



## APRIL/MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 9th May	8:00pm	Wimbledon Ticket Draw
Saturday 17th May	2:00 pm	Bar open for FA Cup Final
Wednesday 21st May	7:00pm	Bar open for Champions League Final
Saturday 7th June	7:30pm	Summer Champagne Party

### COACHING

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new coach Paul Barton. Paul is a level 2 LTA qualified coach with over 15 years' coaching experience. Some of you will no doubt know Paul from his coaching in Wimbledon Park. Paul has appointed Ben Halstead as his assistant. The following adult coaching sessions are available with immediate effect, the junior sessions are available from 28th April:

#### SATURDAY MORNINGS (ADULT)

09:00-10:00 Beginners  
10:00-11:00 Intermediate  
11:00-12:00 Intermediate

These sessions are pay and play costing £6 for members and £8 for non-members

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON (JUNIOR)

15:00-15:45 Tiny Tots (3 to 4 years)  
16:00-17:00 Mini Tennis Red (4 to 6 years)  
17:00-18:00 Mini Tennis Orange and Green (5 to 11 years)

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON (JUNIOR)

16:00-17:00 Mini Tennis Red (4 to 6 years)  
17:00-18:00 Mini Tennis Orange and Green (5 to 11 years)  
18:00-19:00 Junior Club Night (Courts 5 and 6 only)

Paul can be contacted on 07961170675 or by email at [paul@londontennis.co.uk](mailto:paul@londontennis.co.uk)

If you are interested in private coaching please contact Paul on 07961 170675 or via email [paul@londontennis.co.uk](mailto:paul@londontennis.co.uk)

### **CLUB TENNIS**

Club sessions are held on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 18:00 onwards and on Sundays from 14:00 onwards. These sessions comprise of doubles play (short set) on a rotational basis. Courts 5 and 6 can be used for singles or pre-arranged matches but only if the courts are free and no-one is waiting to play.

Any members wishing to play for the Men's or Ladies teams please contact either Sharon Gibson or James Wright. (See contact details at the end of this newsletter).

**As a consideration to other members please will you ensure that your court is swept and watered after play.** This will ensure that the courts continue to be in good condition for everybody to use throughout the year. If you are unsure how to do this, please ask .

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Thanks to all of you who participated in this last month's American Tournament. Congratulations to Julie Leadbeater and David Riggs who won the Ladies' and Men's prizes respectively. Thanks to James Wright, Nico and Aileen Wilson for their organisation.

Thanks also go to Rob Richman, David Kirkby and Tim Godbehere for organising a successful quiz night, despite the power cut!

And finally, congratulations to Aemilia Lovatt, former Ladies' Captain, and Ian, on the birth of their second child, Imogen. Mother and baby doing very well!

## NOW ON SALE

Tickets for the **Summer Party on Saturday June 7th** are now available from Aileen Wilson (see contact information below) These are priced at £25 per head and include a glass of Champagne on arrival, canapés and light bites, the singing duo Cherry Sundae and a Disco afterwards. Please sign up and help us bring in summer with a bang on what promises to be an excellent night out

## CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Club subscriptions are now due for the 2008/2009 season. Please complete your membership form (downloadable from the web or available at the club) and return this with your fee to Juliet Childs. Please note that entry to the club tournament is only available to fully paid up members. **The deadline for entry to this tournament is Friday 16th May**

## FLOODLIGHTS

We have recently been contacted by Wandsworth Council informing us that they have received a number of complaints regarding the use of the floodlight after 21:00 hours. The clock has been programmed to cut the lights out at this time. Should, for any reason, this not occur please will you make sure play finishes by 21:00 and the lights are turned off manually. We would not wish the council to take any action which would remove our use of this facility

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The club committee meets once a month to discuss a variety of matters relating to the maintenance and efficient running of the club on your behalf. If anyone would like to see the minutes of these meetings then please contact David Riggs at the following address [clonmore99@btinternet.com](mailto:clonmore99@btinternet.com) A summary of May's meeting is outlined below:

### Finance

- Andrew reported that club revenues for April increased substantially, largely due to membership renewals.
- Aileen is in the process of finalising the revised contract for Gymboree to reflect the increased hours.

### Membership

- The current count of full members is 70, junior 18 and social 3, but is increasing daily.
- It was confirmed that only fully paid-up full tennis members are eligible for the Wimbledon ticket ballot and for entry to the club tournament.

### Coaching

- Paul Barton has signed his contract.
- The Saturday morning sessions are doing well. It was proposed that there should be two intermediate sessions rather than one intermediate and one advanced.

### Club Development & Redevelopment

- Brian, Andrew and Aileen will form a sub-committee to handle the financial aspects of the resurfacing of the courts.
- Wandsworth BC has raised some queries about the planning application and it is now expected to be approved in the near future.
- EDF have been booked to do a survey of the electricity supply with a view to upgrading to a 3-phase supply.
- The courts are in good order, thanks to Bruce, so it is not considered necessary to bring in the All England Club groundsmen to do any extra work this year.
- A pushbar will be fitted to the hall door as soon as possible.

### Social Events

- Ongoing programme on the website

### AOB

- David questioned whether or not the club really needs a phone, since the answering machine seems a fairly unreliable way of getting messages. Brian suggested the use of an answering service instead. No decision was taken.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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