

SOUTHBOURNE TENNIS CLUB – NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2010

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year

A very Happy New Year to all our members. Hopefully the weather will soon warm up and our tennis can resume to some normality!!!!

CLUB NEWS

- Due to the very cold weather conditions, unfortunately on Monday, 4th January a pipe burst causing extensive flooding to the club house. We are currently trying to sort this out however, it is going to take some time for the club house to dry out. Thank you to Adriano Placidi who arranged for a Hoover to suck up the water and to Conny, Chris (Blythe), Don, Helen and the coaches for mopping up. If anyone has a de-humidifier we could borrow, please let the committee know – thank you.

- **PARTY NIGHT – SATURDAY, 30TH JANUARY 2010**

Tickets are still available for the Party Night on Saturday, 30th January at The Rowing Club. Disco and light finger buffet. £10 per ticket. Bring your friends, it's a great night. Please contact Helen Henshaw on 07938 890645, richard.henshaw@ntlworld.com or Annie Smith on 07798 880929, annie@hurnway.co.uk for tickets.

- **AUSTRALIAN OPEN TOURNAMENT – CHANGE OF DATE**

The next Sunday morning fun tournament is on **Sunday, 17th January** (originally Sunday, 24th January), 10am to 1pm. Fun tournament followed by food and drink. £3 per person entry fee. Prizes for the winners. See you there.

CHRISTMAS FUN TOURNAMENT - Thank you to all those who turned up on a very cold but bright morning for the Christmas Fun Tournament. We had a record turnout and a great morning was had by all despite a lack of playable courts although after some frantic sweeping by Don and the sun breaking through, we managed five courts by mid morning. Congratulations to the winners.

Men's Joint Winners – Nigel Carter and Andy Redman

Ladies Winner – Celia Barron



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

- Mixed doubles curry night
- February fun tournament

Keep an eye on the notice board or the website for more info.

- **COACHING PROMOTION**

It doesn't matter how old you are or how much you have played, one-to-one coaching is by far the best way to improve your game, so get yourself booked in, otherwise you'll miss out!!!

6 lessons for the price of 5

Our coaches are currently offering 6 lessons for the price of 5 to new customers having lessons during the day between 9.30am and 3.30pm. This offer is valid to 31st March 2010 and terms and conditions apply. For more info, please go to our website www.southbournetennis.co.uk, see the notice board or contact David Sanger on 07812 676761. *Details also attached to e-mail.*

Gift vouchers are also available to purchase via the coaches, a great birthday present.

- **TENNIS BALLS**

The Club seems to be going through a very large number of tennis balls and we are currently way over budget – they are costing us £350 per month! So, a new year challenge for us is to improve on this and as a start we would ask members to ensure that all balls are collected at the end of each club play session/league match and put in the bucket which will be located by the door to courts 1 to 3. And just a little reminder that if members wish to play outside of club play sessions, please provide your own balls. Balls are available for sale at £5 per tin. If anyone has any ideas to help with this problem, we would love to hear from you. Thank you for your co-operation.

- **WEBSITE**

Don't forget to log on to our website www.southbournetennis.co.uk where you can find all that's going on, match dates and results, useful downloads etc. If anyone has any club news, please let Annie know (annie@hurnway.co.uk).

- **BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP – WIMBLEDON TICKETS**

Don't forget to join British Tennis Membership if you wish to enter this year's Club ballot for Wimbledon tickets. Visit the website for more information or to join - www.lta.org.uk/British-Tennis-Membership/ or pick up a leaflet from the Club House.

JUNIORS & MINI TENNIS

- **JUNIOR BOX LEAGUES**

Don't forget to sign up for the box leagues – see the notice board.

- **JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN OPEN CLUB NIGHT FUN TOURNAMENT**

Monday, 25th January, 6pm to 8pm. HOT DOGS after. Any parents who would like to help out with the hot dogs, please contact Dave – 07812 676761.



- **JUNIOR TEN PIN BOWLING**

We are planning a 'Munch and Bowl' Ten Pin Bowling Junior night out on Monday, 29th March, 6pm at the Bowlplex, Branksome. Two games plus some food after. 30 places available on a first come, first served basis. £12 per person. Pick up a flyer available soon from the Club House.

- **JUNIOR'S 'BRING A FRIEND' ACTIVITY SESSIONS**

Bring a friend along to the Junior Club Sessions on Saturday, 24th and Monday, 26th April.

- **MINI TENNIS EASTER EGG EGGSTRAGANZA!!**

Saturday, 27th March 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Bring a friend along.....and your racket for an hours fun on the courts with lots of scrummy prizes.



- **UPCOMING MINI TENNIS TOURNAMENTS AT SOUTHBOURNE TENNIS CLUB**

Sunday, 7th March Mini Tennis Red, Grade 6 12pm to 2pm

 Mini Tennis Orange, Grade 6 2pm to 4pm

Sunday, 14th March Mini Tennis Green, Grade 6 1pm to 3pm

To enter, complete a 'Junior & Mini Tennis Competition Entry Form' available from the Club House and return to Annie Smith, 17A Hurn Way, Christchurch BH23 2NT. £5 entry fee.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at these tournaments with scoring (Red and Orange only), if you would be interested, please contact either Helen (07938 890645) or Annie (07798 880929).

We also have the opportunity to enter some friendly tournaments with other clubs which is great opportunity for our Mini Tennis players to gain some match experience, we have a 'Captain' for the Orange players and it would be great if we could find 'Captains' for the Reds and Greens. If any parent is interested, please contact David Sanger (07812 676761).

- **BARCLAYS BALL KIDS SEARCH 2010**

Barclays have launched a national search to find 30 youngsters to join the best on court and star as Barclays Ball Kids at the 2010 Barclays ATP World Tour Finals in London. This once in a lifetime opportunity is open exclusively to 12 to 16 year olds who are registered by a Barclays customer or employee in the UK. As a brief overview, there are 5 steps to becoming a Ball Kid :-

- 1) Find a Barclays Customer or employee.
- 2) Take an online quiz: www.barclaysballkids.com (competition ends 25th February 2010).
- 3) Get a parent/legal guardian to complete the online application form.
- 4) Attend a Regional Selection Trial (Trial at Esporta, Southampton on 21st March, other locations and dates available).
- 5) If selected from the Regional Trial, battle it out at the National Selection Trial to earn a place as a Barclays Ball Kid.

To find out more, visit the website www.barclaysballkids.com or pick up a leaflet from the Club House.

