



SEPTEMBER 2012

Dear Members

The nights are drawing in now and the glorious summer weather (?!) is a distant memory as it turns 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 now and again, they are still a great way to keep the tennis going.

Richard Sinton

CHOCOFROLICS EVENING

A chocolate and cocktails evening will be held at the Clubhouse at

7.30 pm on .TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

with Simon Dunn, Chocolatier, from Wilmslow.

This promises to be a fun light-hearted evening with chocolate demonstration and something to take home. Cocktails will be available at the bar, made by our very own cocktail-maker, Carl Reens.

The demonstration will start at 7.30pm, so please arrive earlier.

END OF SEASON DANCE & AWARDS

The End of Season Dance is to incorporate presentation of Awards and will be at

ADLINGTON HALL ON SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER.

Tickets are £30 each and will be on sale shortly from Committee members.

COURT BOOKING TIMES

To maximise court availability, members are reminded that bookings should be made for a maximum of one and a half hours and that evening sessions should run from either 6.30- 8 pm or 8-9.30 pm.

Should you no longer require a court booking, please cancel at the earliest opportunity in order to make the court available to other members.

OCTOBER HALF-TERM FUN CAMP

This will be run on Tuesday to Thursday 23rd – 25th October from 9am – 4pm. Cost £80 for the three days. Bookings through Head Coach, Jon Cain (contact details on back page of this newsletter).

WEBSITE

Remember to visit our Website – www.prestburytennis.org. where the latest news and forthcoming events are advertised. We have also just created a Facebook page for the Club – <http://www.facebook.com/PrestburyTennisClub> and are looking for help with linking the website to Facebook and Twitter to help with communications within Club membership.

JUNIOR FRIENDLY COMPETITION RESULTS

Prestbury Red bt Poynton 10-6
Man of the Match – Rory Walton-Smith

Queensgate bt Prestbury Red 10-8
Man of the Match - Ethan Rowley

Queensgate bt Prestbury Orange 8-2
Man of the Match - Sam Davies

Poynton bt Prestbury Orange 8-2
Man of the Match - Will Morris

Upcoming friendly -
Prestbury v Hale u12 Friday 29th 4.30pm

TENNIS COURT NETS

Now that the cold nights are setting in, may we ask all playing members to slacken off the nets after play, particularly in the late afternoons and evenings as the temperature drops.

As the temperature reduces, the steel net cord contracts in length and, if it is tight with the net still being at playing height, this contraction will “pull” the support posts, and hence their sockets, inwards towards the centre of the court. It would be a shame if, through lack of foresight and thought, the posts were to distort out of their proper playing position.

Two or three turns of the handle anticlockwise will be sufficient to take the tension off the posts.

YOUATT CUP WIN FOR PRESTBURY

For the second year running, the U14 team brought home the Youatt Cup, in competition with 12 Cheshire teams. The Club also receives £250 prize money. The team was Ellie Thomas, Ben Nicol, Lewis Denton and Maya Thomas.

A big Well Done!

VETS TOURNAMENTS

The Men’s Vets Tournament will take place from 9.30am on Sunday morning, 21st October. Qualifying age 50+. Just turn up on the day. Any queries to Phil Astbury on tel. 426712.

Ladies’ Vets Tournament will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 13th October starting at 1pm. Again, just turn up on the day to sign in at 12.45pm. Any queries on this one to Doreen Armstrong on tel. 829204.

LADIES SOCIAL TENNIS

As an addition to the longstanding social tennis on Wednesday and Friday Clubnights and Men’s Sunday morning, there is now a session for Ladies on Saturday afternoons from 2 – 4 pm. Just turn up on the day and make up a four.

TENNIS CLOTHING SALE

Some clothing remains and is being offered at reduced prices as follows –

Junior Hoodies – Age approx. 5/6 (blue and pink available) now £8. Age approx. 7-8 (pink only) now £8. Age approx. 10-12 and 12-13 (blue only) now £12.

Some Adult clothing is also available – Navy and white polo shirts (sizes 12 & 14 women & size medium for men) now £22. White lightweight fleeces sizes 12/14 women £15. Navy fleeces some in stock and also available to order (£24 and £28).

