



Cheriton Tennis Club MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER February 2010

NEW HEAD COACH FOR CHERITON TENNIS CLUB

With Brett still coaching at Totton TC as well as Cheriton, and Sarah having to work far too hard in the office, we advertised and have now appointed a new Head Coach to be devoted to Cheriton Tennis Club and to develop many more coaching sessions at all levels, as well as loads of competitions (fun, social and competitive matchplays etc). We're really pleased to welcome Craig Dixon as our new Head Coach, starting this Easter holidays. Craig has spent many years coaching at the Hampshire Club at Hedge End, and is currently coaching at Warsash and Andover TCs. Brett will continue with his programmes and Craig will rebuild the additional programmes which Sarah used to run as well as expand our junior and mini tennis programmes and adult coaching. So look out soon (next e-newsletter) for details of our new, expanded, Summer Coaching & Competitions Programme, plus details of a series of fun tournaments for minis and juniors during the Easter Holidays. Both Craig and Brett are available for private coaching too. You can meet Craig (and Brett!) at our New Season Open Morning on 13th March – see below.

NEW SEASON - CLUB OPEN MORNING – Saturday 13th March, 11am-1pm Club Membership Renewals, Meet The Coaches & Play & CTC Clubmark LTA Presentation



Don't miss this sociable morning to open the new season at CTC. Our new head coach Craig Dixon will be there, plus our long-term coach Brett Evans, to run some fun hitting sessions for juniors and mini players on the courts. Adults – please come down and rejoin/join CTC for the 2010/11 season and pick up your membership packs and have a coffee, and have a hit on the courts too. It would be great if we could have as many members as possible at the club at 11.30am when Simon Johnson, the Manager of Hampshire LTA, will be presenting Cheriton with our Clubmark award.



CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE for 2010/11 Season

Membership Fees are due by 1st April 2010. Your committee has increased membership fees by £5 for individuals and £10 per family this year (first increase for 3 yrs), to help cover costs now floodlights are free. We hope to have toilet built on this Summer too (please contact Alison Pearce if you know somebody who builds wooden extensions!). You can receive your 5% discount on membership if all your family have British Tennis Membership numbers, and a further 5% discount if you complete your form and send with cheque to Karen Housden (Memberships Secretary) by 1st April. Please come along and re-join, or join up for the first time, at our Open Morning on 13th March (or see website for form and post to Karen before 1st April 2010). Don't forget to join up as a British Tennis member with the LTA too (see below). Please encourage new members to join Cheriton Tennis Club too. Many thanks.

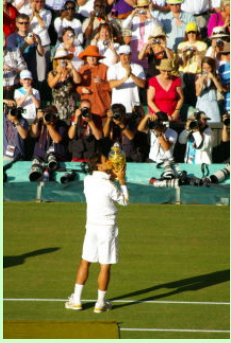
www.cheritontennisclub.co.uk/membership.htm

ADULT AMERICAN TOURNAMENT Social doubles tournament Sunday 25th April – 3-5pm

Please note in your diary the date of the first social tournament of the 2010 season. This will be a sociable doubles tournament, for all levels of adult players (you'll play against players roughly your same level, so do not fear!). You swap partners after each short match, so there's lots of mixing around and sociable play. These tournaments are always very popular and we have to limit numbers due to having just 2 courts, so if you would like to play please email Sarah to book your place.

sllloyd@ashgatepublishing.com Wimbledon ballot will follow...





WIMBLEDON TICKETS 2010 - Ballot on Sunday 25th April

The CTC Wimbledon ticket ballot will be held at c.5pm at the clubhouse, after our first American Tournament of the year, on Sunday 25th April. We have been allocated 28 pairs of Wimbledon tickets this year by the LTA (based on the number of British Tennis Members we have). Only paid up CTC members who attend on 25th April with chequebooks (or send a rep with a chequebook), and who are also LTA British Tennis Members, will be able to enter the club ballot for Wimbledon tickets, and you will need to have your BTM number with you on 25th April too (See below re BTM). Winners of the club draw pay the face value of the Wimbledon tickets they win (they're not too cheap, but worth it!). We should have a pair of ladies and men's finals day tickets too we hope.

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP – Please sign up all members of your family now.

Please don't forget to ensure all the members of your family are signed up to the LTA's British Tennis Membership individually (including each mini, junior and adult member of the family).

Only members who are BTMs can play in any club or LTA competitions, league matches or tournaments (Mini, Junior or Adult), and only individuals who are BTMs can win club Wimbledon tickets and only BTMs can attend Wimbledon using these tickets too. So be sure to sign up all members of your family asap. Clubs are assessed by the LTA on the number of BTMs now, so please help your club too by joining up everybody in your family individually as soon as you can – it's free and only takes a few minutes online at (please note our club code

is: HAM428): <https://www2.lta.org.uk/Membership/Join/> . Very many thanks.



