of yet another year for the Tennis club, with the AGM on March 21 and a time to reflect both on past events as well as ‘regroup’ for the new season.

The membership has recovered well from its early ‘hiccup’ - with it now standing at over 200. Following the successes of the Summer League teams, the Winter League teams are also doing well. Becky Jordon is now well established as the Club Coach - with quite a few of her subjects finding muscles that they never knew they had!

Even though we were late starting the season, we were able to enjoy the American Tournament in June, the LTA Junior Tournament in August, the Senior Tournament culminating in the finals in September and the challenges of the President’s Salver. Social events have not been forgotten and all who attended the Dinner Dance and Skittles evening seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make it such a successful year and hope that you will continue to support us for this coming year. If you would like to get more involved with the Club, we are looking for three new Committee members to fill the following posts - Junior Co-ordinator, Publicity, and Funding. If you are interested please contact myself or Matthew Stringer for details.

We have a busy year already planned and full details will be available at the AGM so please come along; you might even be fortunate enough to be drawn out of the hat for some of those Wimbledon tickets!

Spring should be soon upon us with the hope of good weather and the prospect of sunny days, rather than the recent down pours and gusty winds. Regardless of the weather - enjoy your tennis!

Rosemary Millar
February 2002

**THORNBURY LTC
DINNER&DISCO**

GABLES HOTEL

**Friday 19 April 2002
7.30PM**

**Black Tie/Suit/Smart
Dress**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be taking place on Thursday 21 March, 7.15pm at the Clubhouse. Please make every effort to attend. There will be limited seating available so arrive early to avoid disappointment. Agenda items are as follows:

- Apologies
- Minutes of Last Meeting
- Matters Arising
- Chairman’s Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- Club Working Party
- Coaching Report
- Committee Nominations
- 2002 Fees
- Juniors
- Any other Business
- Wimbledon Draw



Also on the night there will be the sale of Club merchandise, payment of 2002 subscriptions (see insert – 2002 Membership Form with new fees) and registration for the 2002 Club tournaments.

2002 Club Tournament

Entries to be in by Monday 1 April. Finals Day is Sunday 14 July. You can register your entry at the AGM, add your name to the list in the Clubhouse, or telephone Phil Jones or Matthew Stringer.

American Tournaments

Two American Tournaments are planned for the summer. The first will be held on Saturday 15 June, with a further tournament to be arranged (probably in August).

2002 Thornbury LTC Open Day

The Club’s annual Open Day will take place on Saturday 11 May, 12.00 midday start. The objective of the Open Day is to encourage non-members to ‘taste’ Thornbury LTC, which will hopefully lead to new members. More information on the Open Day will be provided over the next couple of months.

CLUB COACHING

Rebecca Jordon has recently been appointed the Club Coach. Becky has already made a difference and has certainly been challenged in setting up the coaching projects to meet the diverse needs of the membership.

The positive response to the Christmas Coaching was a great start to Becky’s time with us, and the numbers have grown with the Spring Term coaching which is currently taking place. Each week there are four Junior sessions, with a match play session for the advanced players. Becky also runs two Senior Sessions that are held regularly on a Saturday afternoon. The Junior and Senior sessions consist of 2-8 players – this number helping to guarantee more efficient coaching for each individual player within the sessions.

The coaching side has been subject to a great deal of development – and will continue to do so. Look out for future developments and programmes at the Club. Please read the Coaching letter which you’ll find attached to this Newsletter – it details coaching for the Summer term.

Becky has found Thornbury LTC a friendly Club and looks forward to building up further relationships – “I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone that has taken part in the coaching sessions, supported me, but most of all for making me feel welcome at the Club.”

If you have any queries in relation to the coaching offered contact Becky (see the back of this Newsletter for contact details).

Thornbury LTC Committee (Standing down at the 2002 AGM)**

Rosemary Millar	Chairman		
John Clark	Treasurer		
Matthew Stringer	Secretary/Junior Club		
Phil Jones	Memb Secretary		
Jonathan Wells	Match Secretary		
Allison Weir	Ladies Captain		
Jennie Bickerton	Junior Rep.		
Pete Rosser	Club/Grounds		
Chris Beddoes**	Newsletter		
Jenny Bayne	Club/Grounds		
Mike Boulton	Lottery		
Beth Cocks	Club/Grounds		
Becky Jordon	Club Coach		

JUNIOR REPORT

It has been another very good year with lots of new members joining over the last 12 months. The Saturday morning club continues to be very popular with two age groups meeting from 9.30-10.30 (10 and under) and from 10.30-11.30 (11 and over). If you feel that you could help in any way on Saturday mornings then please contact Geoff Millar or Matthew Stringer.

Please remember that any children that attend a Saturday morning session under the age of 8 must not be left unattended; there should be parental supervision at all times.

