

Chairman's Report

With the hint of spring in the air, we can all begin to look forward to yet another busy tennis season. A full programme of activities has been planned throughout the year. Some events, like the club tournament, are taking on a new look with the doubles matches now taking place over two prearranged days. It will be explained in more detail at the AGM on 1 April but check the notice board for more information. The Club Open Day is on May 8th so please bring all your friends, colleagues or relatives that might be interested in joining us. This will be followed by our now annual mid-summer barbeque and quiz with the hope that the weather will be as good or even better than last year. Details of all events will be available at the AGM and thereafter on the notice boards. Unfortunately, the cost of maintaining the club continues to increase, hence we have had to increase the club fees this year. Details are on the attached application form.

The AGM on 1 April is an important date to book in your diary as a new Chairman and Treasurer will be elected and it is in your best interest to have right people at the helm. Nominations for these and the other committee posts need to be with Matthew by 29 March but before being submitted they must be agreed by the nominee and have a proposer and seconder.

I have been the Chairman for three years and I would like to thank everyone who has given me such support during this time, particularly the committee members who freely give so much of their time to make the club a success. I would like to wish the new chairman and the committee all good luck for the future and to all club members, as ever, enjoy your tennis.

Rosemary Millar, Chairman, Feb 2004

Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M will take place on Thursday April 1st at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. Please make every effort to attend. Bring your cheque book, your completed subscription form (enclosed) and possibly a chair!

Agenda items are as follows:

- ▶ Apologies
- ▶ Minutes of Last Meeting
- ▶ Matters Arising
- ▶ Chairman's Report
- ▶ Treasurer's Report
- ▶ Committee Nominations
- ▶ Coaching
- ▶ Juniors
- ▶ Any other Business
- ▶ Wimbledon Draw

There are vacancies on the committee including Chair and Treasurer. For further details and a nomination form please see Page 4.

OPEN DAY

**Noon-6:00pm
Saturday May 8th**

The Open Day serves to promote the tennis club and is a fun day out for all the family. Please come along, and bring your friends. Look out for posters and more information nearer the time.

GOLF DAY

Dave Bruton is organising a TLTC Golf Day at Bristol GC on Monday, May 17th. Please check the noticeboard for further details and to sign up, or call Dave.

CRICKET

Ted's Boneshakers have challenged TLTC to another match at Rockhampton CC on Weds, May 12th. Come along to support your team at about 6:30pm. Bar open.

Other dates for your diary:-

Monday (6:30pm) 29 th March	Mens & Ladies Match Practice starts
Fridays, 7 th May- 16 th July	Senior Summer League matches
Saturday (2pm) 22 nd May	American Tournament
Sunday 20 th June	Club Tournament Mens & Ladies Doubles
To be arranged	Quiz and BBQ
Sunday 4 th July	Club Tournament Mixed Doubles
Sunday 11 th July	Club Tournament Finals Day
Saturday 7 th August	American Tournament
Sunday 8 th – Friday 13 th Aug	LTA Junior Series Tournament
September (Date to be confirmed)	Cancer Research Charity Tournament & Lunch
Sunday 19 th September	President's Plate Mixed Doubles Tournament
November (Date to be confirmed)	Skittles Evening

Thornbury LTC Committee (* indicates those standing down)

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		

JUNIOR SECTION REPORT

It has once again been a busy year for the Junior Section at Thornbury Lawn Tennis Club with lots of new members joining over the last 12 months.

The **Saturday morning club** is still very popular with structured sessions being run by Becky from 9.00-9.30, 9.30-10.15, 10.15-11.00 and 11.00-11.45. These are now being run in blocks of ten weeks with payment being made for all sessions in advance. Many thanks to James Bickerton and Nicky Clark who have assisted Becky over the year. If you feel that you could help in any way on Saturday mornings then please contact Tony or Matthew. The older juniors are now involved in Junior ladder matches on Saturday mornings as well as on Wednesday evenings where they arrange their own games. If you are interested in your child joining the ladder then please contact Tony.

