

# Just out!

Prestbury  
Tennis Club  
Newsletter



OCTOBER 2011

Dear Members

*Well, the nights are drawing in now and the weather is turning autumnal, but, this shouldn't be a signal to hang up your racquet until next spring! There are still lots of opportunities to play tennis and make use of the great facilities at the club.*

*In particular, I would urge you to continue (or, indeed, start) to support the regular tennis sessions that take place – Wed/Fri club night, men's morning, ladies' afternoon, etc. all operate throughout the year and, even though you may need to wrap up well now and again, they are still a great way to keep the tennis going.*

*I am very pleased to report that the Club has been nominated, again, for the Cheshire LTA's 'Club of The Year' award, as well as Jon Cain who has been nominated for the 'Performance Coach of The Year' award. The outcome will be announced at a presentation evening in the next week or so.*

*One other piece of news to pass on to you is that the recent trial of the on-line court booking system has proved to be very successful and we will be implementing this for all 8 courts in the near future. We are currently investigating options for a larger touch-screen to use with it and a suitable security device. When this is implemented, there will be several drop-in sessions planned to help people who are unfamiliar with how it works and make sure they are able to use it to book courts.*

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

Richard Sinton

## JUNIOR SUCCESSES

Our Juniors have been having some significant success this season.

### Youatt Cup

This prestigious open U-13 team event held at Prestbury tennis club was won by our Prestbury u-13s for the first time since 1990. Congratulations to the team and team manager Feng Eales.

### North East Cheshire League

The Club's strong U18 Boys 1<sup>st</sup> team is in an apparently unassailable position at the top of Division 1. The U13 Mixed team is 2<sup>nd</sup> in Div.1. The U15 Boys are doing well in Divisions 1 and 2 after promotion last year. Other teams are holding their own and there will be no relegations. Well done to all.

### Prestbury Open

This open tournament attracted about 100 players in various age groups. In the U16 category the winner was Prestbury's Connor Moran and at U8 and U9 our Natalya Smith was successful.

(He's not a Junior but we should congratulate our Head Coach, Jon Cain, who reached the Finals of the Men's event in this open tournament.)

## SENIOR LEAGUE RESULTS

Not to be outdone by the juniors, some Senior teams have been doing well too. The Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> has gained promotion to Division 1, where they will face a tough challenge next year. Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> have both gained promotion. Well done all.

## WINTER BALL

The big social event of the calendar is the Winter Ball at the Hunting Lodge, Adlington Hall, on Sat., 26 November. The price is £33 per head, with discounts for tables of 8 or more. Contact David Bentley (820126) or Roddy Mackay (820694) for tickets.

## WINTER COMPETITION

A singles ladder is being planned for the winter season. This should suit all standards of player. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Ruth Moyes on 07766 830 624 or [ruth.moyes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ruth.moyes@hotmail.co.uk).

## AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

The Bank Holiday American Tournaments have proved popular, so another one is planned for Saturday 22nd October. This is fun social tennis where you swop partners each round. We would particularly like to see new members at this event. Sign up on the day at the club at 1.45pm (finish around 5pm). Entry fee is £3 with tea and cakes provided.

## QUIZ NIGHT

Late call for anyone interested in the Quiz Night on 8 October. Food numbers may be already in, but call Gill Reynolds to check if you can still put a team in or join others in a team on the night - 827591. This function will raise funds for Clubhouse refurbishment.

## LADIES NIGHT

Following the success of the Ladies Night earlier in the year, Sian Reading is organising another one on Wednesday 2 November. There will be a demonstration by Body Shop and jewellery and cards will be on sale. Note the date and watch for notices at the Club. Another function to raise funds for Clubhouse refurbishment.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

We had a successful tournament season, for which we must thank Peter Moyes and all his helpers. Results are as follows:-

### Club Championship

Mens Singles	Pedro Saviron
Ladies Singles	Wendy Christiansen
Mens Doubles	Pedro Saviron & Jon Cain
Ladies Doubles	Andrea Atherton & Jenny Jackson
Mixed Doubles	Tom Sinton & Andrea Atherton
Mens Plate	Clive Whittaker
Ladies Plate	Abi Pollard

### Handicap Tournament

Mens Singles	Tim Hazelhurst
Ladies Singles	Feng-Hung Eales
Mens Doubles	Mick Taylor & David Smith
Ladies Doubles	Caroline Wild & Helen Farrer
Mixed Doubles	Caroline Wild & David Haigh

### Family Cup

Mick & James  
Taylor

Congratulations to all the winners.

## YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

ATTENTION! Are you able to help with the running of the Tennis Club?

There is always a need for new volunteers. In particular we need someone to take over from Pam as Secretary (small honorarium payable) and someone to manage the content of the new website. Members willing to help with junior activities are also always welcome.

If you feel that you are able to help or would like further information on what is involved then, please, get in touch with Richard Sinton, Chairman (611639 or [r.sinton@talktalk.net](mailto:r.sinton@talktalk.net)) or Pam Dennett, Club Secretary (613001 or [pamdennett@supanet.com](mailto:pamdennett@supanet.com)).

