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Prestbury
Tennis Club
Newsletter



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OPEN DAY

Dear Members

Well, we finally appear to be emerging from the cold, dark days of winter and can, hopefully, look forward to better conditions for getting out and using the great tennis facilities available at your club! Look out for details of the 'start of season' event on April 9th.

I would like to remind people that club nights are held on every Wednesday and Friday evening, throughout the year. Although numbers have been a bit low over the winter months, now is the time to see a lot more of you emerge from hibernation and giving the season a kick-start. Everybody is very welcome to attend and all standards catered for. The Friday night BBQs will be starting on April 29th and run through until October. These are great nights and a perfect way to end the week!

As always, we are keen to attract new members to the club and our two Open Days will be in April and May. If you can think of any family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues who might be interested then, please, tell them about the club and persuade them to come along and see what we can offer. All ages and standards of player will receive a warm welcome and get the chance to try out the facilities and some coaching if they wish.

Keep your eyes peeled for details of various social events throughout the year. Things planned, so far, include a Race Night, Ladies Evening, Quiz Night and a repeat of the very successful trip to Storm Brewing! If anyone has an idea for a social event then we'd love to hear from you.

Looking for ways to improve your game?

- *Don't forget about the great coaching service provided by Jon and his team*
- *Look out for upcoming announcement about the new ball machine that the club will be getting – perfect for practicing those shots!*

So, with lots of things happening at the club, we can all look forward to a great season!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard Sinton'.

Richard Sinton

The first Open Day will be on SUNDAY 17th APRIL from 2 o'clock. Family, friends and neighbours all welcome, whether bringing racquets for a hit or just having a look round. There'll be refreshments and Monkhouse, the sports retailer, will be there selling tennis equipment and clothing, so it's worth members coming down for a look, too.

Next Open Day will be on
SATURDAY 7 MAY

CLUB CLOTHING

Prestbury Tennis Club hoodies in children's sizes – blue or hot pink - cost £15. **Available to buy at Junior Clubnight 1st April** or to order from Sian Reading – tel. 262911.

Also warm-up jackets for children or adults - in royal blue with white print - same price except for Men's small and medium sizes (£21) available for order. These items will be on display at the Club on Saturday 9 April and at Open Days on Sunday 17th April and Saturday 7th May.

Profits from the clothing sales will be available for the Junior Section to help finance some of their activities.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

A reminder that fees are due from 1st April. Team players must be paid-up members before playing for the Club.

Any queries should be addressed to the Membership Secretary, Judith Hewitt, on 01625 585155 or j-hewitt@tiscali.co.uk.

OPENING TENNIS EVENT JUNIORS & SENIORS

Calling all tennis members – dust off your tennis racquets and start the season! Come and join us at the start of season tennis event on

SATURDAY 9th APRIL

starting at 2pm. Players will need to be at the Clubhouse by 1.45pm.

To enter the event, please **sign up on the sheet that is displayed outside the Clubhouse**. The event is open to Juniors who have played matches at a junior level and any senior players. A junior will partner a senior in an American-style doubles leading to a play-off in the last stages.

For further details, please contact Ruth Moyes or Brian Durrant (contact details at end of this Newsletter).

RACE NIGHT

There is to be a Race Night at the Club on **SATURDAY 30TH APRIL** as a fundraiser towards Clubhouse refurbishment.

Starting at 8 o'clock (first race 8.15pm). Horse racing, grand prix, roulette, quiz – a night of skill, speed and sporting knowledge!

Tickets £5 in advance (from Sian Reading – tel. 262911 – or Richard Sinton, Jon Cain or Sue Matykiewicz (contact details at end of this newsletter) or £6 on the door.

STAG & HEN NIGHT

To celebrate the Royal Wedding there will be a Club night with a difference on Wednesday 20th April. Fancy dress optional. Tennis – followed by light refreshments (£1 charge over and above normal Clubnight fee).

BANK HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS

The traditional Bank Holiday tournaments will be held on **2nd and 30th MAY**. Registration at the Clubhouse at 1.45pm on the day- £3 entry. All members welcome at these friendly American tournaments.

CLUB NIGHTS

Facilitation of Wednesday Clubnights will start on **Wednesday 4 May**. The aim is to pair people of similar standards, to help introduce new members and beginners and also give the opportunity for more experienced players to have a “good hit”. To make this work more effectively we need some volunteers to facilitate – 6.30 – 9pm – say once every 4 weeks. Please contact Ruth Moyes if you can help with this.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Tournament Time Again!
If you haven't entered before, now's the time. With your membership renewal form you will have received a tournament entry form for 2011.

