

SOUTHBOURNE TENNIS CLUB – NEWSLETTER MARCH 2010

Welcome to the second newsletter of 2010. Hopefully the very cold icy weather is behind us, the evenings are getting lighter and we can all look forward to some warm weather and good tennis. We've had a very difficult winter with the weather preventing members and coaches using the courts for what has seemed like weeks. Fortunately, the Club House didn't suffer too much damage from the burst water pipe. Many thanks to the Brennan-Pope family, Phil James and Celia Barron for lending us their de-humidifiers, we had a great response to our request which was brilliant, thank you.

CLUB NEWS

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

The Party Night on Saturday, 30th January was a great success, everyone had a great night and we made a profit of approx £200. Thank you to all those who helped to organise this event and all those who supported it. See the piccies in the Club House.

- **RALPH BEATTY – 90 YEARS YOUNG**

Congratulations to Ralph Beatty who celebrated his 90th birthday on 20th January 2010. A surprise 'do' was held at the Club House on 19th January when Ralph was presented with a plaque and Honorary Membership to the Club.

- **DORSET WINTER & SUMMER LEAGUES/AEGON TEAM TENNIS/HANTS & ISLE OF WIGHT**

The Dorset Winter League finishes on 31st March. It's not been a great season to get matches played due to the weather conditions and a lot of matches have had to take place over a short period of time, however, the Captains and teams have done a great job in getting our matches played. Well done to the Men's Vets team, captained by Derek Hayes for winning their matches against West Hants and David Lloyd, the first time they have ever beaten these teams. The Dorset Summer League starts on 1st April and matches have been arranged. We also have a number of other matches taking place at the club over the next few months. We have entered 6 junior teams and a men's team into the AEGON Team Tennis and we also have two men's teams in the Hants & Isle of Wight league. Dates of all matches will be on the website very shortly (www.southbournetennis.co.uk) and on the notice boards so please feel free to come and support our teams.

- **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Membership renewals are due on 1st April 2010. All members should have received a letter or e-mail giving details of subscriptions due and discounts available if paid by 1st April 2010. If anyone hasn't received notification, please contact Annie by e-mail annie@hurnway.co.uk or ring 07798 880929.

- **TESCO for Schools & Clubs & SAINSBURY'S Active Kids VOUCHERS**



We are collecting Tesco for Schools & Clubs vouchers again this year which enable us to 'buy' some very useful equipment such as tennis balls, table tennis bats, cones and a DVD player. We are also collecting

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, this is the first year that Clubmark accredited sports clubs have been included in this scheme. Both these schemes help teachers, leaders and coaches encourage young people to get active and be healthier by providing equipment. The last day for collecting vouchers for Tesco is 9th May and for Sainsbury's 8th June. Please help us to collect as many as possible by putting your vouchers in the box in the Club House. Thank you.

- **WIMBLEDON TICKETS**

The ballot for Wimbledon tickets will be taking place in April. To enter the ballot, membership fees must be fully paid and members need to be a member of British Tennis. Visit the website for more information on British Tennis or to join - www.lta.org.uk/British-Tennis-Membership/ or pick up a leaflet from the Club House. Keep an eye on the notice board for more information on the ballot.

- **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Entry forms will soon be available for the 2010 Club Championships which will run from 7th June to 10th October. Finals day for Juniors will be on Saturday, 9th October and Sunday, 10th October for adults. A presentation evening will be held on Sunday, 17th October for the Club Championships and other team and individuals achievements. Entry Forms will be available from the Club House or as a download from the STC website. Closing date for entries **Sunday, 30th May.**

- **CLUB SWEATSHIRTS, T-SHIRTS & POLO SHIRTS**

Club sweatshirts, t-shirts and polo shirts can now be ordered, all available in white only.

Childrens: T-shirts £9 Polo shirts £12 Sweatshirts £20

Adults: T-shirts £10 Ladies fitted T-shirt £10 Polo shirt £15 Ladies fitted polo shirt £15 Sweatshirts £20

Order forms are available in the Club House or download from the website.

- **FLOODLIGHTS/BALLS/VISITORS FEES**

Our electricity bill has been particularly high this year, partly due to the extremely cold weather, and we are looking at ways to save money, Alan Carver our Treasurer is currently looking at possibly changing suppliers if a cheaper rate can be found. We would ask that ALL members who play in the evening when floodlights are used ensure they pay their £1 floodlight fee, a very small amount but when paid by everyone who uses the courts during the evening makes a huge difference. We would also ask members to turn off the floodlights on any courts not being used during a club play session and to make sure all they are all switched off at the end of the evening. Balls – thank you to everyone for putting the used tennis balls in the bucket after club play sessions, we are still striving to ensure we get the best use from them. Finally, visitors fees. Members are reminded that if they bring visitors to play tennis, a visitors fee must be paid. Please sign them in in the Visitors Book which can be found on the Notice Board by the Coaches cupboard and put the fee in the Treasurers Box, £3 adults, £1 under 18's. The top courts will need to be re-surfaced within the next couple of years and unfortunately, we will not be in a position to do this financially from subscriptions alone. We do need to raise money by other means and visitors fees, floodlight fees etc all go towards the day to day running of the club and hopefully, together with subscriptions and through fundraising, we can save towards the upkeep and refurbishment of the facilities. Any fundraising ideas always welcomed and if anyone would like to organise a fundraising event, we would love to hear from you. ☺

- **SOCIALEVENTS**

Wooden Rackets Tournament – Sunday, 28th March, 10am to 1pm. Bring a wooden racket (if you have one) and wear 'all white'.

French Open Tournament – Sunday, 6th June.

Wimbledon Fun Tournament – Sunday, 4th July

- **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).

JUNIORS & MINI TENNIS

- **ROAD TO WIMBLEDON**

U14's can sign up now for Road to Wimbledon – see poster in Club House.

- **EASTER MINI TENNIS HOLIDAY SESSIONS & JUNIOR TOURNAMENT DAYS**

Mini Tennis holiday sessions are being held on Tuesday, 6th, Thursday, 8th, Tuesday, 13th and Thursday, 15th April from 10am to 12pm, £5 for members, £5.50 for non members and Junior Tournament Days on Wednesdays, 7th and 14th, 10am to 2pm, £7 for members, £8 for non members. Sign up sheets are on the Notice Board in the Club House. Both these sessions are pay and play.

- **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.



- **SUMMER 2010 COMPETITION LISTINGS**

Tournaments for summer 2010 are now available on the LTA website. Go to www.lta.org.uk/In-Your-Area/Dorset/Competition-Listings/ to download the Summer 2010 Competition Listings for Dorset or www.lta.org.uk/search/findacompetition/ for tournaments nationwide.

- **JUNIOR SOCIAL EVENTS**

Monday, 7th June – French Open Tournament

Monday, 5th July – Wimbledon Fun Tournament

Any ideas for social events for juniors welcomed. If you have any good ideas, please let Dave know.

