



B.C.L.T.C. Newsletter 2016

The snowdrops, crocuses, celandines, aconites and daffodils have shown their flowers so hopefully the heavy rain and winds that we have endured over the winter months has passed and we can look forward to better weather that will allow all members the chance to play plenty of tennis during the coming season. I know I felt better the odd times that I have played since Christmas.

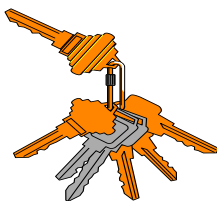
AGM

The AGM was held in the Old Well pub on Tuesday 23rd February at 7 p.m. to discuss the election of committee members and other matters concerning the club. I have to say that there were only two members other than committee people there.

The committee for 2016 is 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 Karen Tomlinson Clare Trevett

The minutes of the meeting will be posted in the Club house for your perusal.

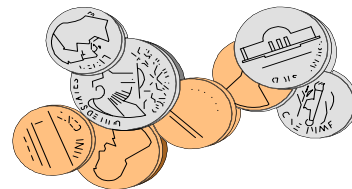


Locks and Keys

A fresh lock for the coming year will be put on the gate on Friday 1st 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

There will be no increase in the fees for this year.

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

To encourage new members an introductory offer for the first year of joining will be adults £75 and a family membership £150.

Holiday memberships for visitors to the town are to be: Family £25 per week, Individual £10 per week.

All subscriptions are due now and should be paid before **31st March 2016**. These can be paid to Pauline at the Toyshop.

Club Times

These are as previous years and start on Tuesday 29th March after the beginning of British Summer time.

Tuesdays - 6 p.m. Adults only.

Fridays - 6 p.m. Any Club member.

Sundays - 10 a.m. till 12 noon Social play.

Starting on Friday 6th May a round robin will be played on the first Friday of every month.

During the month of April members can bring a visitor/friend along and they will play for free.



Coaching

Geoff is keeping the same groups as in previous years. As with the club nights these will commence at the start of British Summertime with exception of Tuesday mornings as these are ongoing.

Tuesdays 10 - 11.15 a.m. Adults

Wednesdays 6 - 7.15 p.m. Adults and advanced juniors

Starting 30th March

Saturdays 10.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. juniors

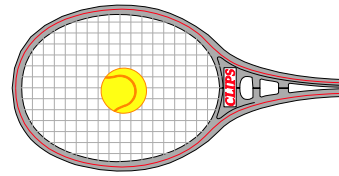
Starting 2nd April

*** Please note that junior fees will be increased to £3.50 per child per lesson and are payable at the start of the lesson.**

Coaching with Derek Edwards is ongoing on a Thursday afternoon 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

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Restringing of racquets is available from Geoff starting at £15.



Tournaments

These are round robin events to be played over July and August on a Monday evening and are seen as a good social event.

Geoff has agreed to organise the men's single and doubles events in July and a junior tournament in September.

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

Wimbledon Tickets

Any one interested in Wimbledon tickets should have their names into Pauline by 22nd April but this only applies for people who have opted in by February 16th and who have paid their fees.



Matches

The North Eastern Winter League is at the quarter final stage which was played on 6th March where we came out the winners of the morning and sees us through to the semi finals.

The Darlington and District Summer League will be participated in as previous years. All the teams improved their placement last year with the men winning

the league. Well done to those who took part in any of the matches. No dates are available at the time of writing.

Annual Dinner

This was held in January at the Fernyville's Rest in Whorlton and the few that attended had an enjoyable evening.

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Now is the time to dust off your racquets and check the grips and strings before the season gets under way. Both Geoff and Derek do restringing and replacements of grips if you find that yours is in need of attention.