Club Championship – Singles, Doubles, and Mixed doubles

Straight knockout competition, entries close 6th May. Finals on Sunday 11th September

There is a plate competition for the first round singles losers, Silverware for the winners and commemorative engraved glasses for finalists.

Handicap Tournament – Singles Doubles and Mixed Doubles

Knockout competition with a twist – weaker players get a head start in each game and the stronger players have to start on minus points. It means that anyone can win. Entries close 5th August, and the finals day is Sunday 25th September. Commemorative engraved glasses for the finalists.

Family Cup

Knockout doubles competition for family members. Also handicapped.

Entries close 20th May, and finals day is Sunday 25th September

Silverware for the winners and commemorative engraved glasses for finalists.

AMB Trophy Tournament

This trophy was kindly donated to the club to mark the opening of the new courts by the company that installed them. This is a one day adult mixed doubles tournament taking place on Sunday 15th May.

Last year was the first time we ran this and we called it a “Pro-Am” event with team players representing the “Pros” and social players the “Amateurs”. Successful entrants will be paired with a partner by the tournament committee and then on the day there will be a round robin event where the pairing with the highest number of games won in the afternoon will be the winners. A simple and fun format with a challenge for everyone. Team captains (firsts to fourths) will be inviting their team members to enter, and for social players there will be a list on the notice board, or you can contact the tournament chairman directly –

pete.moyes@hotmail.co.uk or by telephone 01625 827648.

If oversubscribed, lots will be drawn by the tournament committee to determine the participants.

Any questions, please contact Peter Moyes.

Here’s looking forward to a great season.

COURT AVAILABILITY

When six courts are in use, eg for Summer Camps, Prestbury Open Tournament, Courts 7 and 8 will be bookable by members.

COURT BOOKING

There is a lot of pressure on court availability at certain times during the week and there have been numerous occasions where courts have been booked but not used. As you can imagine, this is very frustrating for other users. It would be very helpful if members could observe the following, please:

- Only book a court if you are fairly certain of using it
- If you find you will not be using a court then **cancel it** as soon as possible
- Include your surname on the sheet when making a booking

LADIES NIGHT

Proceeds for Clubhouse Refurbishment

Wednesday 25th May from 7.15pm

Tickets £5 to cover refreshments – available soon from Pam Dennett, Doreen Armstrong or Sian Reading.

Cookery demonstration

Flower arranging demonstration

Clarins products demo and sale (goodie bags with all purchases)

Greetings cards sale

Raffle

Hair analysis

Clothing and accessories Bring & Buy (20% proceeds to Club)*

Plant sale

*If you wish to sell articles, Sian will be at the Club the evening before (May 24th) from 6 – 7pm to collect and label articles (or bring them on the night).

Everyone welcome (men included – great opportunity to get something for the woman in your life!)

The Club will be open as usual for Clubnight tennis.

CLIMBING THE PYRAMID

In response to those who like to play singles, this past winter a Pyramid was organised to give people an opportunity to play with other members who enjoyed singles. The weather posed a bit of a challenge for December and January, but despite the weather more than 30 members participated in over 24 matches.

After 5 months of running the Pyramid, the results show that Julia Furness, Phillip Eagland, and James Schofield all move up at least two levels on the Pyramid. Also Adele Reynolds showed the most enthusiasm by playing the most matches. The rules and concept this year was based on those used at other clubs. Moving forward we will be reviewing the Pyramid and looking for feedback from those who participated. Hopefully next winter we can offer those members who like singles another chance to get on the courts and play.

Any feedback please to Frances Hay –
07742 762 018 or
frances.hay5@btinternet.com

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to those members who have signed up for British Tennis membership – this has helped enhance our allocation of Wimbledon tickets. If you've not already done so, it's free to join – tel.0845 873 7202 or www.lta.org.uk/membership.

WIMBLEDON

The application form will be coming to you in April, giving the chance to go into the Club's draw for Wimbledon tickets. Remember you need to be a British Tennis Member to qualify, but there's still time to do so before the draw. Any queries contact Pam Dennett.

COURT MAINTENANCE

The Committee's policy is to give the greatest priority to maintaining first class amenities at the club and we have recently invested in a new machine to improve the condition of the Astroturf carpets and, hopefully, extend their lives. The excellent work done by Roddy and his ground staff (John Mudge and Steve Pearson) over past few years has really been beneficial as the courts are still in excellent condition well beyond their expected lifespan. Every extra year we can put off replacing the carpet has a huge benefit for the finances of the club. With this in mind, you may have seen notices on courts 1 and 4 requesting people to consider using other courts if they are free. The reason for this is that these courts get the most use and it will be the wear and tear on these courts that will force us into expensive refurbishment. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

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