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 Becky for all the coaching which she has undertaken throughout the year. Many of the juniors have been on one of her courses and the standard of play is improving with many children joining the Wednesday squad training. Becky is continuing to do a lot of group and individual coaching at the club. If you would like your child to get involved in coaching then please contact Becky or Matthew for more information.

The **Winter Leagues** are nearing completion. The Under 12s have had mixed fortunes with many Juniors being involved in the matches. Many thanks to Tony Boak and the other parents for the organisation and running of this team. The Under 14 team have had a difficult season as they have to borrow Under 12s on a regular basis. The Under 16 team have not played many matches due to bad weather and not being able to field a team, however they won some

matches and should be reasonably placed at the end of the season. This will be the final season for some of our Under 16 players - many thanks to James Bickerton, David Collins, and Peter Griffiths for their contributions to the junior league teams over the years and hopefully they will continue to represent the club in the senior leagues. Thanks also to all the parents who have provided transport for away fixtures, which is obviously vital to the success of the leagues.

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) then please contact Matthew or Tony. If your child is not currently playing in the leagues but would like to, then please contact us also.

A very important date in your diary is August 8th -13th which is the week of our **LTA Junior Series tournament**. If anyone is able to help with the running of the tournament then please contact Becky or Matthew, the tournament co-ordinators. Entry forms will be available soon so look out for them on the Junior Notice Board or on the tennis club website!

We now have a **Junior committee** and if you have any questions or suggestions on any aspect of the junior section then please contact one of the new Junior co-ordinators, Tony Boak or Kathy McPherson.

Matthew Stringer, February 2004

Match Practice for Senior Summer League Match practice for all 5 teams (3 mens and 2 ladies) will start on Monday, 29th March (6:30pm), and will continue into the league season. Match coaching may be available for some of the sessions.

We run teams in the Avon League, and the matches are played on Friday evenings from May 7th until July 16th. If you are interested in playing league tennis then come along or call Allison Weir or Pete Rosser.



Check out the website for information on:
 Group coaching
 LTA Junior Tournament
 Membership
 Club Tournament
 Latest News ... and much more
HOT PRESS!! the latest Senior League results are now available online, the easiest way to access these is to select "Senior Tennis & Leagues" from the TLTC website.

SENIOR WINTER LEAGUE 2003/4

The Winter League runs from Oct-March. Each team comprises 2 men and 2 ladies and each match consists of a Mens Doubles, a Ladies Doubles, and 2 Mixed Doubles. We run 2 regular teams, and 1 veterans team.

The **Vets** are playing their first season in **Division 1** and have a regular team of Nick Frost & Barbara Bax, Steve Wells & Jane Clark. After some hard fought matches against the best vets in Avon they find themselves lurking towards the bottom in spite of wins against Clevedon and Kings!

The **First Team** are playing their second season in Division 3. Despite the lack of a regular team to play at this high level, the team has done well – hopefully well enough to play in Division 3 again next year.

The **Second Team** newly promoted to Division 4 have had a very tough winter and will surely come bottom!

Thanks to (team in brackets):-

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| Nick Frost (V) | Barbara Bax (V) |
| Steve Wells (V/1) | Jane Clark (V/1) |
| Pete Rosser (V/1) | Qian Huang (V/1) |
| Mike PeatheyJohns (1) | Beth Cocks(V/1/2) |
| Jon Wells (1) | Kim Morton(V/1/2) |
| Ye Huang (1) | Me! (V/1/2) |
| Anthony Warren (1) | Nicky Clark (1) |
| Brad Rowbottom (1) | Becky Jordan (1) |
| Mark Taylor (1) | Chris Vincent (1/2) |
| Malcolm Worster (1) | Jill Dearnaley (2) |
| Phil Jones (2) | Carole Boulton(2) |
| Ted Gilbert (2) | |
| Matthew Stringer (2) | |
| Mike Boulton (2) | |
| Ross Atkins (2) | |
| Dave Bruton (2) | |

Allison Weir, Feb 2004

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

CLUB TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Please return with your tournament fee (£2 per competition or £5 for all three, cheques payable in advance to Thornbury LTC) to:- **Matthew Stringer**



