

Chairman's Report

When I look back on the past year, I realise that the tennis club is doing pretty well. The senior club sessions are going strong, including Tuesday mornings, even in the coldest winter conditions; we now run more senior teams in the LTA leagues than ever before; there are also some promising juniors coming through and making a great contribution at both social and competition levels.

It's not all plain sailing though, the condition of the public courts continues to be a concern. We are negotiating with the council with regard to the use and maintenance of the courts. I hope to give a clearer update at the AGM. We are striving to get some progress before the summer league season starts in May.

At the recent EGM on 21st January, club members voted (by 31 votes to 2) to change the constitution in order that the club can be run as a 'Community Amateur Sports Club' (CASC). The status gives us a mandatory 80% rate relief (worth around £800 per year) which was likely to have been rescinded had we not resolved to become a CASC. If anyone is interested in finding out more about CASC status, you could start by looking at the Inland Revenue's website at: www.hmrc.gov.uk/casc

I'm proud to be chairman of Thornbury LTC. It is a great club with an active membership and good facilities, and yet small enough to care. I'm looking forward to 2006/7 and hope to see you all down at the club!

Phil Jones
Chairman, Feb 2006

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on Thursday March 30th 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:

- ▶ Apologies
- ▶ Minutes of Last Meeting
- ▶ Chairman's Report
- ▶ Treasurer's Report
- ▶ Subscriptions
- ▶ CASC status
- ▶ Public Courts
- ▶ Committee Nominations
 - ▶ Coaching
 - ▶ Juniors
- ▶ Any other Business
- ▶ Wimbledon Draw

There are vacancies on the committee for Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Men's Captain and Publicity. For further details and a nomination form please see Page 5.

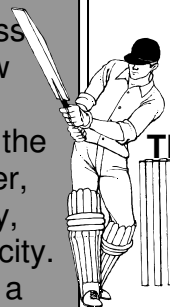
2:00-6:00pm
OPEN DAY

Saturday
May 20th

The aim of the Open Day is to promote tennis at Thornbury Tennis Club. It provides the opportunity for members and non-members, juniors and seniors to enjoy tennis together. Please come along, and bring your friends. Look out for posters and more information nearer the time. The Open Day is part of the LTA "Play Tennis" scheme.

CRICKET

We have challenged Thornbury Baptist Church cricketers to a match at Rockhampton CC on Weds, June 7th. Come along to support your team at about 6:30pm. Bar open.



Away Day v Seaton LTC (www.seatoncricketandtennis.co.uk)

Jerry Davies has arranged for his weekend club (Seaton) and his weekday club (us!) to get together for a fun tournament. The event is scheduled for Sunday May 21st from 2pm - 6pm at Seaton. Look out for further details on the noticeboard. (Seaton is on the south Devon coast, east of Exeter, towards Lyme Regis.)



WEEKEND AWAY

We are hoping to arrange a weekend away later in the year at The Manor House Hotel at Okehampton. The hotel provides many other sports besides tennis, and runs craft activities. Look out for details on the notice board. Check out the hotel's website for further information:- www.manorashbury.co.uk

Club Tournament

Winners:

Mark Taylor

Allison Weir

Steve Wells & James Bickerton

Pauline Barnett & Carole Boulton

Steve Wells & Jill Dearnaley

2005

Runners Up:

Ian Barnett

Pauline Barnett

Chris Vincent & Allison Weir

Ian Barnett & Jenny Bayne



The President's Plate was won by Nick Frost & Ruth Abrahams

LADIES MATCH REPORT

No-one can have failed to notice that Ladies tennis at Thornbury is thriving! As a result of this we have 2 new teams – a third ladies team in the Summer League, and a third mixed team in the Winter League, in addition to the Summer Vets Ladies team that we entered for the first time in 2004.

The Third Team went off to a cracking start and easily won Division 6A and will join the Second Team in Division 5. The Second Team lost only 2 matches and were once again very unlucky not to gain promotion losing out by just a few points to Portishead (whom we beat on both occasions). The First Team struggled in their second season in Division 2, and although they won 4 of their 10 matches, they came fifth and so will play in Division 3 this coming summer.

The Teams [with number of appearances in brackets (1st, 2nd, 3rd):- Nicky Clark (9,0,0), Jane Clark (8,0,0), Sarah Hurley (6,0,0), Barbara Bax (6,2,0), Pauline Barnett (5,1,0), Allison Weir (3,6,0), Liz Attwood (1,5,0), Clare Whitaker (1,3,4), Jo Hargreaves (1,1,3), Chris Vincent (0,4,4), Jill Dearnaley (0,3,5), Ruth Abrahams (0,2,4), Carole Boulton (0,2,3), Beth Cocks (0,2,3), Sharon MacDonald (0,1,6), Gill Hardy (0,0,1), Rosie Hutchinson (0,0,1), Jean Stevenson (0,0,1) and Rose Higgins (0,0,1).

