

**CHAIRMAN'S LETTER**

*The year has once again skipped by and we are at the end of yet another busy tennis season. Both senior and junior club tennis has been well attended, with the juniors having to be re-organised into three sessions because of the growing numbers. The leagues have done well with the Ladies first team being promoted to Division 3. The tenth LTA Junior Series Tournament in August was blessed with good weather and the tennis enjoyed by competitors and spectators alike.*

*Becky's coaching has been well received by all participants and she will be staying on as Head Coach even though she will be spending some of her time at Cardiff University. We are, however, looking for a second coach to work with her, particularly with the juniors / mini tennis.*

*During October we will at last be getting all 4 courts floodlit. It will take two weeks to complete the work, with disruption until 17.00 on three days of each week. More details will be available on the notice board nearer the time. There will then be plenty of opportunities for those more hardy members to brave the winter elements. It is possible that the way we charge for the lights will need to change, but this will be considered once they are fully operational.*

*We are starting to think about next season and we would like more members to become involved in the committee or just help with the club activities. If you are interested then please talk to any member of the committee. It might seem a little early, but in line with the Christmas decorations in the shops, I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and many best wishes for the new year.*

Rosemary Millar, Chairman  
September 2002

**DAVIS CUP TRIP ON SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2002 AT NIA, BIRMINGHAM, GB VS THAILAND**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September saw 50 of us heading by coach for Birmingham for what we hoped would be a great day out and an excellent doubles match.

The tie was nicely poised after the singles were shared on the Friday and anticipation was fairly high, even though Greg Rusedski was injured and Tim Henman was doubtful.

When the teams came out Tim Henman was there along with the very tall Miles McLagan. The opposition pairing included Paradorn Srichaphan, the conqueror of Andre Agassi at Wimbledon.

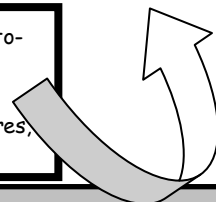
The first set was very close and was won by Thailand on a tie-break after there had been four breaks of serve during the set. The second set was won by Great Britain after breaking serve at 5-4. In the third set Tim Henman was broken at 5-4 up to make it 5-5, however the Brits broke back and Miles McLagan served the set out 7-5. The fourth set was very quick with two early breaks of serve to put the Brits 3-0 up as the Thai players lost heart. The British pair went on to take the set 6-2 and therefore the match by three sets to one.

We travelled home excited after watching a very thrilling match and were looking forward to the reverse singles on the Sunday on TV. This was of course one of Tim Henman's greatest performances as he beat Paradorn Srichaphan in three straight sets to give the tie to Great Britain.

Further Davis Cup trips will be arranged for future home ties - hopefully next February if we are drawn at home in the first round of the World Group. Anyone who is interested or would like more information on these trips should contact me.

**Matthew Stringer**

The web site is now up to-date, please visit it for information regarding coaching courses, fixtures, social events etc.



**Family Skittles Night  
At the Black Horse  
Saturday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 2002,  
7.00pm**

**Tickets from  
Matthew Stringer  
or Phil Jones  
£5.00 (£4.00 juniors)  
including buffet  
(Limited to 50 people)**

**FLOODLIGHT UPDATE**

After a wait of nearly a year the remaining two courts are about to have flood-lighting installed. The LTA have already advanced some of the money following the frustrating but successful application and granting of the loan. The additional lighting will be at the same standard as the original but we have negotiated for the existing light clusters etc to be cleaned so you should notice a difference. The company, Flood-Lighting Ltd, are expected to be working at the club soon (see Chairman's Letter). When the full system is available we will be able to monitor use of the individual courts to optimise the use of bulbs etc. It is intended that some recovery of costs will be made at organised club sessions, which use the lights, as well as through the private payment system already in place.

**John Clark, Oct 2002**

**CLUB LOTTERY**

Recent winners of the lottery are .....

- April** Mary & Martin Leathwood
- May** Barbara Bax
- June** Mair Vaughan
- July** John Brimacombe

**BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

The Club Lottery costs just £1 per month (per number) which can be paid either by monthly standing order or annual cheque or cash. The Lottery helps provide the Club with much needed funds, 50% of the proceeds are given as prizes, the other 50% goes to 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.

Rosemary Millar	Chairman		
John Clark	Treasurer		
Matthew Stringer	Secretary/Junior Club		
Phil Jones	Membership Secretary		
Jonathan Wells	Mens Captain		
Allison Weir	Ladies Captain, Match Secretary, Newsletter		
Pete Rosser	Club/Grounds		
Jenny Bayne	Club/Grounds		
Mike Boulton	Lottery		
Beth Cocks	Club/Grounds		
Becky Jordon	Club Coach		

**Thornbury LTC  
Committee**

**JUNIOR SECTION REPORT**

This year has been good so far in the Junior Section at Thornbury LTC with lots of new members continuing to join through the year and the junior membership now standing at 90.

