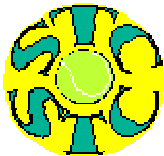


## STC Newsletter October 2010 including AGM Agenda

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### **STAMFORD TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2010**



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### **STAMFORD TENNIS CLUB AGM 2010**

**8pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010 in the Clubhouse**

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**Prior to the AGM there will be the presentation of Club Awards.**

#### **AGENDA**

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the AGM in November 2009 & Matters arising**
3. **Committee's Report, presented by Chairman**
4. **Report on Juniors & Coaching**
5. **Treasurer's Report**
6. **Election of club officers and committee members**
7. **Any Other Business**
8. **Open discussion for all club members**

Members other than Temporary Members shall be entitled to be present and to speak at the AGM and, if aged 18 years or over, to vote thereat. The rules for the conduct of the meeting are to be found in clause 13 of the Club Rules.

Any Member wishing to propose a resolution at the Annual General Meeting must send a copy thereof to the Honorary Secretary before 1<sup>st</sup> November so that provision may be made on the Agenda.

Additional business may be accepted at the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman in accordance with Club Rules. The quorum shall be 8 adult Members

**Re Agenda items 6.** While the election of officers is a matter for Club members when they vote at the AGM, the following have indicated their willingness to stand for election or re-election to the following positions on the Committee, which endorses their nomination:

Chairman: Neville Burnett

Vice-Chairman: Vacant

Secretary: Penny Cooper

Treasurer: James Everitt

Committee Members: Dan Anandan, Graham Winstone, Carol Cotton, Ally Orr.

Members of the Club may put forward other nominations for all these posts. These must be submitted to the Club Secretary before the day of the AGM with the names of the Proposer and Seconder. The agreement of the Nominee should be obtained beforehand.

The Committee is empowered to co-opt Club members to the Committee as it sees appropriate to the management of the Club, but such co-opted members have no voting rights. Current co-opted members are: Mark Pallister, Gavin Kelly, Maggie Knight, and Mike Chew.

Other Officers, such as Membership Secretary, Match Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Social Secretary, Tournament Secretary, Clubhouse Manager, Child Protection Officer and the like are appointed by the Committee according to Club Rules and attend committee meetings when their area of responsibility is affected.

***Remember: attendance at the AGM qualifies members who have joined the British Tennis membership scheme (at no cost) for the first draw for Wimbledon tickets in 2009. Make sure you sign the attendance list.***

### **LTA CLUBMARK STATUS**

Gavin Kelly reports: We are the first club in the area to achieve Clubmark status and we shall be organising a presentation and photo opportunity soon. This is good publicity for the Club as it is recognition of the good organisation and structures of our club.

### **SHOW CONSIDERATION TO OUR NEIGHBOURS**

**Club members are reminded that several homes are adjacent to the tennis courts and are asked to show consideration to our neighbours at all times. There have been instances when this has not been the case.**

### **STAMFORD CLUB TOURNAMENTS**

Over the last couple of months numerous matches have been played and these culminated in the Ladies' Finals being played on 26th September, where Emily John-Davis successfully defended her title as Ladies Champion by beating Lucy Watts 6-3, 6-1. The Ladies' Doubles Champions were once again Kim Pallister & Penny Cooper who also retained their title with a hard fought win over Emily John-Davis and Rachael Prentice. Congratulations!

The Men's Finals are taking place this **Sunday (10th Oct)**, where our defending champion Dominic Higgs is playing a previous winner Nick Crowson. The match will start at 12 noon for anyone interested in watching. It will then be followed by the Men's Doubles where Nick Crowson and Martin Trawford are taking on first time finalists Shay Ginat and Warren Thomas.

### **PROBLEMS WITH BB GUNS. PARENTS PLEASE HELP**

Some children have been playing with BB guns on court and the Club wishes this practice to stop. They leave the "shot" all over the place and they are quite dangerous as they cause people to slip if there is a bunch of shot together. On one social session recently three players fell over.

The shot will not brush up off the court, so they have to be picked up by hand.

**We ask parents to ensure that this practice does not continue.**

## **COACHING**

The comprehensive coaching programme for adults and youngsters for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> December is attached to this newsletter.