Thanks must go to Jennie Bickerton for her continuing hard work and dedication to the juniors throughout the year. Jennie continues to help with the early Saturday morning group with a fun Mini Tennis session which all the children seem to enjoy. Thanks also to the helpers who turn up on Saturday morning and also to Geoff Millar for co-ordinating the rota.

We now have a new coach in place at the Club - Becky Jordon. If you would like your child to get involved in coaching then please contact Becky Jordon or Matthew Stringer for more information.

The Winter Leagues are nearing completion with the Under 12s having a tough season with lots of players coming through. There were two under 14 teams, but the B Team have not played many matches due to the bad weather and lack of players. The A Team of Nicky Clarke, James Bickerton, Peter Griffiths, David Collins and Alex Gayton are having a very good season and are pushing for promotion. Unfortunately, we were unable to fulfil our Under 16 fixtures due to a lack of players and an absence of a team manager. Thanks must go to Jane Clark and Rosemary Bickerton for once again managing the Under 12 and Under 14 teams.

If you have a child who is involved in the leagues and feel that you could help us by running a team or help in any other way in the Summer league(May-July), or your child is not currently playing in the leagues but would like to take part, then contact Matthew Stringer.

Congratulations to all the juniors who have been involved in the Senior league fixtures during the winter including Sarah Collins and Nicky Clark.

If you have questions or suggestions on any aspect of the junior section of the Club, or can help in any way, please contact Matthew Stringer.

A very important date in your diary is **August 11 to August 16**, which is the week of our **LTA Junior Series** tournament. This year's tournament will be the tenth anniversary tournament and we aim to make it a bigger and better tournament than in previous years. Rosemary has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the tournament, with John Berry looking after the draw and Matthew Stringer and Jennie Bickerton acting as Tournament Referees. Entry forms should be available soon so watch this space! If you can help in anyway during the tournament week then please contact Rosemary Bickerton or Matthew Stringer.

SENIOR WINTER LEAGUES – UPDATE

The Veterans, having been promoted two years in succession, are now in Division II. The team got off to a slow start but after 8 matches (out of 10) the team is sitting mid-table with 4 wins and 4 defeats, and 38 points out of a possible 80. The team is generally Nick Frost and Barbara Bax, Steve Wells and Allison Weir. We have been assisted by Tom Pye, Nigel Booty, Andrew Willis, Ted Gilbert, Chris Sullivan, Pete Rosser, Beth Cocks and Chris Vincent. The Winter League First Team are doing well - after 7 matches they were equal top, but since then they have suffered a 0-10 defeat. More hard work is needed if they are to gain promotion. Nicky Clark has been playing regularly alongside Jennie Bickerton for the

women. The other players have been Pete Rosser, Ye Huang, Andrew Willis, Phil Jones, Jon Wells, Steve Wells, Clare Kendall, Kim Morton, Barbara Bax, and Jane Clark.

It has been a tough winter for the Second Team. They found themselves in Division IV (as are the first team) this year against some strong opposition. They now have 8 points from 6 matches. Thanks to John Hutchinson, Martin Leathwood, Matthew Stringer, Mike Boulton, Phil Jones, Andrew Willis, Ye Huang, Ted Gilbert, Gill Hardy, Chris Vincent, Jill Dearnaley, Sarah Collins, Carole Boulton, Kim Morton, Clare Kendall and Allison Weir for their efforts!

AVON COUNTY SUMMER LEAGUE – MATCH PRACTICE

The Club runs 3 Men's and 2 Ladies' teams in the Avon Summer League (Friday evenings from May 10th). Match Practice will begin on **Monday 25 March (men)** and **Monday 8 April (women)** from 6:15pm. Becky Jordon (Club Coach) will provide training for the men (first 3 sessions) and for the women (for the next 3 sessions) between 7:00pm and 8:00pm. For further information call Jon Wells or Allison Weir.

CLUB LOTTERY

"IT COULD BE YOU...FOR ONLY £1 PER MONTH!"

Recent winners of the lottery are

- December 2001 AE Parry £38
- November 2001 AE Parry £38
- October 2001 NMS Parry £38

(... the suggestion is: enter the lottery and change your surname to Parry – Ed)

The Club Lottery costs just £1 per month. The Lottery helps provide the Club with much-needed funds. 50% of the proceeds are given as prizes, the other 50% goes towards Club funds. Please support the Lottery in order to help the Club to continue to thrive!

For further information on the Lottery contact Mike Boulton

Tennis Court Availability

Day of Week	Available	In use for ...
MONDAY	All day except March-July	mid March to mid July – match practice from 6:15pm
TUESDAY	Noon-6:30pm	Senior club morning from 10:00am and evening from 6:30pm
WEDNESDAY	AM-4:45pm	Junior club evening until 8:45pm
THURSDAY	AM-6:30pm	Senior club evening
FRIDAY	All day except May-July	May-July league matches, 6:15pm onwards
SATURDAY	Evening	Juniors from 9:30am, Senior club afternoon from 2:00pm
SUNDAY	PM	Occasional Winter League matches

