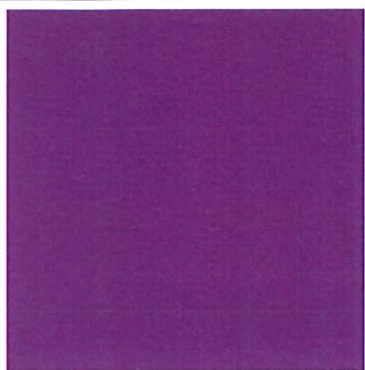


# B.C.L.T.C.

## NEWSLETTER 2018



*As the crocuses begin to show themselves it is a sign that spring is on its way and with it the start of a new tennis season. I know that those of us that tried to continue with coaching throughout the winter months are eager to get back on the courts after the weather wiped out most of the December sessions, so find those trainers, your tennis racquet and if needed buy some new balls ready to attack the courts and wage war on those extra ounces from the Christmas and new year meals and most of all enjoy it.*

### AGM

At the recent AGM held at the Old Well, Barnard Castle the following members were elected as the committee for 2018.

Chairperson – Lucy Brenkley

Secretary – Di Peat

Treasurer – Pauline Connelly

Coach – Geoff Thomas

Press Officer – Barbara Willis

Others – Karen Tomlinson, Steve Hughes,  
Clare Trevett, Scott Patrick, Jonathan Kirk,  
Andy Dolby, Mary Hanson.



### Subscriptions

The fees for the coming year are to stay as last year with a new category – Parent & Child under 11 - £50 + key but please see Pauline as restrictions apply. All fees are payable now before 1<sup>st</sup> April

New members have the option to pay by standing order over four months on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, May, June and July. Please ask Pauline for information.



### Lock and Keys

A fresh lock will be exchanged on the 1<sup>st</sup> April and all members can change their keys at 9 The Bank or can see Pauline at the first evenings play 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please do not send keys through the post as there is a possibility that it will damage the postal machines then we will be charged for the repairs.

### Social Tennis

This is to take place on Tuesday and Friday nights starting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 6 p.m. There is a 'Whats app' group if members would like to play on a Saturday morning and to use this contact Karen on 07846 472489.

On a Saturday afternoon from 1.30 onwards non-members can play with a cost of £1 which if people become a member will be deducted from their relevant membership fee. Racquets and balls will be available just come along, have a go and enjoy yourself.

During the month of April members can bring friends along on a Friday evening to play for free.



### Coaching

Geoff is continuing with coaching on a Tuesday morning 10 -11.15 a.m. weather permitting at a cost of £6 per person each week but this will increase to £7 on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. His Wednesday evening session will commence on 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6 p.m. costing £7 each per week.

The Junior sessions on a Saturday morning will start on 7<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 a.m. costing £3 for 45 min and £3.50 for 1 hour.

Derek's coaching on a Thursday afternoon 1.30-2.30 p.m. during term time is on going again weather permitting at a cost of £7 and this will increase to £8 on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April.



### Tournaments and Competitions

Dates for our club tournaments will be arranged once we have received dates from the Darlington and Cleveland leagues about their matches.

Any members who would like to compete in any of the matches please inform the captains of the required teams. They are for Darlington league:

Ladies A – Pauline Connelly 07968 060188

Ladies B – Mary Hanson 01833 908276

Men's – Steve Hughes 0790 4585303

Mixed A – to be decided

Mixed B Steve Hughes

For the Cleveland league:

Jonathan Kirk 07949 340850

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*Wellfield at High Coniscliffe are holding an Open Competition on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at their courts. Cost £10 per couple payable on the day starting at 10 a.m.*

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We will be running our own Open Competition again this year, but no date has been decided yet.



### Wimbledon Tickets

Members who have registered with the LTA before 23<sup>rd</sup> February and are interested in gaining tickets for Wimbledon can give their name to Pauline once they have paid their subscriptions. Their names will go into a ballot which will be drawn on Tuesday evening 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7 p.m. The lucky winners will be contacted by Pauline in due course.

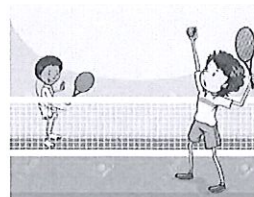
### Lobster Machine

We have encountered problems with this over the year. At a recent committee meeting we were informed that a new free battery is to be sent with pacific instructions on how to recharge it. A copy will be kept in the Pavilion for members information.



### Cleaning

At the beginning of every season we have always had a cleaning session, so this year's morning will be Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 10 a.m.



And finally, in our first year in the Cleveland league mixed division 3 we came second by half a point, so we are awaiting news from their AGM to see if we start this season in division 2 or top of division 3.

Well done to all our members who played in any of the matches.

Hope everyone of our members has a good year.