Thank you to everyone for their time and commitment, and congratulations especially to Sharon for winning all but one of the 14 rubbers she played!

Again, we entered a Ladies team in the Avon LTA **Summer Vets** competition. This runs for 10 weeks throughout August and September, and is more flexible than the summer league in that the matches may be played at any time during the weekend. Being the holiday season, the teams vary, and we ended up with some great victories and some sorry defeats. Thanks to Chris Vincent for organising the team.

As well as the good turn out for matches, there are generally plenty of ladies out playing tennis for fun – Monday evenings, Tuesday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, Thursday mornings and Friday mornings all see ladies out on court. The Christmas meal was very well attended with over 20 of us celebrating Christmas and Betty Lavender's fortieth year as a member of the club.

Allison Weir, Ladies Captain, Feb 2006

SENIOR WINTER LEAGUE 2005/6

The Winter League runs from Oct-March. Each team comprises 2 men and 2 ladies and each match consists of a Men's Doubles, a Ladies' Doubles, and 2 Mixed Doubles. We are running 3 regular teams, and 1 veterans team. The **Vets** were promoted to Division 1 this year and we have a regular team of Nick Frost & Barbara Bax, Steve Wells & Allison Weir, though injuries have meant that Pete Rosser, Phil Jones and Dave Bruton have also played. After 7 matches we have only 12 points, but there have been plenty of close 3-setters, particularly in the mixed matches.

The **First Team** are playing their fourth season in Division 3. After 6 matches they have 14 points. The team had a super victory against Next Generation II, who are in top place. We struggle to get our best team out with Jane Clark injured, and Nicky Clark in her busy final year at school. Sarah Hurley has played most of the matches, and has been partnered by Nicky, Lucy Thomas and Barbara Bax. The men who have played are Ian Barnett, Malcolm Worster, Dave Bruton, Nick Frost, Mike Peatheyjohns, Ted Gilbert and Phil Jones.

The **Second Team** fluctuates between Division 4 and 5 – this is a Division 5 year but things are looking good and they are lying in a healthy second place with just 2 matches to play, losing only to top-placed Cleeve. Players are Phil Jones, Ye Huang, Tony Light, Dave Bruton, Richard Boak, Chris Vincent, Lucy Thomas, Sharon MacDonald, Clare Whitaker, Liz Attwood and Ruth Abrahams.

The new **Third Team** are also in Division 5 but are in a tougher league than the second team. After 8 matches, they are lying in fifth place having won 2 matches. We have had a number of debuts to senior league tennis in James Light, Richard Boak, Rob McPherson and also Alison Millard. The other players are Tony Light, Alan Clark, Dave & Liz Attwood, Mike & Carole Boulton, Matthew Stringer, Jo Hargreaves, Rosemary Millar, Sharon MacDonald, Clare Whitaker and Gill Hardy.

NEVER TOO OLD TO PLAY COUNTY TENNIS

Last week saw the debut of Jill Dearnaley's county tennis career. Avon County Ladies (70 and over) played their first match away (in High Wycombe) against Buckinghamshire. Jill partnered captain, Pauline Barnett (of Clevedon LTC and Thornbury LTC). The other pair was Tricia Harrison (Clevedon LTC) and Molly Hampson (Clifton LTC). The ladies had a hard fought match against experienced county players and although they lost all the rubbers, Bucks were forced to field an under-age player (no reserves!) so technically Avon won the match 6-4.

The team has matches scheduled against close rivals, Somerset, and South Wales in the next few weeks and we look forward to hearing how they get on.

Allison Weir, Feb 28th, 2006

Coaching Report 2006

The new year has brought us many surprises from ever changing weather to constitutional changes. However, coaching at Thornbury Tennis Club has started off very smoothly!

Wednesday evenings kicked off in early January with Rebecca Jordan and Saturday mornings are due to start on the 4th of February with James Bickerton. The fun time sessions are aimed at all ages up to 18 and 2006 will bring new ideas and games to enhance the skill and enjoyment the juniors receive.

With the coaching only into its first month of progress we hope to boost the numbers by the start of spring. Feel free to turn up on a Saturday morning or Wednesday evening and participate!

The coaching will continue right through the year, having breaks at easter, summer and autumn. These breaks will however have holiday courses run throughout so keep your ears pinned for details.

For any queries regarding times, private coaching or junior sessions please call either Becky or James. We hope that you all have, and will, have a good start to a prosperous new year!
James Bickerton, Jan 2006

Match Practice for Senior Summer League

Match practice for all 6 teams (3 men's and 3 ladies') will start on Monday, 27th March (6:30pm), and will continue into the league season. We run teams in the Avon League, and the matches are played on Friday evenings from May 5th until July 14th. If you are interested in playing league tennis then come along or call Allison Weir (no men's captain at the moment).

