



# Smash Hits No 32,

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## From the Chairman

The AGM was held in November but regrettably few members showed up to contribute to the meeting. Presumably this implies that you are all fairly content with the way things are going???? Minutes of the AGM and the list of Committee Members may be found on the website.

I want to give my thanks to all the Committee Members for the past year, who contributed to the success of the club and made it relatively easy to manage.

I welcome the new members to the committee, who have volunteered to commit their time and efforts to moving the club forward. We have already held two meetings and are committed to implementing some of the initiatives of the LTA Clubmarking programme:

- Clear identification of the roles and responsibilities of the committee members
- An Action Plan for club development
- Clarification of the relationship between the tennis coaches and the club
- Timed tennis for the junior coaching programme and more intra-club and inter-club competition
- Invigorate the club social sessions to get more players involved at the appropriate standard of tennis

We have not yet decided to implement the full Clubmark programme but will take on the elements, which are clearly beneficial to us.

The team coaching sessions will be starting this month. The social programme will begin with a Quiz night in March.

You will by now have received the CLTC Questionnaire. Please take some time to fill it out, as this is your best opportunity to contribute to the development of the club, as well as communicate your concerns about the direction of the club.

Let us hope that the weather ameliorates in the very near future and is more conducive to appearing on court and playing the sport we all enjoy.

Tony Bryan

## New Committee

A warm welcome to the new members of the committee, Derek Towner (match secretary), Toby Melling (social secretary), Steve Page (Men's Captain), Nick Jones (Junior Secretary), Jane Smith has changed roles to Ladies Captain and Bob Arthy remains on the committee.

Thank you to the out going members Michele Castelete and Elaine Loh.

## Membership Renewals

Membership renewals will go out by email (or post) during March. The new year commences on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. As you may appreciate it is a huge task processing all of these and we would request that all payments are made promptly. Payments can either be sent to Brigitte, left at the club or you may make a direct transfer to the bank.

## Club Survey

We have decided to undertake a survey so that we can ensure we are providing what the members want. The link for this has been sent out by email, so please take the time to complete, it should take no more than 10 minutes.

## **Team Matches**

We have had a busy winter season with four ladies vets team and two mens vets teams and mens singles. The ladies over 60's have a clean sheet so far as does the over 40's A team.....good luck in rest of the matches.

## **Team coaching**

This started last week with the ladies on Monday 7-8 and the men on Tuesday 7-9pm; for more information please contact Steve Page or Jane Smith

## **Winter Box League**

Round 2 is now on the board. The results after round 1 show that the Nadal Team of Brigitte Gilbey, Adrian Thompson, Carol Sadler, Bob Arthy & Chris Coughlan have a marginal two point lead over Agassi. Round 2 is hotting up to be a close fought contest.

## **Mixed Singles Box League**

This league will run up to mid April, with the first round due to be completed by the end of February.....so hurry up and improve your fitness ready for the season by getting those matches played. If you'd like to join the next round due to start mid March then please let Nicky know.

## **In-House Tournaments**

The entries for this years open tournament will be in the renewals packs, notices will also go up on the board. The playing committee are looking at an exciting new format so watch this space.....finals day will be 10<sup>th</sup> July.

We will be organising fun tournaments over the Easter Bank holiday, details will be available nearer the time.

There will be a Ladies Tournament on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March.....sign up on the notice board.

## **Men v Boys**

This has been arranged for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2pm; Roy will be organising the team for the youngsters and Bob will arrange the men's team. If you are interested in playing please speak to Roy or Bob.

## **Social Night tennis, drinks & nibbles**

We are planning a club social on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March.....more details to follow shortly.

## **Roy's Coaching**

Ladies morning for intermediate players 10:30-12:00 every Thursday.

Interested in improving your doubles techniques.....not sure where to stand on the court, how to open up the space.....then get a group of 2, 3 or 4 players together and book a session with Roy.

For either of the above contact Roy on 07889 332260.

Cardio Tennis, we are currently looking into introducing this.....keep an eye on the notice board for more info.

## **Junior Autumn Tournaments**

The U12's have entered a mixed team in the Chiltern League, so far we have played two match with a tight fought battle against St Alban's the result being a draw, and a win over Brrokman's Park, well done to Felix Coles, Louis Prideaux, Olive Coles & Abi Jones. Good luck in your remaining two fixtures.

## **Junior Summer Aegon Tournaments**

We now have teams confirmed in the following age categories Mixed U10 (4 player); Boys U12 (2 player); Girls U12 (4 player); Boys U14 (2 player); Girls U14 (2 player); Girls U16 (4 player); Boys U18 (2 player)

## **Balls**

A small moan.....we are getting a few complaints that there aren't enough balls around this is partly due to balls not being collected when people finish playing. After you have played please collect the balls and return to the club house.

Team captains for this year are Chris Porter Boys U12, Wendy Chesterman Girls U16, Lisa Wisbey and Susan Jackson Girls U14. If you are interested in playing or a parent who is willing to help please let Nicky know. Matches will start in April.

## **JC Nite**

We hope to start this again after Easter and will be Friday nights 5.30-7.00 for ages 10+

## **Quiz night**

Toby & Elaine are busy organising this years quiz night which is to be held on Saturday 12th March 7:30pm. Come and enjoy a great evening, £8 per eprson including a fish & chip supper, tables of 8, tickets from toby melling tands@volecat.wanadoo.co.uk.

so far we have 6 tables booked but have space for a couple more. If you are interested either let Toby know or sign up on the board.

## **Sunday afternoon allocation of court time**

Sunday afternoons have tended to be a quiet time at the club. It has been decided that three courts should be allocated to family time. On odd occasions when there are two team matches scheduled for Sunday afternoons these would take priority. All matches are posted on the web site diary.

## **Notice board split**

We have decided to split the main notice board between Seniors and Juniors so that all match, tournament information is contained on the one board. The old Junior board will be used for all general club information.