

LYMPSTONE TENNIS CLUB SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016

Committee 2016/17: At the AGM we said goodbye to Adrian Barton and welcome to new committee members Sam Bentley, Richard Board and Corinne Gimber. They join Jill Dixon (Chair), Liz Griffiths (Secretary), Andrew Lorenc (Treasurer/Membership), Sarah Forde, Karen Gratton and Paul Harradine.

Court keys: We propose to change the padlock on the court gate on **Saturday 30 April**. Renewing members who hold a court key may swap this for a new key at the club sessions on **Saturday 30 April** and **Tuesday 2 May**. If these times are impossible for you, new keys will be available from Andrew (263068), Jill (224774) or Liz (227536). New keys can be purchased by adult members from the Treasurer on payment of £5.

Court cleaning: The courts have been treated with moss and weed killers and, once these have taken effect, the contractor will clean the courts with a pressure washer. The courts will be out of action for one day while the cleaning takes place and we will try and give notice, but apologies if this takes place on a day you normally play.

Open Club Session: **Saturday 2 April, from 2pm**. This is an opportunity to invite friends and neighbours who might be interested in joining the tennis club, to come along and see what we have to offer and to join in with a club session. Donations of cakes from members for afternoon tea would be most welcome.

Rusty racquets: If your racquet has been gathering dust over the winter, why not come along on **Mondays 11 and 18 April**, from 7.30 - 9.30pm, and hit a few balls with some drills and games? No need to book, just turn up.

Junior Coaching: We're pleased to announce the return of James Isaacs as our Junior Coach this year. He'll be running an 8 week programme on Saturday mornings starting in May. Sign-up is on **Saturday 23 April** 9.30-11.00 during which time James will sort out the groups (so bring along your racquets and trainers) and we'll collect junior membership fees (just £14). This year the sessions will run as pay-as-you-play @ £5 per session but everyone must have valid membership to participate. If you are unable to make that day please email liz@claylane.com

Adult Coaching: We have a new coach for 2016. Ollie Sharpe is a Level 3 coach, who works at the Tennis Centre and he is able to offer group adult coaching for 5 weeks, commencing on **Thursday 28 April**. If there is sufficient interest, Ollie will run two groups, 6.30 - 8pm (beginner/intermediate) and 8 - 9.30 pm (intermediate +). The cost will be £25 for the 5 weeks. Places are limited, so if you want to sign up, please email jilldixon100@hotmail.com **by 11 April** to reserve your place.

Men Only: As there is no Men's League team this year, men are invited to show their competitive colours with some inter-club competition. The options are a knock out tournament played on one day (probably a Sunday) or a box competition, where you arrange to play against everyone else in the box, at a time to suit you both. There is a trophy available! If you are interested in either of these options, please sign up and indicate your preference on the club notice board.

Wimbledon Ballot: The club has been allocated 6 pairs of tickets for this year's Wimbledon Championships (including Centre Court tickets for Men's Finals). Paid up club members who have opted in through the LTA are eligible to enter the ballot to purchase tickets, which will be held at the club on **Saturday 30 April**. If you are not sure whether you have opted in, Jill has a list, so you can email her to enquire.

Save the date: **Saturday 25 June** will be our pre-Wimbledon doubles tournament and BBQ. More details nearer the time.

Daytime tennis required by new club member - singles or doubles. Contact Chris Bones on 01395 275616 or email chris.bones427@btinternet.com

Membership Subscriptions are due on **1 April** and are held at the same price as last year, so please pay promptly to assist our Treasurer.

Nets can be left down after play from now on for the summer season.