Men's Match Report – Summer 2005

Good fun, good tennis – Men's A, B and C teams all performed well.

Each team finished in the top half of their divisions and with a little luck could have come close to promotion.

I should like to thank all the guys who played in the matches and in particular the B and C team captains, Dave Bruton and Graham Quintana, also Phil Jones who deputised for Dave while he was on holiday.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, all the teams had problems fielding teams at certain times and I hope the 2006 season will find more players making themselves available for selection.

I have enjoyed the last 2 years as Men's Match Captain and I wish my successor well for the 2006 summer season

Nick Frost, Men's Captain, Feb 2006

FLOODLIGHT TOKENS (30 minutes per token, £1.50)

If you need tokens for the floodlights , please call:



**Phil Jones
Allison Weir
James Morrell
Matthew Stringer**

Thornbury LTC Committee (*standing down)			
Phil Jones	Chairman		
Chris Vincent	Vice-Chair		
Tony Light *	Treasurer		
James Morrell	Secretary		
Qian Huang *	Membership Secretary		
Nick Frost *	Mens Captain		
Allison Weir	Ladies Captain, Match Secretary Newsletter Editor, Website		
Beth Cocks	Club/Grounds		
Mike Boulton *	Publicity		
Matt Stringer	Lottery		
James Bickerton	Junior representative		
Becky Jordon	Club Coach		

COURT AVAILABILITY		
Day	Available	In use for ...
MON	All day except March-July	mid March to mid July – match practice from 6:15pm
TUES	Noon-6:30pm	Senior club morning from 10:00am and evening from 6:30pm
WEDS	am-4:45pm	Junior club evening until 8:45pm
THURS	am-6:30pm	Senior club evening
FRI	All day except May-July	May – July, Senior League matches, 6:15pm onwards
SAT	Evening	Juniors from 9:30am, Senior club afternoon from 2:00pm
SUN	All day except Oct-March	Senior Winter League matches on 2 courts from 10:15am to approx 1:00pm. 20 Sundays out of 26.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:		
Mar	Mondays from 27th March (6:30pm)	Men's & Ladies Match Practice
	Thursday, 30th March (7 for 7:30pm)	Annual General Meeting
Apr	Friday, 21st April (6:30pm)	Men's preseason friendly v Olveston & Tockington 1st Team Home, 2nd Team Away
May	Fridays, 5th May to 14th July (6:15pm)	Senior Summer League matches
	Sunday 14th May (2pm)	Junior/Senior Tournament
	Saturday 20th May (2-6pm)	Open Day
	Sunday 21st May (2-6pm)	Tournament at Seaton LTC, Devon
Jun	Wednesday, 7th June (6pm)	Cricket Match v Thornbury Baptist Church
	Sunday, 18th June (2pm)	American Tournament and BBQ
Jul	Sunday, 16th July	Club Tournament Finals Day
	Saturday 22nd July (2-6pm)	Open Day #2
Sep	Tuesday, 5th September (to be confirmed)	Cancer Research Charity Tournament & Lunch
	Sunday, 17th September	President's Plate Mixed Doubles Tournament

Check out the website www.thornburytennisclub.co.uk

for information on:

Tournaments

Events

Membership

Coaching

Avon League fixtures and results



LOTTERY 2006

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:

Matt Stringer or complete the form below.

2005 winners of the lottery are

Jan: Jenny Bayne

Feb: Steve Wells

Mar:

Bob Ford

Apr: Clive Witter

May: Clive Witter

Jun: Ye Huang

Jul: Dave Dwyer

Aug: Bob Ford

Sep: Matt



THORBURY LTC LOTTERY 2006/2007

NAME: NO. OF ENTRIES

(@ £12 each)

ADDRESS:

TEL:

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THORBURY LTC

SEND TO: Matt Stringer



There are vacancies on the committee for Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Men's Captain, and Publicity. For further details please contact James Morrell. Nominations must be submitted to James Morrell by Friday, March 24th 2006.

I nominatefor the post of

Signed: (Proposer)

Signed: (Secunder)

Signed: (Nominee)

CLUB TOURNAMENT 2006

The club tournament is being co-ordinated by Allison Weir.

To enter, please sign up at the AGM or on the list on the notice board by Sunday, April 9th. Weekday members and juniors invited to play at the Thursday club sessions are welcome to play in the tournament.



All the matches will be played during April - July at times convenient to those playing and there will be booking sheets available to book courts for matches. There will be the usual restrictions on booking courts (eg. outside coaching sessions, league matches etc). I will endeavour to ensure that you know exactly when courts are available. (eg Wednesday evenings outside coaching times)

All players must be available on Finals Day.
All the finals will be played on Sunday, July 16th.

This year you may chose your partners for the doubles competitions. However, there will still be the opportunity to enter if you have not found yourself a partner.
Entry to the tournaments costs £2 each, or £5 for all three.

