

Chairman's Chat

A lot has happened since I last reported to you all back in March. We are finalising arrangements with the town council which gives us exclusive rights to two additional courts by the old clubhouse (now called 5 & 6). You will find them in excellent condition following their recent refurbishment. This provides a great opportunity for the ongoing development of the club. Special thanks must go to the James Morrell for his fortitude in liaising with the council, securing the grant and arranging the work.

Since the resignation of Rebecca Jordon as club coach, we have appointed Chris Taylor. He will be organising junior coaching and will also be available for individual or group coaching. Please refer to the enclosed literature.

Questionnaire

I have enclosed a brief questionnaire in order to get some feedback from the membership. In particular, the committee have a couple of recommendations to make.

The first recommendation is to extend the allowed playing time for weekday members from 16:00 until 18:00 on Monday to Friday. The limit at many (but not all) other clubs is 18:00. This fact, together with our increased court availability has led us to make this recommendation. The change does not require an amendment to the constitution and can be implemented by the committee.

The second proposed change relates to the junior subscription rate. The reasons for this are to:

- 1) Increase junior membership.*
- 2) Encourage juniors who attend coaching sessions to join.*
- 3) To reflect the greater use that full playing juniors make of the facilities.*

The junior subscription rate is currently set at £43 which equates to approximately 38% of the standard adult fee. This rate is generally higher than similar clubs in the region.

The proposals are to:

1) Scrap the extra junior rate, no other club appears to offer this class of membership.

2) Provide a two tier junior rate whereby full playing juniors are charged a higher rate (about the same as now) while regular juniors would be charged a lower rate (set at around 25% of the adult rate or about £28).

3) Keep the junior plus membership, but only for regular juniors not full playing juniors. The rate would be the same as that of a full playing junior, around £43. The main purpose of Junior plus is to allow parents/guardians to accompany younger juniors and it is felt that the category would be unnecessary for full playing (older) juniors.

The changes proposed would need to be voted for and passed at an AGM, as they would require a change in the membership categories within the constitution

The last section in the questionnaire is for comments. Please use it as an opportunity to give your suggestions or points of view. For example, James Morrell would like to see an area set aside as a Boules pitch so please let us know if you think this is a good idea.

The committee is here to represent your views and your input is therefore greatly appreciated.

Anyone for President?

Peter Gill, our club president, has decided that it is time to let somebody else take the reins and will be standing down at the next A.G.M. Peter was an active club member for many years and played an important role in the development of the club we know and love. He has maintained a keen interest in club activities since becoming president and I am sure everybody will wish Peter all the best for the future.

The role of president is an honorary role. It does not offer any special privileges nor require any particular commitment. We shall be asking for nominations (along with committee nominations) in the next newsletter prior to the A.G.M. I am raising this now in order that members have the opportunity to discuss who they may like to see fulfil this prestigious role.

Final word

If you would like to contribute in any way to the running of the club, (you may like to organise a friendly tournament, or an away weekend), then please do let me know. You do not necessarily have to join the committee.

Finally, the club is here for everyone, juniors, seniors, leagues players, beginners, ladies and gentlemen, each with their own perspective on what they want from the club. On occasion, this can lead to discord. As long as we maintain our strengths of providing social club tennis, plus opportunities for competitive league tennis at all levels, we will continue to thrive. With our new coach and facilities I am very optimistic for continued success.

**Phil Jones
Chairman, Sept 2006**



Club Tournament 2006

Winners:

Mark Taylor

Becky Jordon

Pete Rosser & James Lewis

Liz Attwood & Sarah Hurley

James Lewis & Becky Jordon

Runners Up:

Mike Boulton

Lucy Thomas

Ted Gilbert & Malcolm Worster

Becky Jordon & Rosemary Millar

Malcolm Worster & Clare Whitaker

The President's Plate was won by Ye and Jade Huang

FLOODLIGHT TOKENS

(30 mins
per token, £1.50)

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Phil Jones

Allison Weir

James Morrell

Matt Stringer



LADIES MATCH REPORT, SUMMER 2006

It was a mixed season for the three ladies teams. The first team, having been relegated to Division 3 this year, proved they really should be in Division 2, winning 7 of their 10 matches to come second to Next Generation I. The Second team had a disappointing first season in Division 4, losing 8 of their 10 matches and will drop back to Division 5. The third team, who were also promoted this year, came 4th and so will stay in Division 5.

Thanks to all those who turned out every Friday to play for the club. The players were:-

Firsts: Jane Clark (10), Nicky Clark (9), Lucy Thomas (8), Sarah Hurley (7), Janet Davies (1)

First/Seconds: Jo Hargreaves (5/3)

Seconds: Diana Dyson (6), Barbara Bax (5), Allison Weir (2)

Seconds/Thirds: Ruth Abrahams (6/1), Ali Millard (5/1), Liz Attwood (4/2), Chris Vincent (2/4),
Carole Boulton (3/4), Clare Whitaker (2/5), Sharon MacDonald (1/4)

Thirds: Sabine Baker (4), Jill Dearnaley (3), Rosemary Millar (3), Rose Higgins (2), Gill Hardy (1)

Once again, we played in the **Summer Vets** through August and September. We did well, and although we lost 3 matches, we beat those same teams in the return fixtures. We may even be promoted to Division 1 (only 2 divisions) next summer. **Allison Weir, Ladies Captain, 2006**

Men's Match Report Summer 2006

An eventful summer's tennis featuring some new faces and hard fought matches.

First team finished 3rd in division 5A with 56 points, Mens II finished 3rd in division 6B with 35 points (just one more point in the last match would have secured promotion) and Mens III finished 5th in division 7BB with 22 points.

Pre-season Monday match practices started with poor attendances with the inevitable consequence of struggling to make up teams early in the campaign. More consistent pairings would undoubtedly have improved overall results. The learning point for the 2007 season is attend match practices and get your name down early on the 'match availability list'. If we are going to enter three men's teams in future we need a degree more enthusiasm and a positive attitude to team play and availability. With the players we have available, our target should be promotion for at least two of our three teams next season.

A big thank you for everyone who played this summer and especially Dave Bruton and Mike Boulton who did a lot of organising. I hope we all enjoy our Friday night team tennis but please remember, the league season starts with the first Monday match practice, not the first Friday match. Monday night match practices will start in March, so get down to the courts early, help us get organised and let's give a good account of ourselves in 2007!

Pete Rosser, Men's Captain, 2006

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT REPORT 2006

On Saturday 9th September we held a Junior Tournament at the tennis club and this was attended by 13 children who all seemed to have a great time.

The tournament was run on a round robin basis with the older age group having two groups and the winner of each group playing the final. There was only one group in the younger age bracket and the top two in this group played off in a final.

In the older age bracket Richard Boak and James Lewis won their respective groups and James Lewis went on to win a highly contested final.

The younger age bracket saw Alex Rawle defeat David Bailey in the final. The day ended with a fun doubles tournament which was won by Richard Boak and Robbie McPherson. We hope to repeat this tournament next year and hopefully invite youngsters from Almondsbury and Tockington to enter as well.

Matthew Stringer, Oct 2006

Thornbury LTC Committee

Phil Jones	Chairman		
Chris Vincent	Vice-Chair		
Tony Light	Treasurer		
James Morrell	Secretary		
Matt Stringer	Membership Secretary, Lottery		
Pete Rosser	Men's Captain		
Allison Weir	Ladies Captain, Match Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Website		
Beth Cocks	Club/Grounds		
Chris Arnold			
Tony Boak	Junior representative		
Chris Taylor	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.

Junior Ladder (organiser Tony Boak)

This winter we will restart the popular ladder competition. This will encourage competitive play in single set matches. Full details will be posted on the notice board after half term.

NEVER TOO OLD TO PLAY COUNTY TENNIS

In the last newsletter, I mentioned the county tennis careers of Jill Dearnaley and Pauline Barnett. Last winter, they played in the over 70's county tennis team for Avon and won their division, beating Berkshire, Somerset and South Wales. They lost in a semi-final play-off against Surrey.

The county season is under way again and they will shortly be flying to Glasgow to play Scotland!!

Allison Weir, Sept, 2006

TESCO SPORTS VOUCHERS - the club has been registered, so please give us your vouchers to buy coaching equipment. There is a box in the club house.

Check out the website www.thornburytennisclub.net (it has changed, the sub-domain was .co.uk) for information on: **Tournaments** **Events** **Membership** **Coaching**
Avon League fixtures and results

Avon Junior League

In the Avon Junior Tennis League, our under 14 team won their division convincingly, winning five of their six matches and narrowly losing the sixth by only one point. Congratulations to Richard Boak, James Lewis, James Light and Robbie McPherson. The boys attended the presentation evening at the Avon LTA on 13th October.

Opponents	H/A	Result	Score
Horfield	Away	Won	54 - 7
Almondsbury	Home	Won	54 - 5
Sodbury	Away	Lost	35 - 36
Horfield	Home	Won	52 - 13
Almondsbury	Away	Won	54 - 19
Sodbury	Home	Won	41 - 32

Next year we hope to enter more junior teams in the league at under 14, under 16 and possibly under 12 depending on level of interest and parental help. **Tony Boak, Oct 2006**

FIREWORKS, Saturday, Nov 4th

* Thornbury Round Table has requested that we vacate the courts by 4:30pm.

MINCE PIES

At the club session on Saturday, December 16th.

The WINTER LEAGUE is under way until March. We have 4 mixed teams. If you are interested in playing, please sign up on noticeboard.

SWEATSHIRTS & PEAKS Finally, we have enough interest to place an order! Rosemary Millar will be ordering in November so please check the new list on the noticeboard. The TLTC sweatshirts are navy and the peaked caps are white with navy trim.

LOTTERY 2006/7



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.

2005/6 winners of the lottery are

Jan: Pam Stringer

Feb: Hilary Newton

Dec: Carole Boulton

Apr: Matthew Stringer

May: TJ Cullimore

Mar: Anthony Mitchell

Jun: Sue Taylor

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THORBURY LTC LOTTERY 2006/2007

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