ADULT & JUNIOR CLUB TEAM TENNIS CAPTAINS - 2010

The following are our CTC Captains for our club teams playing in Aegon Team Tennis and the East Hants Leagues. If you would like to play against other clubs in our club teams this Summer (from c.April-Sept), please contact the relevant captain or any of the coaches:



12&U Junior Captain – Joe Johnstone - 771015

14&U Junior Captain – Charlie Smith - 771260

16&U Joint Junior Captains – Alastair Carnegy & Matt Moss – 732754/771493

Adult Ladies A Team Captain – Sally Craddock - 771700

Adult Ladies B Team Captain – Charlotte Evans-Smith - 771260

Adult Mixed Team Captain – Susie Corbett - 771267

Adult Men's Team Captain (new for 2010!) – Nigel Johnson - 01489 893049

Adult Veterans (over 55) Team Captain – Simon Scott – 771263

CLUB MORNINGS & EVENINGS - Come along & meet other players!

Don't forget to come along to any of the club morning or evening play sessions (all open to non-members too, except ladies & mens nights). All levels very welcome, and all very relaxed so just come along and have a game with some different people. Veterans mornings on 9.30am Wednesdays (no coach), Ladies mornings on 10am Fridays (with coach if wanted or just doubles play if preferred on the day), Mixed social doubles night 7pm Fridays (no coach), Ladies night 7.30pm Mondays (no coach), Men's night 7.30pm Tuesdays (no coach). Beginners/Rusty Rackets nights or mornings can start up again if we have enough people interested – please let Sarah know if you're interested.

More details at: www.cheritontennisclub.co.uk/pay&playsessions.htm.

NEW ONLINE COURT BOOKING SYSTEM FOR CTC

From 1st March you will be able to book the Cheriton courts online if you are a member of the club. All you need to do is click on the 'Book Courts' button which will be on our CTC website homepage from 1st March. On your first visit you will just need to register and set yourself up with a password on the 'Bookit' site (this is an outside company we are using – as recommended by the LTA and now used at other clubs too). Members will be able to book courts up to 7 days in advance, for a maximum of 90 minutes. In the interests of enabling others to use the courts too, please be sure to cancel your bookings if you cannot attend, and please do not book for longer than you expect to play. Any problems, please contact Sarah. Any members who do not have access to the internet can book courts via Jo Anderson, who has kindly offered to book online for you (tel Jo on: 771151)



TENNIS BALLS FOR SALE



Don't forget you can purchase tennis balls (and other items) through the club shop – see noticeboard and just ask a coach. Tubes of match standard balls are available at £4 per tube of 4.

Gillian Gray-Knight has kindly agreed to start selling tennis balls for us through Cheriton Shop too – these will be the same good quality balls (they last longer and bounce better if they're decent balls), at the same price of £4 per tube.

CTC TENNIS KIT

Charlotte Evans-Smith and Mike Cornter are kindly sorting out special white or blue CTC t-shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts and hoodies, with CTC logo on front and club name on back probably. We will be selling these through the club at close to cost price, but we need to build up a few orders before being able to purchase any. Childrens and Adults sizes will be available. We hope to have samples, and an order form, available at our Open Morning on 13th March, and from then on the order form will be available via the club website too.

YOUR NEW CTC COMMITTEE

At the recent CTC AGM, the outgoing chairman Alison Pearce was thanked very much for all her work for the club as chair, particularly sorting out all the break-ins, policemen, and repairs. Katherine Probert was thanked for being a great secretary for the past couple of years, and other committee members retiring were also thanked for all their work for the club over the last 3 years: Nicola Cecil, Charlotte Smailes and Margaret Berryman. The following new officers and committee members were elected: Chairman – Gussie Raimis; Clubhouse & Health & Safety – Charlie & Susie Parry; other new committee members – Mel Kinder, Mel Withington-Smith; Jane Johnstone. The rest of the committee continues as: Treasurer – Jane Bracey; Secretary – tbc; Memberships Secretary – Karen Housden; Tennis Manager & Publicity – Sarah Lloyd; Special Project Co-ordinator (loo) – Alison Pearce; Grounds/mowing rota – Denby Johnstone; Juniors Rep - Charlotte Evans-Smith; Team Captains Rep - Sally Craddock; Social Reps – Jo Anderson, plus other new members.

SEEKING AUDITOR FOR CLUB ACCOUNTS

Our Treasurer Jane Bracey would be very pleased to hear from any accountant (or similar) who could kindly agree to audit the tennis club accounts at the end of the year. We have a lot of money going in (and out!) of the club account, so Jane would be grateful for an independent audit annually. Please email Jane if you are willing, at: jeb.beech@btinternet.com Many thanks.