



It is some time since we last had a Club Newsletter, but with most members now on e-mail we intend to publish a quarterly e-newsletter to update members on Club news and committee activities. We would welcome feedback on this pilot issue and the editorial team can be contacted via the website. *Bill Freer - Chairman*

## Website

Information on Club facilities and activities can be found on our website at [lyndhursttennis.com](http://lyndhursttennis.com) so we won't be duplicating it in the newsletter, but we will try to draw your attention to new items or significant changes. The website continues to evolve, so if you haven't visited it recently please take a look. The new password for access to the Members' Area was sent out by e-mail on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

## Access to the Courts

You might have noticed that the gates to the courts are now fitted with combination locks. The locks are required to satisfy the conditions of our insurance policy and we hope that members will soon become familiar with using them. Further details, including where the combination can be found, have been published separately. If you unlock a gate, please lock the bolt 'open' by turning the dials to a different number. If you're the last to leave a court, please remember to shut the gate and lock the bolt 'closed'.

We aim to ensure that our facilities are shared equally between all members and there are only a few times when members cannot simply turn up and play. To avoid disappointment, please check the Weekly Programme using [this link](#) for details of organised groups and matches.

## Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are due for payment on 1<sup>st</sup> April and details have already been notified separately. The good news is that annual fees have not increased for 2015 - and the even better news for families is that the cost of a family membership has been reduced.

## Contact details

Our Membership Secretary, Gill Ellis, would like to have contact details for all members. She doesn't automatically receive these if a membership fee is paid by BACS or given to a coach. Clearly, if you receive this newsletter you're on Gill's e-mail address list, but if you know a member who hasn't, please encourage them to send an email to Gill Ellis using [this link](#) including their name, address and contact details. This information could be important if someone has an accident or becomes unwell at the club.

## Wimbledon tickets

You will know from Tony Roe's cajoling that members have had to register individually with British Tennis and opt into the ballot so that the club would receive a full allocation of Wimbledon tickets. 110 people have chosen to opt into the ballot this year and unfortunately we will have to go through this unwieldy process all over again next year! The Club ballot will be on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April** combined with an Opening Tournament Day. Details of this and the procedure for the Wimbledon ticket draw, qualification and timings will be advised by email to all opted-in members.

## Team News – Match Secretary Andrew Clough reports:

### Winter matches

We entered 3 teams in the Winter Leagues: Ladies' Division 3, Men's Division 2, Mixed Division 1. **Ladies** – CONGRATULATIONS as the winners of your division you will move into Division 2 next winter.

**Men** – A mixed season, with 1 match to play the men are just above the relegation zone. New team members would be great as sometimes it is difficult to find enough people to play.

**Mixed** – Everyone gets to play at least 1 match which means a lot of fun is had. The results have been good and not so good but the team will almost certainly remain in Division 1.

### Looking ahead

The Club will enter the Apsley League (Mixed doubles), Men 55+, Men's Open, Ladies' Open. All the fixture lists are on the notice boards. Contacts for the Team Captains are on the website.

## Social Events

Our new Social Secretary, Mike Downton, is planning a programme of social events. Please book these dates in your diary **NOW!**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April** - Opening Tournament and Wimbledon Draw

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May** - Open Day – a fun day for us all to welcome potential new members.

Please try to identify friends you could "introduce" to the club

(A poster has been sent out with this newsletter – please look for places to display it)

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – "The Longest day BBQ" in club grounds.

Please note that it has been decided to cancel the Summer Ball on 3<sup>rd</sup> July as there didn't appear to be enough support for this event

## 'Need to Know' guide for new members

Finally, although we were all new members once, it's easy to forget what it's like when you first join the Club. Here's our 'Need to Know' guide, written by a recent new member:

- The Club is friendly and informal and wants players of all standards.
- Tennis whites are not required, even for matches, but obviously tennis shoes must always be worn on the courts.
- The clubhouse is open to all members - for £5 deposit Andrew Clough will be able to give you a key of your own.
- The regular weekly timetable is on the website, do come and try a regular session – a great way to get to know some faces and everyone is keen to have new members.
- There is a 'members only' section on the website, for which you need the password.
- The tennis members are a hardy lot so even on miserable days, providing it isn't actually raining, there will probably be people at the regular sessions.
- The teams are all on the lookout for new players even if you cannot commit to play each time. The contact details for the team captains are on the website.
- It's fine to bring along a friend to play on a couple of occasions and Alan Hales will accept a small donation in place of court fees. If they like the club then get them to join up too.
- The bottom two courts have effective floodlights – they can be turned on from inside the clubhouse in a cupboard to the right of the sink. The instructions are there too. Just remember to switch off afterwards – the lights take at least 2 minutes to turn off.
- There are regular coaching sessions and also the opportunity for private coaching – the details are on the website.
- Introduce yourself to other members and find out their names in return – nobody will mind if you forget their name. They've all been very patient with me.

## Your Committee Officers

<b>Chairman:</b>	Bill Freer
<b>Secretary:</b>	Tony Roe
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Alan Hales
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	Gill Ellis
<b>Match Secretary:</b>	Andrew Clough
<b>Social Secretary:</b>	Mike Downton

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Please contact any of the committee or the editors via the website using [this link](#)