## **BOX LEAGUES**

**New this winter!**

### **Singles and Doubles Box Leagues**

**Missing your match play now that we are coming into the winter season?**

**Looking for some 'friendly' competition through the winter?**

**Ready to start playing matches in a friendly environment?**

**Entries are open to ALL!**

**The format is very simple. Players will be put into small divisions of 4 players. A block runs for approximately 6 weeks and during that time players must arrange to play all the other players in their division. At the end of each block there will be promotion, relegation and swap-over, depending upon the results within that division. This should mean that players will not face the same opponents in two consecutive blocks. As with most club competitions, the more players who enter, the better the divisions will run. Please have a go!**

**Signup sheets for both the singles and the doubles can be found in the clubhouse or you can ring, text or email Carole Wilson on 07939 095713 or [c.wilson4040@btinternet.com](mailto:c.wilson4040@btinternet.com)**

**If you can't find a doubles partner please enter anyway, and I'll try to find you a partner!**

**I'd like to get the first block running by the 1<sup>st</sup> of November so please don't delay, signup today!**

**Any questions please contact Carole, details as above.**

***Stamford Tennis Club End of Season Dinner***

***at***

***The Blue Bell, Belmesthorpe***

***Friday 12th November 2010***

***7.30pm    £19 per head***

Price includes: 3 course meal, coffee, and drink on arrival.

To book, please email [maggie.knight1@btinternet.com](mailto:maggie.knight1@btinternet.com) or phone Maggie Knight on 01780 764396.

Payment is required at time of booking, (cheques to STC) and menu choices will be required by 2 November.

*Numbers are limited, so please book early!*

## **MENU**

**Drink on arrival**

### **Starters**

**Smoked Salmon**

**Pork pate with toast and cranberry relish**

**Melon and Parma Ham**

**Leek and potato soup**

### **Main Course**

**Lamb shank in a red wine and rosemary gravy**

**Chicken breast wrapped in bacon served with a mushroom sauce**

**Poached salmon served with a Hollandaise sauce**

**Vegetarian Nut Loaf**

**All served with potatoes and seasonal vegetables**

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**A selection of desserts plus Coffee and mints**

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**OCTOBER 2010 HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

**COACHING PROGRAMME**

**WEDNESDAY 27th TO**

**FRIDAY 29th OCTOBER**

**Each session will include tennis coaching, fun games and competitions to suit the level of the players.**

**There will be two sessions each day:**

**Mini Red and Orange (ages 4 – 9): 09:30 to 10:50**

**Mini Green and Junior (ages 10 – 15): 11:00 to 12:30**

**Please book your sessions early, courses will only be run if there are sufficient numbers! Bookings close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October!!!**

**Contact: Carole Wilson: mobile: 07939 095713 or [c.wilson4040@btinternet.com](mailto:c.wilson4040@btinternet.com)**

### **THURSDAY NIGHT CLUB NIGHTS: 6.45 till 9 pm. RESTARTED 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

This club night is targeted at those members who would like to play more matches / more often and also those who have been attending coaching sessions and feel they would like to take the next step and start playing regularly throughout the year.

Matches will tend to be mostly doubles but singles may be an option (subject to court availability of course).

All welcome. Don't be shy, give it a try!

Any questions please contact coach Carole on:

07939 095713 or [c.wilson4040@btinternet.com](mailto:c.wilson4040@btinternet.com)

### **STAMFORD TENNIS CLUB GOLF**

The 5th STC Golf competition was played at Toft on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010. Wet weather could not dampen the enthusiasm of the 13 members who took part in the event.

Longest drive was hit by Richard Wilson.

The afternoon session of Texas scramble was won by the team of Maureen Paulson, Richard Wilson and John Baxter.

The R.R Trophy and prize money was won by Mike Pare who is in good form with a score of 34. He also won the prize for the shot nearest to the pin.

Mike Paulson was a close contender for the Trophy and finished in second place with a score of 32. Mark Pallister finished in third place with a score of 31.

Next year we are planning to play at Burghley Park Golf Course. Sincere thanks to R 2 R Tennis for sponsoring the Prize money for the Winner. Special thanks also to Mike Paulson who organised the order of play and sorted out the Score Cards

## **TEAM REPORTS**

We have had yet another very successful season. Significantly more promotion spots than relegations spots. Further reports will hopefully appear in future e-bulletins.

## **PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT LEAGUE**

It must be a record to have had three teams in the first division and two more in the second. It was a hard ask, and our C team will be relegated from division 1 and the D team probably from division 2. Our A team failed to win division 1 by just one point: Esporta A 141 – Stamford A 140. Our B team was a comfortable fourth out of eight, also in division 1. Stamford E finished fourth in division 2 and Stamford D seventh. Our F team comfortably avoided promotion from division 4 to division 3 – we did not want to be promoted.

