

Editor's Notes

Hello all you people in tennis land!

*The main announcement for this newsletter is that the **AGM** will be held at the clubhouse on **Wednesday 25th March at 7:30pm**, please attend if at all possible. **Please note** that for the Wimbledon ticket draw only members of British Tennis are eligible, i.e. if you are not a member of British Tennis you will not be entered into the draw.*

The 2008/09 has been a relatively successful year for the club. The summer teams had a good season with 3 out of 4 men's teams promoted but the ladies teams staying put. But the winter league teams seem to have hit the buffers after gaining promotion last season. The social tennis sessions are very well attended and the Tuesday evening experiment with après tennis has been a resounding success. Your committee has again been working hard, from obtaining grants to re-fencing Courts 5 & 6, to arranging for a practice wall to be built and social events at the clubhouse.

On that note the major expenditure for the club this year will be the resurfacing of courts 1 to 4 which is provisionally programmed for mid March but watch the clubhouse notice boards for further information. I think we all need to give Tony Light a vote of thanks for working hard on this crucial part of the club, without which we would not be playing.

Also the club needs a new president after Steve Wells stood down ,many thanks to Steve for his past efforts .

The post of club treasurer also needs to be filled since Chris Arnold is standing down, many thanks to Chris for his work over the past few years.

The evenings are getting lighter and the weather warmer so get down the club and play!

Mike Boulton, Newsletter Editor, March 2009

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on Wednesday March 25th 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
- ◆ Report on Court Resurfacing
 - ◆ Treasurer's report
 - ◆ Membership report
- ◆ Coaching and Junior report
 - ◆ 'British Tennis' report
- ◆ Coaching Contract review report
 - ◆ Committee nominations
 - ◆ Proposals
 - ◆ Any other business
- ◆ Date of next committee meeting
 - ◆ Wimbledon draw

There is a vacancy on the committee for Treasurer.

Check out the website

www.thornburytennisclub.co.uk

for information on:

Tournaments

Events

Membership

Coaching

Avon League fixtures and results



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* Denotes committee member relinquishing post

NEW COMMITTEE
MEMBERS ALWAYS NEEDED
 We need someone to take over from Chris Arnold who is standing down as Treasurer and some one take over the design and maintenance of the web site, and as always, we need general committee members.

WINTER LEAGUE REPORT

The Winter League is mixed and runs from October to March. This winter, we entered five teams again (1 veterans and 4 regular). The Veterans are in Vets Division 2, the first team in Division 3, and the others are all in Division 4.

After a wonderful winter last year, this winter has been difficult for several reasons. Firstly, four of the 5 teams were promoted last year and so are playing at a higher level this season. Secondly, lots of the better men have not played this winter. This is reflected in the results where the men have won only 5 out of 34 men's doubles matches. The ladies have fared better winning 15 out of 35 matches. Not surprisingly, the mixed doubles lies somewhere in between. Thirdly, no one volunteered to organise the men for the first and second teams so I have been doing it. Thanks to Matthew Stringer for organising the men for the third and fourth teams.

So, we have played about 80% of the matches. Currently the Vets are lying 4th; whether we stay in division 2 hangs on the last match against Knowle who are lying 5th. The first team are lying 5th and have almost no hope of staying in division 3. The second team are lying 3rd in a very tight league, the third team are lying 6th, and the 4th team are lying 5th but have every chance of improving their position.

Thanks to everyone who has played. Lets hope we have a better winter next year! The results, including our match cards, can be found at www.thornburytennisclub.co.uk.

Allison Weir, Feb 2009

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Match Practice for Senior Summer League

Match practice for all 7 teams (4 men's and 3 ladies') will start on Monday, 30th March (6:30pm), and will continue to the end of the league season. We run teams in the Avon League, and the matches are played on Friday evenings from May 8th until July 17th. If you are interested in playing league tennis then come along or call Allison Weir (415894).

COURT AVAILABILITY (Outside organised activities up to 2 courts may be in use for coaching.)		
Day	Available	In use for ...
MON	All day except March-July	mid March to mid July – match practice from 6:30pm
TUES	Noon-6:30pm	Senior club morning from 10:00am and evening from 6:30pm
WEDS	am-4:45pm	Juniors, early evening
THURS	am-6:30pm	Senior club evening
FRI	All day except May-July	May – July, Senior League matches, 6:15pm onwards Winter: Junior club evening
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. Most Sundays.

FLOODLIGHTS NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM
(Reminder for new System in Force)

Operating keys are on the wall to the right of the boxes. After playing Please write your name and playing time in the book provided. The monies owing will be collected monthly by Steve Lewis.

JUNIOR NEWS

All the junior squads are running very successfully, and numbers are increasing all the time. Any juniors wishing to join one of the squads should contact Lucy Thomas (07835 845223). Squads for the summer term will commence after the Easter Holidays on Monday 20th April.

Some of our older Juniors have started playing competitive tennis outside the club, so well done to James Light, James Lewis and Jack Hayman who have all recently entered tournaments at David Lloyd, Long Ashton.

Well done also to Hannah Thomas who was selected to take part in an LTA Talent ID Day, where children of the same age group in the region carry out fitness tests and tennis drills under the watchful eye of talent spotting LTA coaches.

The coaching team will again be busy throughout the summer term coaching in all the local schools, hopefully encouraging more and more youngsters to play tennis.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

A copy of our Child Protection Policy is available for viewing in the clubhouse.

If you have any concerns please contact our club Child Protection Officer, Lucy Thomas.

2009 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:		
Mar	Wednesday 25 th March (7 for 7:30pm)	Annual General Meeting
	Mondays from 30 th March (6:30pm)	Men's & Ladies Match Practice – all 6 courts
May	Fridays, 8 th May to 17 th July (6:15pm) Excluding May 22 nd	Senior Summer League matches – 6 courts, sometimes 8!
Jun	Saturday, 20 th June (4.00 pm)	Summer Solstice Handicap Tournament, Bar B Q, Bar & Quiz - Check Clubhouse for posters
Jul	Saturday/Sunday, 18/19 th July (Provisional)	Club Tournament Finals
	Saturday 4 th July (2-6pm)	Open Day (provisional to coincide with Thornbury Carnival)
Aug	To be arranged	Junior Tournament
Sept	Tuesday, 8 th September (TBC)	Cancer Research Charity Tournament & Lunch
	Sunday, 20 th September	President's Plate Mixed Doubles Tournament
Oct	Sunday 11 th October	Open Mixed Doubles Tournament (New Event)

CLUB TOURNAMENT 2008

The club tournament is being co-ordinated by Chris Arnold. To enter, please sign up at the AGM or on the list on the notice board (or call us) by Sunday, April 12th. Weekday members, and juniors invited to play at senior club sessions are welcome to play in the tournament.

The draw will be up by Sunday, April 19th.

The matches will be played during April - July at times convenient to those playing and there will be some system in place 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 Chris's timetable for matches not played by the deadline.

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 18th

The Mixed Doubles Final - Sunday, July 19th

This year, again, the partners for the doubles competitions will be drawn randomly.

Entry to the tournaments costs £2 each, or £5 for all three.

LOTTERY 2009/10

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!

Recent winners of the lottery are:-

Oct 2008: Diana Dyson

Nov 2008: Ian Barnet

Dec 2008: Barbara Bax



THORNBURY LTC LOTTERY 2009/2010

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO

THORNBURY LTC

And send to:

Carole Boulton

Tel: 01454 416416

NAME: NO. OF ENTRIES

(@ £12 each)

ADDRESS:

TEL: