

Smash Hits No 33

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From the Chairman

The club is a hive of activity during the main part of the playing season.

Firstly, many thanks go to Jane Smith, Nick Jones and Steve Page for the organisation of Club Finals Day. The tennis was good to watch and the social side well catered for by Elaine Loh and her team of helpers. It was a really good idea to fully include the Junior Finals and this in part led to a very well attended sociable day. The longest match of over 3 hours was played by Abi and Zoe in the U12 Final; their stamina was stronger than the umpires who needed replacing halfway through the match. The quality of play in all the finals was a credit to the club and the members.

In the Watford league matches, it is the usual mixed bag of results. A couple of teams are fighting for promotion and a couple striving to avoid relegation. What is important is that all the players enjoy their tennis and support their hardworking captains.

Saturday afternoon tennis is extremely popular and the other club social sessions are all being well attended.

Finally, you will have seen a new face around the club. Nicky Edwards has replaced Nicky Jones as Club Administrator. Nicky Jones did a great job over a 2 year period in setting up some new management systems which have helped us to manage the club to better standards. Nicky Edwards has similar skills and brings new ideas as well.

As you will read later, several committee positions either are available now or will be in November. We have been very successful in the past few years of re-energising the committee with younger members but now need another group of members to get involved and keep the club moving forward.

If you have any suggestions for ways of improving the club and its facilities then please bring them to either Nicky or my attention and we will respond.

Tony Bryan

New Committee Members Needed

We will soon have vacancies for the Ladies Captain, Match Secretary and Bar Secretary. The new Committee will be elected at the November AGM so if you would like to become involved with running the club, please put your name forward for any of the positions. Job descriptions will be posted on the notice board shortly.

Finals Day

The gods smiled on Chorleywood Tennis Club on Sunday 10 July 2011.

The weather was good, the salads arrived, Elaine got to Costco and Harry and Tom did a fantastic job on the BBQ . . . and then there was the tennis.

As always John Ramsell was there with new partner Andy Somerville, winners of the mens doubles against Nick Jones and Andy Coles. Jess Stone and Ellen Bamford were victorious over April Lane and Ann Earl in a closely fought 3 set match in the girlie's doubles.

Jess Stone and Lindsay Bird appeared for the second year running in the ladies singles, with Jess winning again.

Nick Jones and Matt Cousens both had long three set semis to be finalists in the men's singles, with Nick coming through victorious on the day.

Matt Cousens didn't come away empty handed though and Jess added to her cache of trophies when together they beat Steve Page and myself in the mixed doubles.



The summer tournament is not only about getting into the final but about the chance to play matches along the way. Looking at the results I can see that there were some great matches during the preliminary rounds particularly noticeable in the mixed doubles, both in the plate and the main draw.

The plate results were:

David Baddeley and Peter Booth bt Ean and Simon Reid
Sue Blythe and Pet Paulwell bt Sue Maxwell and Carole Sadler
Sue Blythe and Adrian Thompson bt Sian Lloyd and John O'Farrell

Well done to all.

This year we saw a pair of our juniors each teaming up with a coach to enter the senior draw.

Olive Coles played with Roy in the mixed and Felix played with Simon in the mens. Although they didn't make it to the final, it was a delight for those of us who played against them to see their potential.

The umpires did a great job, the spectators were appreciative, Steve Page captured the mood by personalising his trophy presentations and I ran around doing what I do best, running around. If you weren't there you missed a really good day's fun . . . why don't you put it in your diary for next year. We'd love to see you.

Jane Smith
Ladies Captain

Supaleague

Supaleague is now up and running. It is a singles league of four players, so just 3 matches of 2 sets each. All games to be played during July and August. To sign up please email bobarthy@hotmail.com.

Mens Social Tennis

We have had an enquiry from a new member for mens social tennis on a Thursday morning. If you are interested, please either add your name to the notice on the board, or email chorleywoodlawntennisclub@btconnect.com.

Juniors

Congratulations to our U12 and U14 girls squads who were both crowned champions of their respective Aegon Hertfordshire divisions.



U12 Girls L-R

Ella Jackson, Abi Jones, Zoe Ramsay, Olive Coles, Natalie Sleeper



U14 Girls L-R

Polly McGrath, Sophie Chesterman, Lily Gisborne (R), Lilli Jackson (R), Meg Day, Gaby Wisbey

Thanks should also go to the parents and team managers for their sterling efforts, and also to the coaches who have improved the girls so much over the past year.

Club Finals; We had two successful qualifying days followed by some cracking matches on Finals Day. We were able to fully integrate with the adults on Finals Day and can say that everyone who was there felt it was a great success. Many thanks from the Juniors to Elaine Loh, and her helpers, for the catering, and Jane Smith and Steve Page for the general organisation on the day.

Junior Big Box; We are going to be running competitive tennis box leagues for all juniors over the Autumn and everyone will be expected to participate. More details will follow through the coaches and by email.

JC Nite; The group is getting larger as the friendships grow and new players join – a lovely way for the kids to start the weekend with some fun, chatting and even tennis thrown in. Every Friday evening from 5.30-7pm for ages 10+ until October half term.

Summer Camps; Simon will be running his ever popular camps during the Summer holidays. For further information and to request a booking form, please contact Simon on 07766 164446 or email the club.

Long term club integration; Our primary aim for junior tennis is twofold. Firstly we want to give all our juniors a good enough grounding in the game so that wherever they live in the future they will have the confidence to join a local tennis club and meet new like minded people, as well as playing a competitive sport. Secondly we want to get the kids to a standard so that they can join in social tennis at CTC and be considered for the adult teams. To assist in achieving both of these objectives we will be running junior sessions during the Autumn and Winter, on selected Sunday afternoons, to learn to play doubles which is a skill in itself!! Further details to follow.

Membership Renewals

The majority of renewals are now in. However, there are still approximately 30 members not yet paid. If you have not yet renewed, please let Brigitte Gilbey have a cheque asap. Also, please remember if you are a coaching member, you should only be using the court with a coach. If you wish to play at other times, please upgrade your membership to the appropriate category.



Saturday Tea Rota

The new tea rota has been put up in the kitchen and is also available on the website.

Two Generation

Yet again we were fully subscribed for our last Two Generation tournament and we had hours of fun, both playing competitive tennis and socialising. The next Two Generation will be in early Autumn and we will keep you posted.

Court Allocation

A schedule showing up to date court allocation can be found on the website at www.chorleywoodtennis.com.

Rock n Roll in Chorleywood

Keep your diaries free for the next social event on the evening of Saturday 10th September. With live band Shadowfax playing hits from the 50's and 60's, it should be a great night. Tickets are £8 a head – please contact Toby Melling at tands@volecat.wanadoo.co.uk.

Village Day

Saturday 9th July saw a very successful Village Day on the Common. The weather was kind to us and a number of enquiries were taken for new memberships, coaching and Summer camps. Roy and Andrea spent many hours encouraging children of all ages to have a go at the hitting net. Thanks to everyone who gave up their time to help man the stall.

Member's Handbook

The Committee have decided it is not cost effective to print a handbook for every member. Instead it will soon be available as a pdf, and in printed format for new members and anyone that particularly requests one.

Lost Property

There is now a lost property box in the club house – and it is already overflowing. Please check if there is anything belonging to you.