



Wrecclesham Tennis Club Newsletter September 2010

AN URGENT PLEA.

We need a Treasurer and several other committee members. Details later in newsletter!

This is a Member's Club and depends on people being willing cover the essential functions in order to keep the Club running. I know some people feel they don't want to be on a committee, but we only meet 5 times a year, so it's not too bad. If you really can't bear the thought of being on a committee then there are lots of other ways to help.

For more details please talk to any committee member or give me a call on 01256 472720 or e mail me at chairman@wreccleshamtennis.org.uk.

Margot Rowdon.

NEWS FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to all our new members and I hope you have all enjoyed your tennis this summer. Club sessions have been well attended and the American Tournaments enjoyed. The more competitive League tennis and Club Championships give an opportunity to challenge ourselves a bit more.

We have had a drop in senior and junior membership this year which is disappointing, but maybe a sign of more difficult financial times. SO do encourage your friends to join if you reckon you get good value. Also please give us your feedback- the forms are on Policies and Procedures noticeboard and also on web site or alternatively just e mail what you want to say to secretary@wreccleshamtennis.org.uk.

With the help of our Head Coach Jasper Allen we are trying to get more player development in both senior and junior sections- see under 'Coaching.'

Following up on all the various projects I talked about in the March newsletter....

First the good news.

Clubmark-We achieved our LTA Clubmark. You may have noticed the plaque in the clubhouse. This recognises the Club as meeting high standards of management and tennis development. We have it until 2014, but have an annual check with our LTA rep. to make sure we are progressing. Two of the outcomes from this was the Members Handbook and the developing coaching programmes with our Head Coach Jasper Allen.

Lease- we are still in process of negotiating with Waverley BC. Our current lease expires on 31 May 2011. Thanks to Simon Jones for his invaluable help with this.

Now the bad news....

Clubhouse- we were SO disappointed that we were not successful in getting the substantial grant from Biffa/Entrust Fund after the many hours of work by John McConnell. It is now back to the drawing board. The clubhouse sub committee now consists of me, Rob Golding, Sandra Harvey and Kathy Norkett. Dolores Robertson is going to work with Kathy on other possible grant providers. We will need to come up with a firm proposal which will be put to the members at the AGM if we are not ready by 11 November or at an EGM.

Anyone who would like to join the sub committee please ring me. Are there any project managers out there! Also we will need fundraisers.

Articles of Company-These need to be updated and it's still on my action list. **Anybody have any expertise in this area?**

Margot Rowdon Chair

COMMITTEE CHANGES- report by Margot Rowdon

Kate Dennis, Secretary, has decided to stand down after many years of unstinting service to WTC in various committee posts. She surely deserves a break to just enjoy playing tennis with no hassle. An enormous thank you to her. We luckily have someone willing to take over her role but if there is anyone else who has a burning desire to do the job then talk to Kate.

John Mc Connell, Treasurer, has decided to stand down after many years in the job. Another great big thank you. If you are interested and are reasonably good with figures, please talk to John as soon as possible. Tel Number 01252 718174, or e mail chairman@wreccleshamtennis.org.uk and I'll forward it to John. **This is a vital role and one we have to fill.**

Barbara Goodall, Membership Secretary, is standing down after 4 years in the job. Again we have had an offer to take this on but if anyone else wants to do this please talk to Barbara.

Sandra Harvey- general committee member who organised the American tournaments and assisted generally-grateful thanks.

Richard Graham- Tournaments Organiser- many thanks to Richard for doing this for the last few years.

Linda Taylor- Ladies Captain for the last few years. We do have someone willing to take this on but again if you are interested please talk to Linda.

Jennie Kinnersly- Publicity and web site manager- Jennie set up the web site and has done a fantastic job getting regular publicity organised for the last few years. Prior to this she was Secretary. Jennie is having to stand down due to ill health. Heartfelt thanks to Jennie for all she has done for WTC. Happily Jim Pressly is taking over publicity but we do need someone to take over the web site management.

Maintenance co-ordinator (not doing the work) and **social secretary**- these posts have not been filled in recent years, but if anyone would like to take this on, give me a call.

Those willing to remain but no doubt happy to relinquish if any offers!

Chairman- Margot Rowdon: Junior Co-ordinator- Diane Pettitt: Men's Captain- Ian Sharpe: Fixtures- Louise Boddington and Vanessa Boxen: Jim Pressly- general committee member.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE COMMITTEE.

WE URGENTLY NEED

TREASURER: TOURNAMENTS ORGANISER: AMERICAN TOURNAMENT ORGANISER: WEB SITE MANAGER: MAINTENANCE CO-ORDINATOR: SOCIAL SECRETARY: GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Please contact the relevant committee member, talk to any committee member or ring Margot on 01256 472720 or e mail chairman@wreccleshamtennis.org.uk

FINALS DAY

A really good day with some excellent tennis to watch, with lunch and tea- most enjoyable.

