

Chalford Tennis Club

January 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

I do hope that you received your e-mail and have been able to access the main club to use the toilets if required! Please ensure that you close the door securely on exit. It marks the beginning of a more inclusive era and I do hope that you will participate in and contribute to the events at the Sports & Social Club.

Much is planned for the year ahead but we are always happy to hear your suggestions for further improvements. Enjoy your tennis!

Ali & Rob



Rob and Ali Brady

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 2017

This was very well attended and for the first time in recent years we had more players than court space! Thank you to Connor for trying to make sure that every one had equal playing time and congratulations to Jamie Nesbit and Rob Airton – our overall winners. Rachel Nesbit was the runner up so they kept in the family!



Rob Airton



Jamie and Rachel Nesbit

ON THE SOCIAL SIDE

We are trying to offer additional social events both on and off the court. Our thanks go to Emma Herbert in particular for her enthusiasm and help in organizing many of these. We have tried skittles nights with a fish and chip supper, social tournaments and some of us went to the Christmas Dinner Dance.

These were all excellent events and I would urge you to give them a go if they appeal to you. In the pipeline we have:

February: 17th Indoor Tennis Night at Oxstalls (see details on page 2).

March: Skittles with fish and chip supper.

April: Open day with lots of tennis, a beer festival and Charlie's band playing live music in the evening.

May: Doubles Happy Tournament.



INDOOR TENNIS AT OXTALLS

The next social event will be a couple of hours of indoor tennis at Oxstalls (Gloucester) from 5.30 – 7.30 pm on Saturday 17th February.

The cost for this will be £10 per head and there is an optional supper at a local pub afterwards.

It will follow a doubles format with partners being drawn at random.

If you would like to come along to this, please reply and let me know asap so that we can book the appropriate number of courts. Email: chalford.tennis.club@btinternet.com

JUNIOR SOCIAL

Plans are in hand to initiate a social session for junior members. It will be free for members but there will be a charge for non-members. One of the coaches will be there to give it a bit of structure and encourage match play. We are planning to hold it on Friday evenings and it will begin after the February holiday. Keep an eye on Facebook or the website for further details.

LADIES SOCIAL SESSION RETURNS

Mahnaz Collings is going to help kick start the Ladies Social session on Monday evenings. This has fallen by the wayside recently but if you would like to get back on court from 7.00 – 9.00, please contact Mahnaz and she will add you to group to help encourage you out there!

Mahnaz's number is: **07813 717 618**

WIMBLEDON TICKETS

Please can you help us to secure a good number of Wimbledon Tickets for our club this year?

It is a simple process and you can opt-in to the LTA organised Wimbledon Ballot by googling 'LTA Wimbledon Ballot' and follow the links to opt-in. The Deadline for opting-in is 23 February 2018.

If you opt in you do not have to enter the ballot and take up tickets, you will simply help the club receive a larger allocation of tickets as the clubs allocation is based on the number of members opted in. However if you do wish to enter the club ballot in April you **MUST** have opted in by 23 February.

Any member over the age of nine can opt in.

Any Wimbledon queries please contact Helen Williams nigel.helen@btinternet.com



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

It is a requirement of the club that those children enrolled on Jack or Charlie's coaching programme should be members of the club. Now that our membership is on an LTA approved database system, it is easier to check on that and I hope that you will understand if you are asked about your membership status!

AWARD WINNER

We are proud to say that Connor Brady was nominated for *Young Volunteer of the Year* at the Gloucestershire LTA AGM. He has given up many an hour to help Jack on the courts as well as making time for some voluntary hours in Bristol schools and clubs as part of his course. The award was presented by Louise Hunt – a very successful Wheelchair player. She was Runner Up at Wimbledon and the Rio Paralympics in 2016.



Connor Brady and Louise Hunt

THE HUMAN BALL MACHINE

Connor Brady is now a qualified level 2 coach and is available for hitting sessions enabling you to work on specific and repetitive shot practice. The cost for this is £7.50 per hour.

You can contact him by email at con.brady16@icloud.com

INTRODUCING OUR CLUB COACH

Jack launched his independent coaching career with us last Summer and we are really happy with the commitment, professionalism, skill and fun that he brings to our club.

He is a Level 3 qualified coach and has been coaching for seven years now, taking some of his pupils to County level. He reached a players rating of 5:2 and plays for the A team at the club.

He is very enthusiastic and has some great ideas for things that he would like to do at the club. If you would like more information or have any ideas that you would like to put to him, please get in touch: jackgower@hotmail.co.uk

Mobile: **07917 261 810**

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Jack Gower



COMPETITIVE TENNIS

Our teams all did well last year and we are entering 5 mens teams and 2 ladies teams in the leagues last Summer. If you wish to play team tennis, get in touch and we will put you in touch with the relevant people.

We have a doubles ladder that runs from August to January and then we hold 2 team trial nights to give us some evidence for team selection. The selection committee is comprised of the team coaches, chairperson, men's or ladies captain and club member.

Please use the doubles ladder to play some competitive matches against other pairings in the club and choose a partner that you enjoy playing with and with whom you play well! It is, after all, supposed to be a pleasurable experience!