## **MENS A TEAM**

Nick Crowson writes: With 12 wins from 14 matches we finished second (again) in the first division, one point behind Esporta who call on players from a wide area. I think we can lay claim to having the strongest local club team. With a good showing from the B team once again we can certainly claim to have the largest pool of first division players of any club, which is surely, cause for celebration!! Our team remains unchanged from previous years so many thanks to my team as always for their commitment -Justin Boughey, Ralph Clarke, Dominic Higgs, Mark Pallister, Kim Renwick, Alex Smith, Marc Sumner, and Martin Trawford.

Nostradamus prediction for 2011 – Second in league.

### MEN'S E TEAM

The team started well and managed to bank points from the early matches under the leadership of Ian Moss. Ian was tempted to abandon the team with a job offer to good to refuse, so the team completed the matches with mixed fortunes but achieved the objectives of avoiding both relegation and the easier objective of avoiding promotion. Seventeen players in total were used through the season to fulfil the fixtures but once again particular thanks to the Owen contingent.

### **HUNTS & PETERBOROUGH LEAGUE**

In the Men's league our A team came fourth in division 1 and the B team won division 3. In the Ladies' league our A team came fourth in division 1, our B team second in division 3, our C team eighth in the same division and our D team seventh in division 4. In the Mixed league our A team came third in division 1, our B team topped division 2 and our C team topped division 4.

### **MEN'S A TEAM**

Another season of mixed success, the inevitable losses to Esporta and Huntingdon happened and much as there were some convincing wins against RAF Brampton, Needingworth and Buckden B. This left us to battle it out with St Neots and Buckden A for 3rd, 4th or 5th and we ended up a satisfactory 4th following draws against both of them.

### **LADIES B TEAM**

Captain: Susie Archer, Felicity & Isobel Chedd, Imogen Huxley, Stephanie Uszkurat, Helen Warner, Suzanne Whalley

Susie writes: We finished second in Division 3 with a respectable 16 points only one point behind Longthorpe A. We won 5, drew one and lost one. It was a great team effort and special thanks to our Ladies B team for playing so well. Thanks also to Kim Pallister, Emily John-Davis and Rachel Prentice from our Ladies A team who stepped in when we were struggling with holiday commitments. Looking forward to next season and playing in Division 2!

### **LADIES C and D TEAMS**

Maggie Knight writes: Both the ladies C and D teams have enjoyed an interesting and challenging season, with several ladies playing league tennis for the first time in the D team this year, under the captaincy of Helen Britton.

Thanks to C team: Eileen Pare, Maureen Paulson, Jayne Rolands, Viv Wilson, Nicola

Clough, Carol Dilks and Clare Savage.

Thanks to D team: Helen Britton, Belinda Smith, Jeannie Dykes, Ruth Livingstone, Penny Waite, Sarah Babbs, Amanda Wheeler, Deborah Hewson, Sally Treanor, Jenny Bush and Jane Aldred.

#### **MIXED A TEAM**

Sadly defeats to Deeping and Huntingdon meant winning the title wasn't an option and we finished a very respectable 3rd in Division one. A special thank you goes to Gennaro and Rachael for playing almost every match.

#### **MIXED C TEAM**

After a shaky start the team rallied and went on to win all but one of the remaining matches with a draw against local rivals Ketton. This has resulted in the team finishing top of the league so gaining promotion to Division 3 next season. Particular thanks to Felicity, Susie and Susanne who anchored the teams and kept the "gentlemen" players in order.

#### **HUNTS & PETERBOROUGH LEAGUE DON BRACE CUP**

While we were knocked out in the first round by Huntingdon, we went on to win the Plate with a convincing win over City of Peterborough in the Final. Thank you to everyone that played in the various rounds leading up to the Final.

#### **PETERBOROUGH WINTER LEAGUE 2010/11**

We have entered two teams to play in the Sunday morning Winter Leagues.

The A team will play in Div 1, contacts: Mark Pallister or Shay Ginat

The B team will play in Div 2. If you would like to captain this team please contact

Neville Burnett who will organise the team in the first instance.

There are 6 teams in each of the divisions with 5 matches played before Christmas and the return matches played Jan/Feb 2011.

Please let the captains know if you would like to play so squads can be determined and teams can be selected to give everyone a game.

The leagues will start on October 10<sup>th</sup> with all matches starting at 10.00 am

## **PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE**

# **ANNUAL DOUBLES TOURNAMENT**

# **AND BARBEQUE**

**ESPORTA Thorpe Wood**

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010 10am Start**

**£10 per player inc food (£5 food for non-players)**

**Handicap Format, Contact: Alan Jones**

**01778 347924, 07771958497**

**[ajones167@btinternet.com](mailto:ajones167@btinternet.com)**

**All league players welcome**