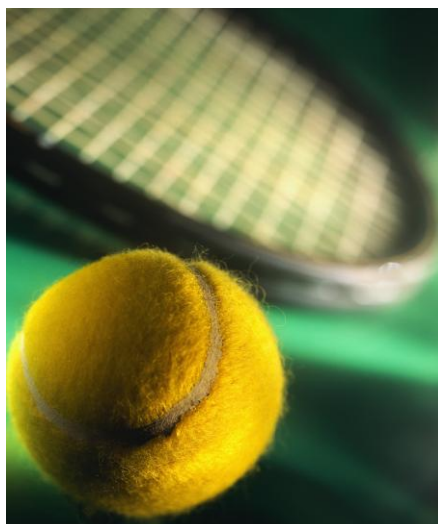


LYMPSTONE TENNIS CLUB – SPRING NEWSLETTER 2013



Committee Members

A big thank you to Adrian who stands down after 5 years as our Chairman but remains on the committee and also to Marleen Johnson who has been actively involved with the club for over 20 years, especially with the junior programme, and finally to Jef Forshaw for his time on the committee, helping to keep the courts in good shape and representing the club on the village hall committee.

Following the AGM the following members were elected as officers for the forthcoming year:

Jill Dixon – Chair
Andrew Lorenc – Treasurer
Liz Griffiths – Secretary

Committee members, in addition to the above: Adrian Barton, Barrie Bissett, Karen Gratton, James Isaacs, Paul Harradine, Tony and Wendy Smith

As always the committee welcomes help from members as many hands make light work! In particular we need Duty Officers for Club Sessions, help organising our summer party, and the occasional spot of maintenance around the court.

Challenge from the Chair

I am delighted to be in the Chair at Lympstone Tennis Club for the coming year; having been Secretary for a number of years, it will be good to have a rest from taking the minutes! As I mentioned at the AGM, we are very lucky to have fantastic facilities here in Lympstone – the committee room has been refurbished and our brand new courts will be available soon. However, it is the members who make a successful club, not the facilities alone, so my challenge to every member this year is to try and do something extra for Lympstone Tennis Club. From inviting and welcoming new members to club sessions, sweeping up leaves on the court, supporting club sessions and social events - there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to put a little more in to the club and hopefully get a little more out. Enjoy your tennis and see you on the courts!

Jill Dixon

Courts

All is going to plan! The new tarmac is down and will be left for 3/4 weeks before colour coating. Weather permitting this will be done the week after Easter which could mean the courts being ready by mid April.

In the meantime our arrangement with the Cranford is working well and we are being made to feel very welcome. Don't forget that we can all play there on Tuesday evenings 6.30-9.00 and Saturday afternoons from 2.00. Balls are provided at these sessions by a Lympstone Duty Officer but please note that over the Easter weekend you will need to take your own, as there will be no Duty Officer. If you want to play other times, just call ahead to check availability and mention that you are from LTC.

Renewal notices

These will be sent out shortly as subs are due 1 April and the good news is that there will only be a small increase from last year. New padlocks will be fitted to the court gates when the resurfacing is complete and renewing members may swap existing key for a new one.

Coaching

We are very grateful to James who has agreed to continue his coaching with the juniors. As soon as the courts are ready, we will run an open morning for juniors to gauge interest for the coming season.

The big challenge this season is to find a qualified coach for the seniors. This appears to be a problem across East Devon but we haven't given up and further details will follow soon.

Team Selection

If you are interested in playing for the club teams this season (Men's, Ladies and Mixed) please come along to a club session on Tuesday evening before 3 April as we need to submit squad names to the League by the middle of April. This is a call to both regular team players and those who want to find out more. Adrian will be there to co-ordinate the evenings. The teams can then appoint their own captain for the season.

Proposed Junior Tournament

East Devon League are looking to run a Junior Tournament on Saturday 6 April for U18, U16, U14, U12 doubles pairs, which can be girls, boys or mixed. This will probably be held at Crediton Sports Centre. We are still awaiting final details from league but it would be good to have some juniors representing Lypstone as there is no junior league this year. Further information for registering will be sent out as soon as we have it.

Wimbledon Tickets

The club allocation of Wimbledon tickets is 6 pairs for this year. As soon as we have the tickets confirmed, a club ballot will be organised and paid up members who are also British Tennis Members will be eligible to take part. The ballot must be held by the beginning of May, so if you are interested, please look out for further information which will be sent by email.

Summer Bash



Our Midsummer Party will be on 22nd June in the village hall so please save the date!