The Saturday morning club continues thrive with sessions being led by Becky Jordon at 9.00, 9.30 and 10.30. There are also matchplay sessions at 10.30 and 11.30 for the older juniors. If your child is not currently attending on Saturday mornings but would like to get involved please contact me. If your child attends on Saturdays and you are able to get involved in the volunteer roster for helping out on or off court please contact Geoff Millar.

**Please remember that any children brought to the Saturday morning session under the age of 8 must not be left unattended. There should be parental supervision at all times.**

Thanks to Jennie Bickerton for all her hard work over the last four years or so with the Juniors where she has built up a good relationship with the children. She will be sorely missed on Saturday mornings. All best wishes go to Jennie and the other Juniors who are off to University to further their studies and we hope they all have an enjoyable time and keep playing tennis. Thanks also to the helpers who turn up on Saturday mornings and to Geoff Millar for co-ordinating the rota.

The Summer Leagues were completed in July however not many games were played at U14 and U16 levels due to players having other commitments. We shall be combining these teams in the winter in the U16 league to ease team selection. The U12 team had a good season with lots of new players coming through whom we trust will continue in the Winter League. Thanks to Tony Boak and Co for running this team during the Summer. Thanks also to all the other parents who have provided transport for away fixtures. **If your child is not currently playing in the leagues but would like to play then please contact me.**

Congratulations to all the juniors who were involved in the Senior league fixtures during the Summer including Jennie Bickerton, Sarah Hurley, Nicky Clark, Chris Davis, Brad Rowbottom, Will Collins and Ben Nuttall.

**Advanced notice of a date for your diary for next year is our LTA Junior Tournament 2003 which runs from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2003**

This is being co-ordinated by Becky Jordon and we hope to see some of the juniors entering this event.

If you have any other questions or suggestions on any aspect of the junior section of the club or can help in anyway then please contact me.

**Matthew Stringer  
October 2002**

**LADIES SUMMER LEAGUE 2002**

The two Ladies' teams had a very enjoyable and successful summer season. The first team, led by Jennie Bickerton and Sarah Hurley, easily won Div IVA, and the second team cruised into third place in Div VBB. Thanks to all the players; Beth Cocks, Barbara Bax, Jane and Nicky Clark, Allison Weir, Clare Kendall, Carole Boulton, Chris Vincent, Jill Dearnaley, Becky Jordon, Rosemary Millar, Qian and Jade Huang, and Norma Bridge. Those underlined show this season's debuts! Well done everyone, and we look forward to the challenge of competing in Div III next year! I give special thanks to Sarah & Jennie for being the stalwarts of the first team over the past few years - Good Luck to you both at university.

**Allison Weir, Sept 2002**

**MENS SUMMER LEAGUE 2002**

The first team finished second in Division 4A in a very tight league after some long, hard fought matches. Just 4 points separated us from those in the relegation zone. The second team had a disappointing season finishing 5<sup>th</sup> out of 6, and will join the third team in Division 7 next year. The third team had a better season than in the past and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Many thanks to everyone who played, and particularly to Mike Boulton for running the third team. For the full list of league results please see the notice board.

**Jon Wells, Oct 2002**

**COACHING UPDATE**

Although Becky Jordon has started a degree in Sports Development at Cardiff, she will continue coaching at Thornbury and will resume the full range of courses at the end of October. Details in the clubhouse.

*Winter League The matches (mixed, mens & ladies doubles) are played over the next 5 months, generally on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in playing, please call Allison Weir.*

**Club Tournament 2002**

**Winners**

**Mark Taylor  
Becky Jordon  
Ted Gilbert & Mark Taylor  
Becky Jordon & Beth Cocks  
Nick Frost & Catherine Cornford**

**Runners Up**

**Gary Wright  
Jennie Bickerton  
Phil Jones & Matthew Stringer  
Jane Clark & Jill Dearnaley  
John Hutchinson & Pauline Barnett**

**Charity Shield**

**Winners: Nick Frost & Barbara Bax  
Runners Up: Jim & Leslev Sanders**

**Senior Tennis Ladder**

**INTERESTED???**

**ALL STANDARDS WELCOME  
JUST ADD YOUR NAME TO  
THE  
BOTTOM OF THE LADDER  
AND  
'CARRY ON CHALLENGING'  
  
IF YOU ARE KEEN FOR A  
SEPARATE  
BEGINNER'S LADDER THEN  
PLEASE  
LET ME KNOW ABOUT IT.**

*Rosemary Millar*

**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