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FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

AGM Summary

The OTC's 2017 AGM was held on 21st November, with a record attendance of 43 members. Pam Verdon (Chairman) reported on the past year, thanking the committee for their hard work. Emma Barnes (Treasurer) provided an update on the Club's finances, reporting that no increase in subscriptions would be necessary for 2018.

As there were 2 nominations for Chairman, a vote was held and Pam was re-elected. All other committee members were re-elected unopposed.

- The Club is waiting to receive a draft lease from Odiham Parish Council, which we are ready to sign, subject to final agreement of terms.
- Following a suggestion by members, all 3 courts can now be booked via Club-Spark for 1 hour up to 6 days in advance. *If you have any questions about the bookings system, please speak to a member of the committee.*
- All 3 courts will need resurfacing within the next 2 years; they are 10 years old. The committee will be seeking grants/loans to help with this.

Draft Minutes of the AGM are available on the Members' section of the website.

Floodlit League is Back!

Sign up now for the 2018 Spring Floodlit League. Players of all abilities are very welcome, as the system matches players of similar standards against each other.

Open to all Club members aged 15 and over, it is a good introduction to competitive tennis, and a great way to meet other players.

All matches will be doubles, and you do not need to find a partner yourself.

Matches will be played on Sundays at 5pm: 25 February, 4 March and 11 March.

A fee of £2 per person will be charged for each match to cover the cost of balls and the floodlights.

To join, email Helen Osgerby at h.osgerby@bopenworld.com by Monday 12 February.

You do not need to be available for all matches; simply let Helen know which dates you can play. Please also let Helen know if you are willing to be a reserve for any of the matches.

Autumn floodlit success

The club held a successful floodlit league in November last year, with 3 teams of 4 players; in total, 15 players competed in one or more match. Team 1 won the most games overall.

Congratulations to Steff and Janet who played in both of Team 1's matches and also to Monika, Lesley L, David and Martin B who played in one Team 1 match each.

Thank you to everyone who took part for their support and enthusiasm.

Team News

Martyn Evans is the new captain of the Mens' B team this season, taking over from Tom Lynch. The committee and players would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom for all his hard work running the team in previous seasons, and wish Martyn and the team every ongoing success.

A gentle reminder

Please bring a change of shoes to the courts in wet weather to avoid bringing mud onto the courts. The path up from the church is particularly muddy at the moment.



Basingstoke League Quiz



This year's quiz is being held at the Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling Centre, Basingstoke,

on Friday 9th March at 7.30pm. Cost is £10 per head, including food. If you would like to enter a team (up to 6 people) please contact Steff Johnston at steff.karmios@hotmail.co.uk by Friday 9th February.

Wimbledon opt-in



Login to the members' area at www.lta.org.uk and opt in by Friday 23rd February for a chance to get tickets. If you are not yet a British tennis member, it is free to join. The more BTMs affiliated to OTC, the more tickets we are allocated and the more chance you have of getting a pair!

If you're a member of more than one venue, you only need to opt in once, but make sure you are linked to all venues where you are a member.

Court resurfacing

All 3 courts need resurfacing within the next 2 years at a cost of about £42,000. If anyone has any contacts, or knowledge of how to obtain loans or grants, please contact Pam Verdon at verdons@verdonet.org.uk or Steff Johnston at steff.karmios@hotmail.co.uk

Join in the fun!

Tuesday evening drills
6.30–7.30pm: fun and social, for all abilities. Great for fitness!

Wednesday Pay & Play
10–11.30am: doubles' tactics for all abilities.



Friday team practice
11.30am–1pm until the spring: for all league team players.

Saturday coaching
9.30am–2.30pm: group sessions for adults and children at all levels. For more information, please email Lesley Lee at odihamtennis1@hotmail.co.uk



One-to-one coaching
Individual lessons are proving popular with both adults and juniors. For more information email Andrew Ridgers at andrew@artennis.net. Aimee Hall, who is currently assisting Andrew with drills and Saturday coaching, is also available for junior individual lessons.

Singles box league
The new box series has started. If you are interested in entering the summer series, please email Andrew Ridgers (see above).

Championship Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event last summer. The winners were:



Mens' Singles:
Claudio Nold

Mens' Doubles: Jeremy Hillage & Peter Jealous

Ladies' Singles:
Leahney Golesworthy

Ladies' Doubles: Emma Barnes & Sharon de Botte

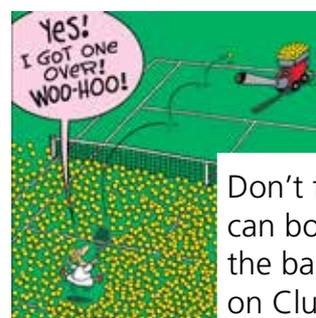
Mixed Doubles:
Sue Cockcroft & Lee Aubrey

The 2018 Championships are open to all full members of the Club. They will start at the beginning of May, with players completing each round by a specified date. The finals will be held in September. Mixed doubles' matches will be organised as a box league. All other matches will be a knock-out format. Entries will need to be made by the third week of April – watch out for further emails!

House keeping

If temperatures plummet and you are at the Club, please turn off the stop tap to prevent the pipes from freezing. Instructions are on the wall above the sink.

Ball machine



Don't forget you can book use of the ball machine on ClubSpark.