

I hope that our members are fit and healthy ready for the coming season. The weather during the long winter has given Geoff and Derek a problematic time for the coaching which will continue for the foreseeable future but more about that to come.

AGM

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 25th February at the Old Well in Barnard Castle when the committee for this year was decided upon.

Chairperson - Lucy Brenkley

Secretary - Di Peat

Treasurer - Pauline Connelly

Coach - Geoff Thomas

Committee - Karen Tomlinson,

Andy Dolby, Barbara Willis,

Mary Hanson, Clare Trevett,

Jonathan Kirk, Sam Everett.



Subscriptions

It was agreed that there should be no increase to Membership Fees.

Adults - £100, Introductory 1st year £80

Family - £200, Introductory 1st year £160

Students - £45, Juniors - £35

Senior Coaching - £50

Junior Coaching - £20

Child (U11) - £20, Unemployed £50

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Holiday Group - £30 per week

Social - £20

Parent & Child (U11) - £50

These are now payable before 1st April.

Coaching

These sessions and charges are the same as last year. Geoff's sessions will commence on Wednesday 1st April and Saturday 4th April.

Tuesday mornings are on-going weather permitting.

NB. Court resurfacing work will probably interfere with these dates in which case sessions will commence when the courts are ready.

Derek's session on a Thursday restarted on 5th March at New Blackwell for the same price and will continue there until the courts are done.

Both coaches restringing racquets.



Courts

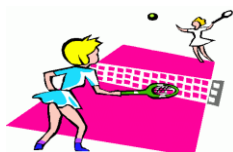
Lillico of Northumberland will resurface the courts as soon as the weather

conditions allow - 3 weeks for weed/moss kill/preparation followed by 4-6 weeks work for resurfacing and curing (during which time the courts will be out of action).

They will then need to paint and remark the courts. The resurfacing can't go ahead unless we have a steady temperature of between 10-12 degrees. As I type Mr Lillico has started work on the courts so for health and safety reasons they are now closed.

We are looking at possibly the end of April for a 'grand reopening' but we will keep members informed of the date.

Depending on this will necessitate when the lock and keys are changed.



Club Nights

These are to be the same as last year with the continuation of a Sunday morning and with the success of the Whats App group for a Sunday morning there is going to be one started for Club Nights. If you would like to be on either or both groups please let a committee member know.



Wimbledon Tickets

Any member who would like to go into the draw for tickets through the club must have opted-in as a member of the club on the LTA site in February and paid this years subscription to be eligible for the draw. Those interested must

give their name to Pauline by the Wednesday 15th April as Mary Hanson will do the draw on Friday 17th April at 6 p.m. prompt in the Club House. If these dates and times alter we will notify members in due course.

Tournaments and Competitions

As this newsletter is being compiled the club is through to the North East Winter League final to be played in Northumberland.

We are looking at entering teams in the Darlington and District league and one into the Cleveland mixed league.

Anyone who would like to be considered for these teams please contact the appropriate captains. They are:

Darlington & District

Ladies A - Clare Trevett

Ladies B - Michelle Longman/
Mary Hanson

Mens - Stephen Hughes

Mixed - Karen Tomlinson/
Lucy Brenkley

Cleveland - Sue Hudson

There will also be the usual in-club tournaments.

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Good luck to the team in the Winter League and here's hoping that all members have a lovely summer with plenty of tennis.

