



B.C.L.T.C. Newsletter 2017

Well it's that time of the year when we look forward to getting back to playing tennis and the start of the new season. Check your trainers and the strings in your racquet and if in doubt get them checked out by Geoff then they are ready to go when coaching and club nights start. I know I have felt better the odd times that I have played since Christmas.

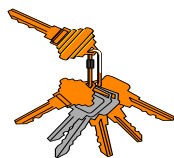
AGM

The AGM was held in the Old Well pub on Tuesday 28th February at 7 p.m. to discuss the election of committee members and other matters concerning the club. It was nice to see some members at the meeting which shows that they care about the future of the club.

The committee for 2017 is to stay the same as last year and 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 Trevitt, Scott Patrick

There was a discussion about obtaining a lobster ball machine for the club which was agreed.



Locks and Keys

A fresh lock for the coming year will be put on the gate on Wednesday 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 can damage the posting machines.



Subscriptions

After having no increase for quite a few years it was felt that in the view of the fact that the courts will need resurfacing in the foreseeable future these would need to rise as follows:

Adults	£100
Juniors	£35
Child/Social	£20
Students	£45
Unemployed	£50
Senior Coaching	£50
Junior coaching	£20
Child coaching	£20
Family	£200

For new members, an introductory adult and family membership of £80 and £160 respectfully was agreed.

A Group of 4 Holiday membership of £30 per wk was also agreed.

All subscriptions are due now and should be paid before **31st March 2017**. These can be paid to Pauline at the Toyshop.

Club Times

These are as previous years and start on Tuesday 28th 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.

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.

Tuesdays 10 - 11.15 a.m. Adults
Started 21st February

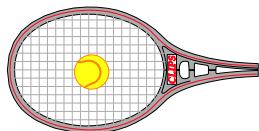
Wednesdays 6 - 7.15 p.m. Adults and
advanced juniors
Starting 29th March

Saturdays 10.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. juniors
Starting 1st April

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 on an evening and are a good social event. When these will be played depends on matches.

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.

We are holding an LTA Open Day on Sunday 14th May from 10-12noon when the new lobster ball machine will be in operation.

There will be open round robin events to coincide with the French, Wimbledon, USA world tennis tournaments on Saturdays 3rd June, 8th July and 8th September respectfully starting at 1.30 pm. The Australian one was held on 28th January. You just need to turn up on the day.

Matches

We have played all our group matches through to the quarter finals in the North Eastern Winter league where we were knock out by New Blackwell of Darlington. Good luck to them in the remaining matches.

The Club has applied and been allowed into the Cleveland league with a mixed team. They play their matches on either a Saturday or Sunday afternoon starting at 2 p.m. We have yet to be given the dates.

The Darlington and District Summer League will be participated in as previous years



Wimbledon Tickets

We have been awarded through the LTA tickets for:

Centre Court on 7/7/17 - 5th day
16/7/17 - 13th day
No 1 Court on 7/7/17 - 5th day
16/7/17 - 13th day and
No 2 Court on 3/7/17 - 1st day.

Members who wish to be considered need to make Pauline aware and must have paid their subs and opted in on the LTA web site. The draw for the tickets will take place on Friday 21st April at Club night.

Anyone lucky enough to go to Wimbledon could you please submit a report to the Press Officer via Pauline.

Annual Dinner

This was held at Valentines on Friday 2nd December.
The thirteen members that came enjoyed the evening.