

November 2015 Newsletter

So much is happening at the club it's time for another newsletter.

Fourth coming events:

- **Sunday 22nd November 10 am – 2.00 pm** (that's this Sunday)
American Tournament run by Ignition Tennis open to all club members. It will only run with your support so please let me know if you would like to play, email johnr.howell@talk21.com or text 07979852562. You don't need a partner as you will change partners each set. There is no cost to attend so come and enjoy a few hours of tennis and perhaps play with and against new players. A decision will be made on Thursday whether we have enough players to proceed with the event.
- **Saturday 21st November 7.00 pm onwards**
In aid of NewLife Charity spend a unique **evening with former Darts World Champion Andy Fordham (THE VIKING)** at the Herongate Leisure Centre, Hungerford. Tickets £5 please contact Trev on 07917833173 or pay on the door. Many of you will know Trevor Goodall for those that don't he's been part of the club for many years and started the charity 21 years ago with a tennis tournament at the club, from that little seed it has gone on to raise around £500,000 supporting special care baby units locally.
- **Friday 27th November 6.30 pm onwards**
The Annual Gluhwein & mince pie & tennis evening at the club (not forgetting my music). Open to all members £5 per head. The BBQ will be available for those who wish to bring their own food. Please let me know if you will be coming along so I have an idea of numbers.
- **Friday 22nd January 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm**
A night of music and comedy featuring our very own Graeme Coulam. Venue: Ace Space, St Nicholas Road, Newbury, RG14 5PR Tickets from Graeme or Hogan's Music £5

Club News:

- The floodlight lamps on courts 1 & 2 are to be replaced next week at a cost of £1,872. They have served us well over the past 11 years and we can now look forward to 3 bright courts.
- The committee has also given the go ahead to have the courts repaired, cleaned and repainted at the earliest available time in 2016.
- Ignition Tennis running a Skills & Drills session on Friday evenings. If you are interested then visit www.ignitiontennis.com or speak with Sean Linton or James Kilpatrick.
- More coaching/drills from Ignition Tennis will be offered to the Monday, Tuesday & Thursday sessions on a once a month basis should those involved in those evenings find an agreeable format.
- At the last committee meeting it was decided that Tuesday and Thursday evening tennis would be formalised as official club sessions whereby members would be aware of the main criteria that enabled them to attend each session. It was also decided not to formalise at this stage Monday evening session. The criteria is as follows:

- Tuesday – 2 courts only 8 slots. Priority booking via the website for men's C/D team standard. Any slots then available open to all Mens, Ladies and Mixed Team Players

- Thursday – 2 courts initially blocked booked with the option to book 3rd. Session open to Mens A/B & Mixed A players.
- Monday – Mixed Tennis. If you would like to be considered for this session then please contact Gareth Miles

- For the past 12 years we have been fortunate to have one of our members on the Berkshire LTA committee as one of 9 smaller clubs representatives. In his time John Tanner has fought hard on behalf of the smaller clubs and now he feels as his tenure comes to an end that he should ask if there is anyone within the club who would be interested in picking up the chalice. It is purely a voluntary role that involves approx 6 meeting per annum in Bracknell. If you wish to know more please speak to myself or John Tanner. Any candidate must be proposed by our committee and be elected by the Berkshire LTA committee on the 6th Dec.

Reminders:

- Opt-In to the Wimbledon Ballot if you are already a BTM (British Tennis Member)
- If not a BTM then sign up to become one via the LTA website and Opt-In at the same time
- We have a twitter account @kintburytennis so you tweeters can follow us.
- Through our website www.kintburytennisclub.co.uk you're able to see what is going on at the club. In the members only area you can book courts, book Tuesday evening session and communicate with other members to arrange your own tennis.
- Minutes from committee meetings are kept in the blue folder next to the microwave for all to read.
- If you aren't receiving texts and emails about Wednesday and Saturday club sessions and would like to then we need to alter your status on the website – let me know.

As you can see there is more than meets the eye maintaining our wonderful tennis club. We try to evolve as the membership graphic changes and we hope to satisfy most of your needs most of the time. If you would like to play an active role in running the club let me know. Do please share any ideas or suggestions with a member of committee; we don't have all the solutions!

Despite the time of year there's still plenty of tennis on offer so make the most of it.

I hope we will see many of you on the 27th November over a nice glass or two of Gluhwein.

John Howell
Chairman

Committee: Treasurer – Gavin Rowell; Secretary – Rachel Shepherd; Membership Sec - Rikki Davies
Other members: Graeme Coulam (website), Rhoda Bashford (Wed texts), Malcolm Davies, Mark Grant, Ray Kite, Rob King, Gerry Nikitopoulos, Roy Hutchings, Derek Wilson (Maintenance)