



LYNDHURST LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Newsletter - Summer 2018

It's the time of year when we all would probably prefer to be playing or watching tennis, rather than reading about it, so this Summer Newsletter is just a brief update on Club activities and Committee business.

Well, what a contrast in the weather over the past few weeks after all the snow, wind and rain earlier in the year! Mind you, even the snow drifts didn't deter our hardy members from sweeping the courts clear to play. Thankfully, the weather improved for a very successful Open Day, as a result of which I am delighted to welcome 20 new members to the Club.

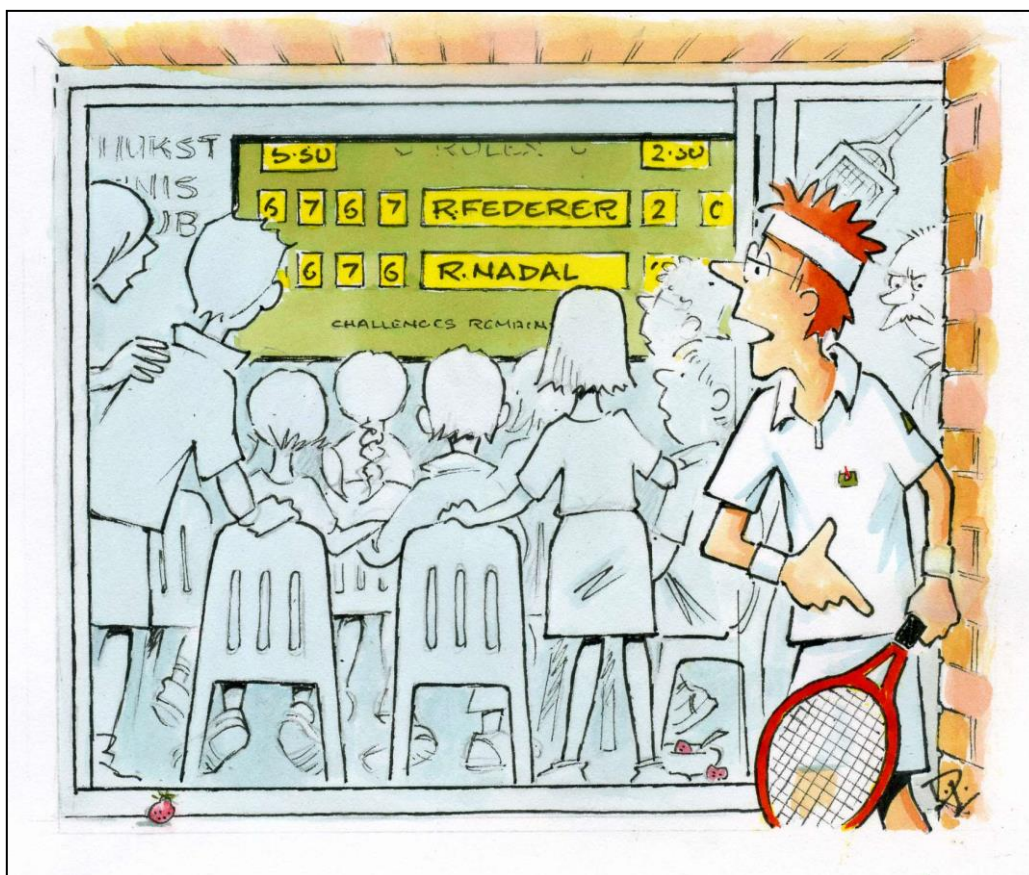
As you will read, your Committee has several tasks in hand, in addition to the routine management of the Club. We have taken steps to comply with new requirements on Safeguarding and on Data Protection, and we are pressing ahead with plans to provide a defibrillator and to redecorate the Clubroom. Also, Bill Freer has now gained planning consent for the car park to be resurfaced.

The Club has recently received a very generous donation from a long-term member and the Committee has decided to put this towards refurbishing the floodlights. A sub-committee is now looking at specifications, planning, quotes, and how further funds can be raised (including grants) towards the not inconsiderable cost. Our thoughts are that replacing the old technology floodlights with modern LED lighting would allow us to improve the court coverage and brightness, whilst at the same time reducing the height of the pylons to the benefit of our immediate neighbours.

I am pleased to report that the Club continues to thrive and thanks are due to all the Committee for their stewardship. It is always good to see new faces on the Committee – this is your Club so why not volunteer?

Tony Roe – Chairman

On the Courts



Tennis? ... Anyone? ... Someone?