REDUCED RATE MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees are now reduced by 60%. So if you have any family or friends who would like to join and play through the autumn and winter please contact Isabel Errington (whose details are at the end of this newsletter) or see the notices at the Club.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Sunday 16th September saw the final rounds of the Club Championship competition.

Pedro Saviron fought hard to retain the men's singles trophy from last year but was beaten by talented junior Sean Sivewright. In the ladies singles, Jane Mackay won the title for a fourth time after a two hour exhausting match against Alison Scott. The trophies were presented by Liz Sweeting, Chairman of the Cheshire LTA, who was thrilled to watch such a high standard of tennis in a club championship.

In the plate competitions, Helen Farrer beat Caroline Wild and David Haigh beat Mick Taylor.

The ladies doubles went to three sets, with Andrea Atherton and Jenny Jackson eventually beating Monica Bewers and Felicity Barker. Felicity and Jenny then went on to play another long match, this time mixed doubles, Felicity partnering Steve Pearson against Pete Moran and Jenny. Felicity and Steve took the silverware in this match.

The final match of the day was the men's doubles. Juniors Connor Moran and Lewis Newstead took on Pedro Saviron and Jarek Dabros. Connor and Lewis demonstrated a great partnership and won the match in two sets.

Many thanks to the Tournament Committee for all their efforts this year in organising competitions and, in particular to the Tournament Chairman, Peter Moyes, who has held this role for a number of years but has indicated this is his final year.

TENNIS LEADERS COURSE

This is for players aspiring to take the first step towards being a Tennis Assistant.

Players can be any standard but need competence to rally and show enthusiasm for tennis and working with kids. Players must be over 13 yrs. Times and dates coming soon – if interested let Jon Cain know (contact details follow).

HANDICAP FINALS DAY

A great day – sunshine, great tennis and home-made cakes for refreshments. The handicap finals day saw some new members play in the finals.

The results –

Men's Singles James Taylor bt Mick Taylor
Ladies' Singles Fran James bt Sian Reading
Men's Doubles David Haigh & Graham Hilditch bt Mick Taylor and Roddy Mackay
Ladies Doubles Fran James & Carla Gilder bt Sian Reading and Judy McCoskery
Mixed Doubles David Haigh & Chris Gerrard bt Wayne Maxwell & Carla Gilder
Family Cup Alison & David Moores bt Hugh & Rebecca Morgan

NEW ADULT SQUADS

New Rusty Rackets Session. Every Friday 1.30 – 2.30 followed by organised matchplay. £6/session (pay upfront for term). Contact Jon Cain (contact details later in this newsletter).

LOST PROPERTY

We acquire a lot of lost property, mostly children's clothing. This is being stored in a laundry bin in the kitchen and it is worth your while to check if anything of yours, or more likely your children's, is in there. The bin is emptied about once a month and goes to the charity shop, so take a look quickly if you think anything is missing, as it will be going mid-October.

I strongly urge parents to have all their children's clothing nametagged, so we can return it if it turns up in our lost property.

ADOPT A FLOWERBED

The flower beds alongside the entrance path to courts 4-6, whilst attractive, are giving some problems in relation to weeds. At present one or two people pull some weeds from time to time, but it would be more effective in keeping down future problem weeds if they were removed more regularly, ie before seeding.

If you would be prepared to adopt a section of the flower bed as your responsibility and weed it from time to time when you saw it needed it, please let Pam Dennett or Roddy Mackay (820694) know. If six or eight people would volunteer this would not then be an onerous task.

Come along, gardeners, we know you're out there!

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you have NOT received this Newsletter by e-mail but by post, this is because we either do not have an e-mail address for you or the address we have is prompting a "Non-delivery" message.

We do need your e-mail address soon to send your membership renewal information. Would you therefore send an e-mail to pamdennett@supanet.com so we can get your address onto her list

Using the e-mail system saves the Club a considerable amount of money in stationery and postage, so your co-operation is much appreciated.

JUNIOR NEWS

For more Junior news see the Racket, the Junior newsletter sent out with this newsletter.

RACQUET STRINGING & GRIPS

Contact Richard Sinton for further details. 01625 611639 or rasinton99@gmail.com

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