

CUTNALL GREEN TENNIS CLUB

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011

Chairman's Meanderings

Another year and another season draws to an end. We have played lots of matches and with the usual amounts of success or otherwise. The social events have been reasonably well attended but we have been seeing a slight reduction in membership numbers.

The Club's committee has worked very hard to ensure another year of smooth running and despite the worlds economic woes the club has maintained a steady course in terms of players and finances.

Like any club we need to encourage new members both young and older.

Our club coach is doing great work with a nucleus of youngsters but like any club the stalwart members are getting older and we need to find new sources of playing members.

We also need to plan for new committee members for many of us have been in office for more years than I care to remember.

We have great courts and new fencing so that is good for the next 7 years or so but the maintenance of the Club House is a continuing challenge.

I would like to thank all the Committee members for their hard work and all those members who have helped during the year.

May I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and encourage you all to come down on club nights and maybe Sunday mornings.

Jonathan Eddy

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Pavilion on **Monday 6th February 2012** at 8.00 pm. Please make an effort to attend and support your club.

Website

Cutnall Green Tennis Club's website address is: www.cutnallgreentennis.org.uk. Please check this regularly for news on events and other important information. If you have anything you wish to put on the website, please email Ade Bates at ady_bates@hotmail.com.

Subscriptions

The subscriptions for 2012 will be as follows:

	<u>If paid on time</u>	<u>If paid after 28/2/12</u>
Family	£177	£187
Couple	£152	£162
Adult	£ 97	£107
Student	£ 40	
Junior (12 and over at 31.12.11)	£ 35	
Junior (under 12 at 31.12.11)	£ 30	
Life members' contribution	£ 20/£15	

Visitors

Visitors are welcome to use the courts (when accompanied by a member) for a fee of £2 per visitor. Please note that visits must be limited to three times a year.

Club Championship

Finals Day was held on a very blustery day on Sunday 11th September. Well done to all who took part. Many thanks to Neil Woodward for cooking an excellent BBQ lunch, to Jane Stanley for organising the food and drink and to all other contributors from cake makers to umpires. The results were as follows:

Mens Singles

Tim Cartridge beat Graeme Shepherd 6-3 6-0

Ladies Singles

Jan Thomas beat Rachel Truswell 6-1 4-6 6-2

Mens Doubles A

Tim Cartridge/Chris Meredith beat Simon Hornsey/Nick Thomas 7-6 6-2

Mens Doubles B

Alan Cope/Richard Thornton beat John Hall/Ian Tynan 6-2 6-4

Ladies Doubles

Jane Stanley/Jan Thomas beat Judith Truswell/Rachel Truswell 6-1 6-2

Mixed Doubles A

Jan Thomas/Simon Hornsey beat Lulu Hornsey/Nigel Truswell 6-3 6-4

Mixed Doubles B

Jo Meredith/Graeme Shepherd beat Gay Carr/Alan Cope 6-3 5-7 6-0

The Juniors finals will be held on a Saturday morning during one of Doug Evans' coaching lessons.

Ladies Report Summer 2011

STOP PRESS!!!!!! Ladies 'A' came second in Division 2 this summer and have now reached the dizzy heights of Division 1!! I think the team were all in shock when they heard the news – from match to match they thought they had got enough points to ensure staying in Division 2. Very well done ladies and good luck next summer – hope all 6 of you can make all the matches as it might be hard to find fill-ins!

Ladies 'B' were runners-up in their division, so will also be going up, which is good news. I have tried hard to get some regular pairings and am pleased to say this has worked well towards a consistent team. Well played team and hope we can continue the good work next season.

Thanks to all the ladies who played and hope you all enjoyed your tennis.

Now it is time for winter tennis – good luck everyone!

Judith Truswell (Ladies Captain)

Men's Report

H&W LEAGUE

Men's 'A': Unfortunately we lost some players this summer and didn't have a very good season. 1 draw and 5 defeats means we will be relegated. Many thanks to the players who helped me field a team, as I was struggling on occasions.

Nigel Truswell (Captain)

Men's 'B' had a reasonable summer season with 2 outright wins, 1 winning draw, 2 losses and 1 unplayed game. I think this was probably the best we could have expected bearing in mind how few players are available in the summer due to other sporting commitments and holidays. This did not detract from the enjoyment of those who did play and I would like to thank them for their efforts.

Alan Cope (Captain)

KIDDERMINSTER LEAGUE

Men's 'A' won most of their matches.