Name: _____

- Men's/Ladies' Singles** (Finals on Sunday, July 11th, must enter by Sunday, April 18th)
- Men's/Ladies' Doubles** (Tournament on Sunday, June 20th, Finals on Sunday, July 11th, must enter by Sunday, June 13th)
- Mixed Doubles** (Tournament & Finals on Sunday, July 4th, must enter by Sunday, June 27th)

You may also enter on the sheet at the tennis club, or at AGM

COACHING SCHEDULE 2004

*no class during half term weeks

Session	Day	Time	Ages	Dates	No of Courts
Junior Performance Squad	Mon	4.30 – 7.30pm (public courts)	8–16 yrs	To be arranged	1-2
Private Coaching	Tue	Any time from 12pm to 6.30pm	All ages	All year round	1
Junior Coaching	Wed	Groups: D3: 4.30 – 5.30pm D2: 5.30 – 6.30pm D1: 6.30 – 7.30pm	7–16 yrs	14 Jan–24 Mar* 28 April–7 July* 22 Sept–1 Dec*	2-3
Private Coaching	Thu	Any time up to 7.30pm	All ages	All year round	1
Private Coaching	Fri	Any time (times might vary due to the summer leagues)	All ages	All year round	1
Junior Coaching (mini Tennis)	Sat	9 – 11.45am (ring Becky for details)	4–15 years	24 Jan–27 Mar 24 April–3 July 2 Oct–11 Dec	2
Senior Coaching	Sat	Intermediate & Advanced: 1-2pm Beginners: 2–3pm (public courts)	adult	17 Jan–27 Mar* 1 May–10 July* 25 Sept–4 Dec*	2
Private Coaching	Sun	Anytime	All ages	All year round	1

HOLIDAY COACHING

Easter	Mon 5 April – Thurs 8 April	10 – 12noon and 2 - 4pm	2 courts
	Tues 13 April – Fri 16 April		
Summer	Mon 19 July – Fri 23 July		
	Mon 26 July – Fri 30 July		
	Mon 2 Aug – Fri 6 Aug		

KINGSMILL TOKENS REMINDER 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.



Please support the club by paying at the AGM for:-

Subscriptions	Lottery entry	New sweatshirts
Club Tournament Entry Fees		Outstanding match fees

This will cut down on administrative effort (by volunteers!) in chasing monies, and help club funds which tend to be running low at this time of year. The major scheduled expense in 2004/5 will be the repainting of the courts.

SWEATSHIRTS & PEAKS The colour navy has been selected for the new-style TLTC sweatshirts and peaked caps (white with navy trim). We will be placing the first order after the AGM. Price details and an order list are up on the noticeboard, or else order one at the AGM or call Rosemary Millar. Please order now, we cannot guarantee when the second order will be placed!

LOST PROPERTY

If you lost a couple of keys on a Play Tennis keyring and some sunglasses one Saturday last July then please contact Matthew Stringer. They were found on the patio.



LOTTERY 2004

Are you missing out on the Thornbury LTC Lottery?
Each month half of the proceeds goes in a prize draw and half to club funds.
It costs just £1 per month which can be paid by:

- ☉ Monthly standing order
- ☉ Annual cheque or cash

The more entries you have – the more chance you have of winning!
For more details please contact:
Mike Boulton or complete the form below.

Recent winners of the lottery are

<u>September</u> : Clare Whitaker	<u>October</u> : Bob Ford
<u>November</u> : Bob Ford	<u>December</u> : Tim Mann

THORNBURY LTC LOTTERY 2004/2005

NAME: _____ NO. OF ENTRIES _____
(@ £12 each)

ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THORNBURY LTC
SEND TO: Mike Boulton

There are the following vacancies on the committee:- Chairman, Treasurer, Vice-Chair, Sponsorship, and Publicity. For further details of these posts please contact Matthew Stringer. Nominations for the posts must be submitted to Matthew Stringer by Monday, March 29th 2004.

I nominate **To:**
for the post of **Matthew Stringer**
(Secretary)

Signed: (Proposer)

Signed: (Seconder)

Signed: (Nominee)