



# B.C.L.T.C. Newsletter

The flowers are showing their heads that spring is coming and hopefully that means no more snow so that we can get out and exercise more easily. I know that some of our members have been busy skiing including the writer and hope that everyone is dusting off their racquets ready for the coming season.

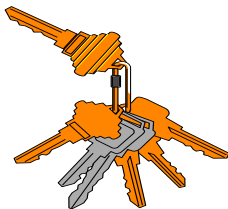
## AGM News

The Annual General Meeting of the tennis club was held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at the Old Well Pub when a new chairman and committee were elected as follows.

Chairperson	Jonathan Kirk
Vice Chair	Lucy Brenkley
Secretary	Diana Peat
Treasurer	Pauline Connelly
Press Officer	Barbara Willis
Coach	Geoff Thomas
Other members	Mary Hanson
	Susan Hudson
	Nigel Daniels
	Karen Tomlinson
	Lillian Patterson

George Stastny stays on as Ex Officia as retiring Chairperson.

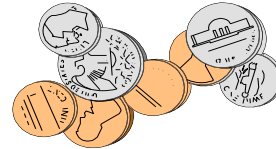
A copy of the minutes is to be displayed in the Club House for any member to read.



## Lock and keys

The lock will be changed on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Any members who wish to change their keys are asked to call at the Toyshop or come along to club nights after that date.

Please do not send keys through the post as this could damage the postal machinery.



## Subscriptions

As these have stayed the same for the past three years it was voted to increase the Adults by £5 and Family memberships by £10 but the rest would stay the same. We have added a coaching fee for those who just want to attend coaching.

Adults	£95
Juniors	£30
Child/Social	£15
Students	£40
Unemployed	£45
Coaching	£45
Family	£190

All subscriptions are due now and should be paid before **31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**. These can be paid to Pauline at the Toyshop.

## Club Nights

These are as last year and start on Tuesday 31st March after the clocks have changed.

Tuesdays – 6 p.m. Adults only

Fridays – 6 p.m. any club members.

## Coaching

Geoff's keeping his groups going as last year.

Tuesdays 10 – 11.15 a.m. Adults

Wednesdays 6 – 7.30 p.m. Adults and  
Advanced Juniors.

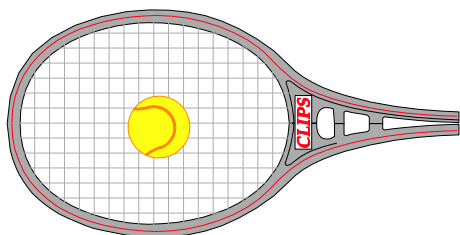
Saturdays 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Juniors.

~Tuesdays Adult group with Geoff at 10 –  
11.15 and Thursday afternoons 1.30 – 2.30  
p.m. with Derek are on going.

Other group sessions will commence as  
follows:

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March Juniors

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Adults and  
Advanced Juniors.



### **Tournaments**

These were played out on a Monday  
evening during the month of July as a round  
robin event, which coincided with holidays.  
The longer light time and good weather for  
those that did take part made them all an  
enjoyable evening for everyone.

Geoff will be organising the Men's singles  
and doubles events along with the Juniors  
competition.

Barbara will again organise the other adult  
events. Ladies double, mixed doubles, Over  
45s' and the Over 55's (The Shem Cup).

At the time of writing no dates have been  
decided upon.

### **Matches**

The club will again be playing in the  
Darlington and District Summer League as  
last year. Results for 2014 are

A team 3<sup>rd</sup> gained 35 points  
B team 7<sup>th</sup>  
Mens team 4<sup>th</sup> up from 7th

Mixed A gained 22 points  
Mixed B gained 5 points

The Club also entered the North East Winter  
League but as comments had been made  
about the state of the courts during the  
summer league matches the decision was  
made to apply and were granted the ruling  
to play all home matches at opponents'  
venues thus giving us a disadvantage to  
begin with only to find that some were in a  
similar condition as ours. Although the  
matches were valiantly played with some  
matches having numerous deuces the team  
were unable to convert these to a win. As  
one opponent said "the score line does not  
show the calibre of tennis played"

Again at the time of writing no dates have  
been decided upon for the summer league.

### **Courts**

We are no further forward with the Bowes  
Museum as to a time scale of what is  
happening with the courts.

### **Annual Dinner**

This took place in December at the Three  
Horse Shoes and those that attended had  
an enjoyable evening.



On a final note didn't Great Britain do  
well in the Davies Cup with some  
entertaining tennis particularly Jamie  
Murray and partner in the doubles. Let us  
hope that team GB can repeat it again in  
July.