Nigel Truswell (Captain)

Men's 'B': Having had the benefit of the mighty Tim & Tucker pairing for years, the C team, having eclipsed the A & B teams last year in Division 1, was amalgamated into the B team for this season. Tucker then retired prematurely and Tim rose to the dizzy heights of the A team, so the B team were left without the indomitable pair. As a result, despite the best efforts of a few former B team players, the Thornton/Tynan pairing was left horribly exposed and we failed to win or draw any of our 5 matches. This will inevitably find us back in our rightful place in Division 2 next season!

Richard Thornton (Captain)

Men's 'C': I was surprised and honoured when asked to captain the C team in the summer league. Realisation soon dawned that the ability to hustle a team together for each match was the hardest part of the role... never mind the fact that I'd never played competitive tennis before (or even won a match!)... Nigel clearly felt I may be able to bully a few into playing! Playingwise we had a mixed bag. We were off to a flying start with a convincing win, mostly due to the fact that I wasn't able to play due to injury! Overall we finished 3rd in the table, with 3 wins and 2 losses and a total of 14 points. Some teams clearly had no shame in playing some of their better club players in the fixtures. A big thank you to those that played in the C Team "All Stars" – Robbie, Sam, Josh, David, Jon, Martin, Alan, Richard, Neil and Terry. Hopefully next year we will win a few more points!

David Millard (Captain)

Mixed 'A': This year we struggled a little – are the opposition getting better?! We should stay up which would be good as we won the division last year! Thanks to all who played.

Nigel Truswell (Captain)

Mixed 'B': I would regard this as a successful and enjoyable season - coming second in the league by a good margin shows how well our squad of players performed. Thanks to all those guys for their efforts.

Big change this year was the after-match social: in the past we have used the Chequers for food and drinks on home matches, but we decided to join the revolt and boycott of that establishment due to severe increases in the cost of sandwiches, chips, and high priced drinks.

The BYO alternative turned out to be good, with us having a mild dry summer eating in the clubhouse, which was surprisingly pleasant.

Looking forward to next year, I wish my team and all members a happy Christmas.

Neil Woodward (Captain)

Mixed 'C' managed 2 wins and 3 draws from our 10 matches, enabling us to reach the dizzy heights of 4th! Thanks to all involved.

John Casey (Captain)

Mixed 'D': "Mixed" was the operative word for this season – I haven't seen the final tables so don't know our exact position, but lower middle would be my guess. We played 8: 2 wins, 1 winning draw, 1 losing draw and 4 losses. One loss was against Far Forest who played their club coach fresh from reaching the quarter finals of the Wimbledon Amateur Championships the week before – you never know what standard of opposition you are going to come up against in this league! A special mention must go to my first husband and wife pairing since I took over this team – Angela joined Martin Dyson in our last match away at Highley and helped us to end the season with a win – onwards and upwards!

Richard Thornton (Captain)

Coaching

Ladies' Morning Thursdays 10.00 -11.30 am: This session runs every week. We do drills, match practice and individual tips. Numbers are falling away, so we need more ladies. Non-members are welcome.

Juniors Saturday 8.45-11.45 am: The sessions are split in 3x1 hour sessions depending on age and ability. Some of the starter group are only 3 years old, so parents stay and have coffee so making it a friendly and sociable morning. We need more in the older group, so please come along.

Rusty Rackets Saturday 5.00-6.00 pm: By popular demand, this will continue throughout the winter. It is mostly attended by parents of the Saturday morning youngsters. They are mostly beginners but are improving and will be attending club nights very soon. We have some better men players attending and they play on a separate court doing drills and receiving individual tips.

Individual coaching: This is available 7 days a week, so please feel free to book a lesson.

We recently ran a holiday club during half term and we will do the same over the Christmas period, together with some rusty racket Christmas themes.

Doug Evans (Coach)

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Social Events

Ladies Round Robin: Another successful day with a total of 34 ladies playing. Thank you to Jan Thomas and Jane Stanley for organising the event and to all the ladies for their puddings etc. The event raised £248. Date for next year is 17th May 2012.

Quiz Night was a great success this year with about 50 competitors enjoying fish and chips and also answering a few well-planned and tricky questions. Thank you to the Gummers and Barbara Gadd for being question masters (and mistresses) and to Jane Stanley for organizing the evening.

Presentation Night: Though numbers were down, a great night was had by all with delicious food and highly professional music organized by rising DJ, Johnny Hawkeswood. Thank you once again to the Davenhill and Hawkeswood families for their efforts.

A list of dates for 2012 is attached.