Results

Ladies Singles - Shirley Cauldwell bt Jan Stallard

Mens Singles - Sam Osgood bt Scott Newman

Ladies Open Doubles Diane Pettitt & Kathy Norkett bt Maralyn Sharpe & Jan Stallard

Mens Open Doubles James Cooles & Stephen Pettitt bt Sam Osgood & Scott Newman

Mixed Open Doubles Diane & Stephen Pettitt bt Shirley Cauldwell & Sam Osgood

Ladies Veterans Doubles Kathy Norkett & Jan Stallard bt Diane Pettitt & Linda Taylor

Mens Veterans Doubles Roger Dennis & Ian Sharpe bt Gary Freeman & David Gladman

Mixed Veterans Doubles Jan Stallard & Paul Townson bt Maralyn & Ian Sharpe

Mens Plate Saro Shahnazari bt Jim Pressly

Ladies Plate Nikki Gilbert bt Maggie Finney

DINNER DANCE

This Years' Dinner Dance takes place on Saturday November 20th at the Bush Hotel, so get out your party clothes and come along and support the Club. It is always a very enjoyable evening, Jane Risdon and Mehdi Akkouh are this years' organisers, so please see the notice board to sign up, or contact Jane jane_risdon1@hotmail.com or Mehdi mehdiakkouh@hotmail.com. Cost £30 per person.

PLEA, please for raffle donations. Any bottles of wine, chocolates, gifts etc you are willing to donate will be gratefully received as all proceeds raised go towards the new Club House project. If you can't come to the Dinner Dance, why not make a donation to the raffle at least!!

AGM

This takes place on Thursday 11th November at 7.30pm in the Club House.

Please attend as this is the opportunity to discuss matters affecting ALL members.

The next committee meeting is on 1st November so any comments or issues to raise prior to the AGM need to be with me by 31st October... see response slip at end of newsletter, or e mail. Of course you can make comments any time and all reasonable suggestions and ideas are gratefully received.

JUNIORS

The Junior tournament was held on 3rd July. The results were:-

Boys' U12	Morgan Redman bt James Hufton
Boys' U14	Jack Cousins bt Cameron Bishop
Boys' U16	George Woellwarth bt Adam Cauldwell
Girls' U14	Katie Cousins bt April Young

Thank you to the parents who came along and supported the tournament. All the matches were played competitively and in a sporting manner. The trophies and shields will again be presented at the start of the AGM (7.30 pm) on 11th November. We hope to see all the winners and runners up then.

The Terry Davies Cup will be held on 9th October at 12.30 pm. Please sign up on the list in the clubhouse.

We entered teams in the U13 and U16 Aldershot league this summer. The U16s won 2 matches, drew 1 and lost 2. The U13s were in a difficult division, only winning one match but gaining much experience and playing some good tennis.

Lastly, Jasper Allen Tennis are running a fun session for juniors and non-members on Monday 25th October (half term) at the club. There will be two sessions: 10.00 am – 11.30 am for 6-10 years old and 11.30 am – 1.00 pm for 11-16 years old. **These sessions are FREE of charge.** If you are interested, please let Jasper know so that he can plan the sessions according to the numbers attending. Please do not just turn up on the day – phone him on 01428 654722 or email info@jatennis.co.uk.

Diane Pettitt
Junior Organiser

CLUB TENNIS

The Ladies American Tournament raised £100 which was sent to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

Club sessions are Sunday afternoons from 2.30pm and Wednesday evening from 6.30 onwards with free floodlights. All Welcome.

COACHING AND PLAY

Jasper Allen our head coach arranges all the junior coaching on a Saturday morning and Thursday afternoon. He has a team of coaches and assistants. As the juniors progress he hopes to be able to train any interested over 16's to become young leaders. This is good for their tennis and CV and helps the coaches to bring on more junior players. We are at the beginning of this process and hopefully in a few years we will start to see the benefit of all the hard work.

Brian Greig continues to coach groups of beginners and returners to tennis.

All details are in the Club Handbook.

Jim Pressly is in the process of setting up a singles ladder or box league over the winter, which you will have had an e mail about, so subject to interest this will go ahead very soon, for all you fit singles players. Richard Graham is arranging tennis drills with Jasper Allen, to help people to improve their tennis. Richard will be sending out information about this

New Years Day Tournament.

As last year, this tournament will take place at the Club, weather permitting. Further details will be sent nearer the time, when a new organiser has been appointed.

Kate

Wrecclesham Tennis Club Ltd

I wish to nominate

for the post of

on the Committee

Signed.....

Date

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I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS / SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE CLUB.....please e mail to secretary@wreccleshamtennis.org.uk or put in feedback plastic wallet on noticeboard.