

Chairman's Report

I am anticipating an eventful season ahead. The club appears to be busier than ever and courts 5 & 6 are already being well used. I'm looking forward to the club tournament and remind you all to get your entries in as soon as you can. For more details see Page 4.

Junior coaching with Chris Taylor is going well and I am anticipating lots of opportunities for our junior members to play competitively. We will have junior box leagues, more tournaments and a junior team in the LTA national leagues!

If you are interested in playing more competitive tennis at senior level, watch out for the resurrected singles boxes which Chris Arnold is organising. Also note that match practice starts on March 26th and this year we have asked Chris Taylor to arrange some 'drilling' for us. If you are good enough, you may even get the opportunity to play for our new senior men's team in the LTA national leagues!

I urge anyone, junior or senior, who wants to improve their tennis to give the coaching a try.

Don't forget the AGM on March 28th. In the previous newsletter I reminded you that Peter Gill was standing down as our club president. Now would be the time to elect a new president for this honorary role.

I am looking forward as always to seeing you all down at the club.

**Phil Jones
Chairman, Feb 2007**

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on Wednesday March 28th 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
- ◆ Committee nominations
- ◆ Membership
- ◆ Coaching
- ◆ Juniors
- ◆ Any other business
- ◆ Wimbledon draw

There are vacancies on the committee for Treasurer and Publicity. We also need a new President. For further details and a nomination form please see Page 5.

DAVIS CUP

There are still a few tickets left for the Davis Cup (GB v Netherlands) on Saturday, April 7th at the NEC, Birmingham. Please call James Morrell now to secure your place. The cost is £18 to include ticket and coach.

Singles Boxes

Chris Arnold is planning to run senior singles boxes. Please watch the notice board for further information.

Chris Taylor is already running junior boxes and various other competitions for juniors including the 14 and under "Road To Wimbledon". Please see the junior notice board for details.

Away Day v Seaton LTC

(www.seatoncricketandtennis.co.uk)

Jerry Davies has finished his job locally so will no longer be seen on the Thornbury tennis club courts. However, we are arranging a tournament at his home club. The event is scheduled for Sunday, June 24th. Please see notice-board for details. (Seaton is on the south Devon coast, east of Exeter, towards Lyme Regis.)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:		
Mar	Friday, 9 th March	Club Thornbury Quiz at Leisure Centre
	Mondays from 26 ^h March (6:30pm)	Men's & Ladies Match Practice – all 6 courts
	Wednesday 28 th March (7 for 7:30pm)	Annual General Meeting
Apr	Saturday, 7 th April	Davis Cup Trip, GB v Netherlands
May	Fridays, 11 th May to 20 th July (6:15pm)	Senior Summer League matches
	Sunday 20 th May (2-6pm)	Open Day
Jun	Sunday, 24 th June	Tournament at Seaton LTC, Devon
	Wednesday, 27 th June (6pm)	Cricket Match v Thornbury Baptists at Rockhampton
Jul	Saturday, 14 th July – late afternoon	Club Tournament Finals Day – except Mixed Doubles
	Sunday, 15 th July (2pm)	American Tournament followed by Mixed Doubles Final
Aug	To be arranged	Junior Tournament
Sept	Tuesday, 4 th September	Cancer Research Charity Tournament & Lunch
	Sunday, 16 th September	President's Plate Mixed Doubles Tournament

Thornbury LTC Committee (*standing down)			
Phil Jones	Chairman		
Chris Vincent	Vice-Chair		
Tony Light *	Treasurer		
James Morrell	Secretary		
Matt Stringer	Membership Secretary, Lottery		
Pete Rosser	Mens 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, courts available later
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. Occasional National League Matches, tournaments, Open Day

SENIOR WINTER LEAGUE 2006/7

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 demoted to Division 2 for this season and after 6 years of playing in Division 1 or 2 find themselves about to drop to Division 3. It has been an unsettled season with a lot of injury problems! The players this winter have been Nick Frost, Steve Wells, Phil Jones, Ye Huang, Ruth Abrahams, Allison Weir, Ali Millard, and Barbara Bax.

The **Firsts** dropped to Division 4 this year but are doing well and promotion prospects were looking good. A poor result against Central, and Sarah Hurley's broken thumb have rather spoilt our chances. The players this winter have been Pete Rosser, Phil Jones, Colin Horler, Chris Taylor, Chris Davies, Ian Barnett, Mike Peatheyjohns, Steve Wells, Lucy Thomas, Sarah Hurley and Jo Hargreaves.

The **Seconds** were promoted to Division 4 this year and for the first time ever it looks as though they will survive to try again. They have 4 wins from 7 matches and are lying mid-table. They are in a very tight league, however, so every match is crucial! The players so far: Dave Bruton, Ye Huang, Chris Davies, Mike Peatheyjohns, Ian Barnett, Robbie McPherson, Phil Jones, Matt Stringer, Jo Hargreaves, Ali Millard, Diana Dyson, Liz Attwood and Clare Whitaker.