## VETS TOURNAMENT

The Men's and Ladies' Vets Tournament are both round-robin doubles to be held as one-day events on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> October, a format which is proving popular.

Just turn up on the day – 12.45pm  
Saturday for the Ladies (age 40+)  
Start 9.30am prompt on the Sunday for the Men (age 50+).

Any queries to Phil Astbury (426712) or Doreen Armstrong (829204).

## YOGA FOR SPORTS – free taster

Yoga is a great way for building strength and becoming more flexible. It is also a fantastic complement to sports such as tennis and golf. It improves stamina, brings focus and can help to prevent injury. You don't have to be able to touch your toes to start – everyone has different capabilities!

Come along to a free taster session at the Club on Thursday 6 October at 10-11am. Mats are provided – wear comfortable/stretchy clothing. Regular classes will start in January 2012 every Thursday 10-11am and will cost £6.

Please e-mail or call Kirstin at [kirstinyoga@hotmail.com](mailto:kirstinyoga@hotmail.com) 07841 054810 to confirm your place or to join the mailing list for all class info.

## AGM

It's that time of year again when you're encouraged to come to the Club's Annual General Meeting, which this year will be on Tuesday 29 November. There are always important issues raised, not least your subscriptions for next year. The agenda and further papers for the AGM will be sent in November.

## CLUBHOUSE HIRE

The Club does not make a hire charge for members using the Clubhouse for private parties, if using the bar. The Clubhouse is often free, especially on Saturday evenings. Of course, bar staff costs will still apply and there is a requirement under the bar licence for hirers to pay a £21 fee to the Council as licensing authority. Hirers are free to make their own arrangements for catering.

There is a limit on the number of functions the Club can have in a year, so it's a good idea to reserve a date early, so you don't miss out – we're fully booked for 2011 already – time to plan for 2012.

Enquiries should be addressed to the Club Secretary, Pam Dennett – tel. 613001 or [pamdennett@supanet.com](mailto:pamdennett@supanet.com)

## THEFT AT CLUB

The Police recently recovered a mobile phone believed to have been stolen at the Club, but no report of the theft had been made to the Police. Fortunately, the theft had been reported to officers of the Club and the owner was able to be traced.

The Police are anxious that all thefts are reported to them to ensure that they can do their best to recover stolen goods and return them. In particular, each mobile has a unique identifying number, the IMEI number which can help identify the rightful owners. Calls made on the phones before they are cancelled by the Network Provider can also provide further lines of enquiry.

Members are therefore asked to report any thefts on our premises to the Police, which of course includes other items, such as Bank and Credit cards, in the case of which details of any unauthorised use is also useful to the Police.

The tel.no. for the Police Eastern Customer Service desk is 0845 4580000.

## CLUB SECURITY

The Club has a problem regarding the security of the premises, as the gate and even the Clubhouse are often left open with no members present and the Club has suffered vandalism in the past. Members are asked to ensure the clubhouse door and gate are closed if they are the last to leave.

Members should be aware that they do need to carry their gate and clubhouse key with them when visiting the Club in case the previous users have closed the gate. If your key is lost or not working, a replacement can be obtained from the Membership Secretary, Judith Hewitt (tel. 585155) with a small charge if the key has been lost.

## TABLE TENNIS

Prestbury Tennis Club enters two teams in the Wilmslow Table Tennis League. We would like to hear from anyone who is interested in joining the table tennis group. Home games are at the Club on Monday or Tuesday evenings. A reasonable level of ability is required but age (young or old) is no barrier!

If interested, please contact Graham Jones who is the team organiser (tel: 01625 828654, e-mail [graham.jones@focus-systems.co.uk](mailto:graham.jones@focus-systems.co.uk)) or Richard Atkinson (tel: 01625 572581, e-mail [richard@atkinson99.co.uk](mailto:richard@atkinson99.co.uk)).

## LOST PROPERTY

Lost property on the rail in the clubhouse (near to the snack machine) will be taken to the charity shop at the end of October if not claimed. Take a look now!

## CONIFERS - COURTS 1-3

It has been decided to remove these conifers and replace with sightscreens, as they and other trees that have taken root are becoming a significant problem.

## SOCIAL TENNIS

Wednesday and Friday Club nights continue to be popular and will continue throughout the winter under floodlights (barring torrential rain or snow-covered courts!).

Newer members are encouraged to come along on a "turn-up-and-play" basis as this is an occasion for members of all standards to get to know each other, especially in the bar afterwards on Friday.

## COURT CLEANING

All courts are heavily affected by moss. Equipment has been hired and the Grounds staff will be tackling this on a regular basis from now on. Players will probably be aware of this for about a week after treatment, due to the "disinfectant" odour.

## RACQUET SALES & RESTRINGING

Please contact **Richard Sinton** on 01625 611639 or [r.sinton@talktalk.net](mailto:r.sinton@talktalk.net) if you need any of the following –

- Restringing
- Replacement grip
- Replacement bumper strip/grommets
- New racquet

## KEY CONTACTS

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