Thank you to our artist David Lock

Weekly Programme

Full details of the weekly programme can be found on the website using this [link](#)

Thursday Evening – Big Hitters

The 'Big Hitters' group was started last Autumn by Martin Taylor with the aim of developing some of our juniors to be ready for adult match play. With the support of a number of other members, play continued on Thursday evenings throughout the winter even when temperatures were below freezing. All the former juniors have developed significantly and have already been playing in adult summer matches and **winning!**

We now want to move this session on to the next stage by opening it up to other match players and an e-mail was sent to members in late May with details. If you're interested, please contact Martin about going on the distribution list.

Please note we use new balls each week and those attending pay towards this, generally about £1 per person.

Spring Tournament

After the seemingly endless winter, we opened the 2018 season with our Spring Tournament on 15th April, well organized by Catherine O'Mahony, Stevie Parker and Janet Martin. Despite the rain, 16 members took part in 2 round robin groups and the winners were:

- Ladies - 1st – Jill Trant
- 2nd – Ann van Hoof
- Men - 1st – Christopher Parker
- 2nd – Roger Simmens

Club Championships

This year's Club Championships are again being organized by Martin Taylor and Chris Ellis, who are planning to run championships for both **Seniors** (age 16 and over) and **Veterans** (age 40 and over). Further details are in the attached flyer, which has already been sent to members.

Finals Day will be Saturday 22nd September 2018.

Box League – Mike Bowles reports

Thanks to all members who have taken part in the Box League. All the leagues prove interesting and there has been a general consensus that they have resulted in more tennis being played at the Club - and indeed more social interaction, with many people being drawn with different partners in each league. The current league has seen a new aspect with two ladies being drawn to play together; this has set a precedent that will undoubtedly be followed in the future when we have an uneven number of men and women sign up. Knowing we can do that makes life easier for Alan and me! Thanks to Alan for his wizardry once again in seeding and then selecting partners which, I have to say, seems to have been pretty successful so far.

We are now stopping for August and September while the Club Championships take place. The next league will start on 1 October and we will probably go for 1 October - 31 January, 1 February - 30 April and 1 May - 31 July (these dates are only provisional).

Any comments, rude or otherwise, are always welcome. Rude ones I will pass to Alan, polite ones I will deal with myself! Thanks to all who take part - without you there would be no Box League.

Social Scene

Recent Events

Quiz Night –13th April 2018

There was a full house from the Tennis, Drama & Bowls Clubs for our Quiz Night in the Vernon Theatre, which was ably organized by Maggie Rose.

Including a small surplus carried over from last year's Quiz Night, we raised a total of **£263.83** for Oakhaven Hospice Trust.

Wimbledon Ticket Draw – 1st May 2018

We had a lovely evening at our Wimbledon Ballot and 16 lucky winners received a pair of tickets each. To get into the spirit of the tournament everyone enjoyed a glass or two of Pimms, kindly prepared by Kathleen our expert Pimms maker, and scones with strawberries and cream.



Our new wooden Wimbledon Tombola Drum did the job perfectly and should last for years to come. Thank you to everyone who opted in and hopefully next year we can increase our allocation with even more tickets.

Open Day – Sunday 20th May

We were blessed with glorious weather for our Open Day and the hard work of our small team of organizers resulted in a good number of visitors.

Thanks are especially due to Saps for standing in as coach for the day.

The Club gained 12 new adult members and 8 juniors – an excellent outcome!





Forthcoming Events

Club Dinner – October (date TBC)

Mike Downton will be canvassing those who usually attend the annual Club Dinner to find the most popular Friday in October for this year's Dinner. Once the date is fixed the event will then be publicised to the wider membership.

Committee News

Defibrillator

It has been agreed with the Drama and Bowls Clubs that the clubs will jointly fund a defibrillator, to be stored in the communal area of the main clubhouse for use by members of all 3 clubs.

Further details will be published shortly, but members should please note now that they will need to have their own key to the Tennis Clubroom so that they have access to the key for the adjacent door to the main Clubhouse.



Webcam

Users of the webcam will be aware that it has not been as reliable as we would wish. The problem has been traced to moisture from the winter weather corroding a cable connection. This has been cleaned so the webcam is again working and the cable is to be renewed and re-routed to prevent a recurrence of this problem.



Winter webcam view on 19th March 2018

Safeguarding

In order to comply with the Lawn Tennis Association's new requirements, the Club has to appoint a Welfare Officer. Andrew Clough has taken on this job and he recently attended the mandatory LTA course.

Data Protection

In common with other organizations, the Club has to obey the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which came into effect on 25th May 2018. The Hon Secretary has e-mailed members about this, but in case you haven't seen the Club's new Data Protection Statement, it can be found at this [link](#)

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 7th November 2018

Please note that the AGM will be held on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Clubroom.

Newsletter

Next edition

We intend to publish the Autumn edition in October.

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