The **Thirds** as ever find themselves in a tough league at the bottom. Unfortunately, not only are they in with a very strong Next Generation 3, Bristol Redland have also decided to enter a third team this year (their teams 1 and 2 are both in Division 1!) and have not dropped a point. However, our team have won 3 matches and are likely to finish in 4th place. The players so far: Mike Boulton, Chris Arnold, Dave Attwood, Tony Light, Matt Stringer, Richard Boak, Robbie McPherson, Carole Boulton, Beth Cocks, Gill Hardy, Clare Whitaker, Liz Attwood, Cheryl Freston, Chris Vincent, Rosemary Millar, Jo Hargreaves and me.

Allison Weir, Feb, 2007

Match Practice for Senior Summer League

Match practice for all 6 teams (3 men's and 3 ladies') will start on Monday, 26th 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 11th until July 20th. If you are interested in playing league tennis then come along or call Pete Rosser or Allison Weir.

We will be organising drilling sessions with Chris Taylor for both the men's and ladies' teams

The message from Pete to the men who are interested in playing matches is "make sure you turn up to the first match practice".

WEEKDAY MEMBERS REMINDER

The playing time for weekday members has been extended until 6pm on weekdays. This extension is on trial until the end of June 2007.

COURT MAINTENANCE

The courts have recently been washed to reduce slipperiness and restore drainage. We expect to have them resurfaced in 2010 at a likely cost of £24K.

Cancer Research Charity Tournament, September 2006

Last year 29 players entered the tournament with an additional 10 for lunch. £377.70 was raised. Pam Forrest thanks the tennis club for donating ex-match balls. This together with the fact that we now have 6 courts meant that the overheads dropped and more money was raised.

Check out the website www.thornburytennisclub.net

for information on:

Tournaments
Coaching

Events

Avon League fixtures and results

Membership

CLUB TOURNAMENT 2007

The club tournament is being co-ordinated by Phil Jones and Chris Taylor. To enter, please sign up at the AGM or on the list on the notice board by Sunday, April 15th. Weekday members and juniors invited to play at the Thursday club sessions are welcome to play in the tournament. The draw will be up by Sunday, April 22nd.

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). Please keep an eye on the noticeboard for Phil's timetable for matches not played by the deadline. (I can't possibly explain it here - AW)

All players must be available for the finals, which will be played late afternoon on:
The Singles, Men's and Ladies' Doubles Finals - Saturday, July 14th
The Mixed Doubles Final - Sunday, July 15th

This year the partners for the doubles competitions will be drawn randomly.
Entry to the tournaments costs £2 each, or £5 for all three.

CRICKET



We have challenged Thornbury Baptist Church cricketers to a match at Rockhampton CC on Weds, June 27th. Come along to support your team at about 6:30pm. Bar open.

Open Day

Sunday, May 20th, 2-6pm

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 more information nearer the time.

The Open Day is part of the LTA "Play Tennis" scheme.

Club Thornbury News

The tennis club is part of "Club Thornbury", an umbrella organisation for local sports clubs. As such our members are offered a 40% discount at "Bridges" at Thornbury Leisure Centre .

Club Thornbury is running a quiz (Matt Stringer is the quiz master) at Thornbury Leisure Centre on March 9th.

TESCO VOUCHERS

Thanks to everyone for collecting the Tesco Sports Vouchers. We collected 890, and have ordered a ball-hopper. We have about 300 vouchers banked for next year.

FLOODLIGHT

TOKENS (30 mins per token, £1.50)

If you need tokens for the floodlights, please call:

Phil Jones
Allison Weir
James Morrell
Matt Stringer



CLUB LOTTERY 2007/8

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.

Recent winners of the lottery are:-

July: John Harbottle

Aug: Geoff Millar

Sept: Phil Jones

Oct: Kim Morton

Nov: Steve Wells

Dec: John Harbottle



THORNBURY LTC LOTTERY 2007/2008

NAME: NO. OF ENTRIES
(@ £12 each)

ADDRESS:

TEL:

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO *THORNBURY LTC*
SEND TO: *Matt Stringer*

Please note that we have had a volunteer to take over as Treasurer – Chris Arnold.
We have been without a Publicity Officer for years – we could really do with one.
Please use the form below to nominate a new president too.



There are vacancies on the committee for Treasurer and Publicity. For further details please contact James Morrell. Nominations to be submitted to James Morrell by Wednesday, March 21st 2007.

I nominatefor the post of

Signed: (Proposer)

Signed: (Seconder)

Signed: (Nominee)