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Winter Box League

After a winter season hampered by snow and bad weather the Winter Box League was eventually completed.

The winning team was McEnroe so well done to Debbi Ward and her team, Brigitte Gilbey, Peter Booth, Steve Hull, Lindsay Bird, Mike Conway, Susan Jackson and Gavin McGrath. I hear that you had a great night out at the Jia Oriental in Chorleywood.

Mixed Singles Box League

This has proved to be a great success and we have now completed two rounds with virtually all of the matches being played....well done to everybody.

A third is now up on the board which will run until the end of August. If, after the match season has finished you wish to join this league then let me know.

Team Matches

By Bob Arthy and Michele Castelete

2010 - A Brilliant start for our Teams....
Men's Teams ---- 'The New Woodies' !

The Watford Leagues started at the end of April and our three Men's teams – the A 'Woodies' led by Capn Simon Loh, the B 'Woodies' under the command of Steve Page and the incredible Steve Hull's C 'Woodies' all triumphed in their first matches. Not to be outdone the Great and the Good 'oldies' teamed up to make the D 'Woodies', and guess what, under the captaincy of our Leader Tony we won our 'friendly' by

outsmarting Croxley-- for that's what the old and cranky, sorry Great and Good, do best after years of training in lobbing and shuffling, slashing and slicing, and of course ducking and diving around the net. The teams have managed to continue with this impressive start and midway through the season the A team are top of their division and the B's and C's are both lying 4th.

The spotlight falls first on our feisty indomitable Ladies. After many hard fought battles last season our Ladies A team – captained by Wendy Knight and Sue Moore are once again back up at the top - in Division One of the Watford and District Tennis LeaguesCongratulations one and all for putting our Club back where we belongunfortunately at the midpoint of the season the A & B teams are struggling, keep going ladies just a couple of wins and we can stay in our current divisions and our C team Ladies under the wonderful captaincy of Brigitte Gilbey have battled with various injuries and are now in 2nd position.

Last but not least the Mixed Teams. Captains Rachel and Roy, got a brilliant first result by inspiring their Mixed A team to victory over Rickmansworth's 1st Mixed Team....they have maintained their winning streak and are currently lying 2nd. Mixed B's had a great first game, closely fought till the final set which Barnet edged and hence came out winners by five matches to four.again they have maintained this impressive performance and are currently in 3rd position. A remarkable eight sets to one victory in the Mixed C's match against Bovingdon gave 'The Mixed Woodies' our first victory in a year, we now have 5 victories under our belt and are top of the division (although teams below us have some games in hand!), might just have something to do with Nicky and Nick Jones taking over the Captaincy from that old man Arthy.

So well done all team players. You certainly have made a brilliant start to 2010 season, as you fight your way to the stars...Per Ardua ad Astra....

In-House Tournaments

We've had some fab tournaments recently thanks to Bob and Tony organising events over Easter and the May bank holidays.....Well done to Mikey and Rachael Conway who looked great as Fred and Thelma Flintstone!!

The two generation tournament was a great success with all courts in use full of 7-11 year olds.....well done to Felix Vine for winning and apparently with no help from dad, Adam. A fun evening followed with a BBQ and football.....pity England didn't play as well as our tennis teams.

Keep an eye out for the next Two Generation event sometime in September.

The list is up for the next sevens tournament, Friday 9th July, either sign up on the board or let me know.

Summer Open Tournament

This is nearing its close and is promising to give us some great matches on finals day, 11th July.....order of play will be published beforehand (it is anticipated that play will start about 1pm), but get on down to watch some tennis.

We will get the BBQ going and put the World Cup final up on the big screen. If you're able to help with the BBQ or provide a salad or pudding please let us know.

Quiz Night

Eleven tables of 6 people battled it out through darts competitions, treasure hunts and lots of dingbats with Ian Senior and his table of the 'No Names' triumphed in the end.

It was a very enjoyable evening and I had a quiet day the next day as Nick could hardly speak after having the formidable job of quiz master for the evening and keeping everyone in line.....thanks Nick for your hard work.

Tony has volunteered to run another quiz in the autumn so we look forward to this.

Membership Renewals

We have finally received the majority of our renewals, Brigitte is currently chasing the last of the stragglers. This year's handbook is now being compiled and will be with the printers next week with the aim of having them ready to distribute by the end of June.

Junior Spring AEGON Tournaments

We entered two teams into the AEGON Spring tournament, Girls U14 and boys U18, well done to Gaby & Georgina Wisbey, Meg Day, Charlie Coles, Rishil Dhruva and Alfie Whittaker who played in these matches, I hear there was some close fought battles.

Summer AEGON Tournament, we have entered teams in both boys and girls U12, 14 & 16 categories, these started last weekend so good luck to everybody who is playing in these and a big thank you to all the parents who are now organizing the teams, Chris Porter, Sean & Isobel Brew, Viv Bartlett, Susan Jackson, Lisa Wisbey, Jo Day and Laura Chesterman.

JC Nite

JC nite has been running since Easter with a regular 6-8 children attending each week, this will continue until the start of the summer holidays, so if you are age 10+ come along and join in on a Friday from 5.30-7.00 for some social play and fun games arranged by Roy.

Junior Saturday Tournament

A junior tournament was held last Sunday and although there was a disappointing turn out well done goes to Lilli Jackson in the U14's and Abi Jones in the U12's.

Summer Camps

Simon will be running his ever popular summer camps again this year. Further information and booking forms will be circulated next week and will also be publicised on the website. The first week will start on Monday 26th July. If you are interested please contact Simon on 07766 164446 or email the club.

Security

Just a reminder following a few breakins to cars, please DO NOT leave anything of value in your car. Also if you are the 1st leaving the club please could you ensure that all windows are shut and the door is properly locked, thanks.

England v Germany

We will put the England v Germany match on the big screen this Sunday 27th June, 3pm. Come on down, play some tennis, BBQ £5 per adult, £2.50 per child, then watch the football in a fun atmosphere on our new big screen.

Hog Roast

Don't forget to get your Hog Roast tickets and come and enjoy a fun social night on Saturday 26th June.....great food, music and dancing.

Tickets are available from Elaine Loh.

New Projector

The club has invested in a projector which has already proved very popular for watching the England matches, so if you'd like to watch some of the major sporting events.....England football, Wimbledon etc on the big screen and in a fun, social atmosphere then look no further than your very own tennis club.

Bar Prices

By Robert Stuttaford

Due to increased costs we are going to have to raise some of the prices in the Bar. All canned beer and cider will go up to £2 a can, small bottles of beer (i.e. Becks) will go up to £1.75 and crisps to 50p a packet. For the time being we will maintain current pricing for wines and spirits, as well as soft drinks.

To put this in perspective this is the first price rise in 3 years (wine went up 50p then) and the first increase in beer prices for 7. Over the last year we have seen a steady increase in the cost price of bar supplies and we have now got to a position whereby we need to reflect this in our pricing.

Website

Don't forget to keep up with all the news and gossip by visiting our website at <http://www.chorleywoodtennis.co.uk/>