

Chairman's Report

The marvellous weather throughout the summer and right through into the autumn has enabled us all to fully enjoy yet another busy tennis season. In June we held a very successful barbeque and quiz night, with the quiz being held under the stars because we couldn't all fit into the clubhouse. The club tournament final in July saw some excellent tennis in very hot weather and there must be congratulations to all who took part. Even September's President's Plate was blessed with good weather and a good day was had by all who took part.

The league teams have done extremely well. In the Juniors, the under 16s have been promoted to division 1 whilst the under 12s and 14s both finished third in their leagues. In the Senior leagues, the Ladies First team were promoted to Division 2 and the Men's Second team promoted to Division 6 but there must be due recognition for all league players and the time they spend representing the club.

The Saturday Junior Club is going from strength to strength with its structure of four main club/ coaching sessions alongside the increasingly popular competitive tennis/match play based on boxes. Thanks must go to everyone who support the Junior activities

CLUB LOTTERY

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.

Recent winners of the lottery are

February..... Hilary Newton	June..... Matt Stringer
March..... Graham Cole	July..... Rosemary Bickerton
April..... Kim Morton	August..... Mary Ackland
May..... Rosemary Bickerton	

Senior Summer League Match Report

The Ladies had a fantastic summer! The first team spent just one season in Division 3 and next year will play in Division 2! The second team had some hard-fought matches to finish third in Division 5. Thanks to:- Jane & Nicky Clark, Barbara Bax, Sarah Hurley, Beth Cocks, Qian & Jade Huang, Jill Dearnaley, Chris Vincent, Carole Boulton, Kim Morton, Becky Jordan, and Rosemary Millar!

The Men had mixed fortunes. The first team, also newly promoted to Division 3, find themselves back in Division 4 for next summer. The second and third teams both played in Division 7. The seconds dropped only 6 points to win their league and gain promotion while the thirds fought well to finish fourth, just above the relegation zone. Thanks to everyone who turned out to play.

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throughout the year.

With the darker nights and the now fully commissioned floodlights, the more hardy of us are able to have full use of all four courts from the start of the winter period. I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and many best wishes for the New Year.

Rosemary Millar, Chairman

FLOODLIGHT TOKENS

If you need tokens for the floodlights (30 minutes per token, £1.50), please call Rosemary Millar, Phil Jones, Matthew Stringer or Mike Boulton.

Thornbury LTC Committee

Rosemary Millar	Chairman		
John Clark	Treasurer		
Matthew Stringer	Secretary		
Phil Jones	Membership Secretary		
Pete Rosser	Mens Captain		
Allison Weir	Ladies Captain, Match Secretary, Newsletter Editor		
Beth Cocks	Club/Grounds		
Mike Boulton	Lottery		
Qian Huang	Co-opted		
Tony Light	Co-opted		
James Bickerton	Junior representative		
Nicky Clark	Junior representative		
Becky Jordon	Club Coach		

New Sweatshirts

With just a few of the old sweatshirts left (see Matthew Stringer, you may get a very good deal) it is time to order some more. Rosemary Millar will be sporting the intended model (with a matching peaked cap) in a fetching navy blue but perhaps you have views on which colour we should go for.

The choices are:-

- navy blue royal blue
- sky blue white red
- yellow bottle green

If you have a preference, please can you drop a note into the "Kingsmill" collecting box (see below) stating your name and colour choice.

KINGSMILL TOKENS

Kingsmill are issuing Sports Kit tokens on their products (bread). Please can you put any tokens that you collect into the Kingsmill Collection Box at the tennis club. The tennis club have registered with Kingsmill and if we collect enough tokens we can exchange them for sports products.

COACHING REPORT
 Junior coaching is gradually developing, with a good turnout on Saturday mornings. Senior coaching this year has been variable; I would like to see an increase in seniors wanting coaching – especially beginners, in order to introduce new players to the club.

During the summer I ran four week-long Summer Holiday Courses that were very successful and helped towards increasing junior attendance on Saturday mornings. I anticipate running courses at the May half-term, and over the Easter and Summer holidays in 2004. Look out for application forms or ring me to find out more and to book a place.

There will be some changes made to Saturday mornings to enable us to meet the demands of the juniors and this will be discussed at a further date.

For the 2004 Coaching Programme we aim to start advertising outside the club more and I would really like to see parents of Junior members joining in some senior coaching sessions that aim to start mid-January 2004.

I would like to say a great thank you for the support given to me over the year, and especially during the summer courses. Thank you!

R. Jordan, Dec 2003

[If you want to improve your tennis by losing, maintaining or gaining weight or by improving overall health, then please feel free to call for a free consultation or visit my website:

www.dietuk.net/16173 or
www.HBSPN.net/16173 for Sport Nutrition.]

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Club Tournament 2003

<u>Winners:</u>	<u>Runners Up:</u>
Ian Barnett	Mark Taylor
Nicky Clark	Sarah Hurley
Ian Barnett & Matthew Stringer	Mark Taylor & Ben Nuttall
Nicky Clark & Pauline Barnett	Barbara Bax & Allison Weir
Ian & Pauline Barnett	Phil Jones & Barbara Bax

The President's Plate was won by
 Ross Atkins & Nicky Clark

- 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, Senior League matches, 6:15pm onwards
SATURDAY	Evening	Juniors from 9:30am, Senior club afternoon from 2:00pm
SUNDAY	PM	Occasional Winter League matches (2 courts from 10:15am)

Please note that the tennis club is closed on Christmas Day