

Lorton Tennis Club

Member News April 2009

Welcome to the new season, hope you are all ready for the sunny days and longer evenings. We are planning to extend the playing opportunities for junior and senior members of the club and their friends and hold more social community events. The supper and quiz night held at the Wheatsheaf was attended by over 40 people and raised nearly £500, which will help support junior tennis this year. The club has undertaken work to resurface the area of land owned by Lorton Parish Council that allows vehicles to park off the main road adjacent to the courts. We hope this improves the area for all the community.

SEASON OPENING DAY – SATURDAY 25 APRIL 1PM – 5PM +

We would like all members to come down to the Open Day to set off the new season. Please invite your friends as they are welcome too. There is no charge but can you bring a plate to share – sandwiches, crisps, biscuits, cake or alternatively something to drink.

The afternoon will be led by LTA Coach Chris Whittle, who has recently run successful Family Tennis Coaching sessions at the club. It should be a good afternoon, so please support your club.

Come along and play some tennis!

1.00pm ARRIVAL/WELCOME

1.15pm FAMILY TENNIS COACHING Split groups for adults & juniors

2.00pm EXHIBITION MATCH Chris Whittle v Scott Whittle, County Players and members of the National Squad

2.45pm SKILLS SESSIONS including:

Measure your speed – just how fast can you serve? ; Use of Club's ball machine; Coaching

3.30pm ORGANISED TENNIS GAMES , Adults & juniors

from 5.00pm SUPPER - BRING A PLATE or BOTTLE TO SHARE, soft drinks/a glass of wine provided

For further information call Paul Selfridge 01900 85685 paulselfridge@gmail.com

OPEN CLUB SESSIONS

SATURDAY friendly sessions will continue for the summer, start 10am ish for 2-3 hours—contact Paul Selfridge if wish to join in or just come along - paulselfridge@gmail.com , 01900 85685

MONDAY MORNING Ladies welcome at the regular session from 10am -details Madelaine 01900 85246

LORTON OPEN MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT- DIARY DATE

Sunday 22nd June – 1pm start with refreshments later. Open to clubs across west cumbria, please support as this is a good social afternoon if we have enough people involved. - ring captains if partners needed. Any member who would be happy to help organise the afternoon would be welcomed, contact Paul Selfridge.

TEAMS 2009

We have entered the usual 2 men's, 2 ladies and 2 mixed teams for the West Cumbria league.

Please contact captains Rachel Wilson markrachie@aol.com 017687 76179 or Lindsay Ferguson fergusons641@btinternet.com 017687 78057 if interested in taking part, to confirm inclusion in squads, plus availability for Tuesday (1st team) and Wednesday (2nd team) evenings.

Ladies matches start w/b April 27, Mens 2nd first match is Thursday 30, 1st team Tuesday May 5, - match schedules will be available via the captains soon. The ladies and mens 2nd teams will consist of 2 couples, 4 sets per match to play, while 1st teams have 3 couples, 6 sets in total.

Practice/selection sessions have been organised as follows:

Ladies: Thursday 23 April from 6.30/7pm to twilight, contact Rachel if cant make it but wish to play team tennis.

Men's (and ladies welcome) Saturdays in April from 2pm (not 25th) - contact Lindsay

You are encouraged to attend the practice sessions, but call to discuss team availability if cant get along.

SOCIAL MIXED DOUBLES EVENINGS

Our Mixed Doubles Social evenings begin on Friday 8th May, then alternate Friday nights until August 28th.

Please complete and return the reply slip asap so we are not short of 12 players for the first evenings.

Junior members are welcome, if happy to play alongside seniors.

Please give an email address if you use it regularly so Jane can easily send play sheets.

PS. Please let Jane know if you are away for dates previously 'oked' to avoid spoiling the evening by lack of 12 players!

Social Mixed Doubles Tournaments 2009

I/We wish to play and are available for selection on the following dates;

8/5 22/5 5/6 19/6 3/7 17/7 31/7 14/8 28/8

Name(s);

Home Tel; Mobile/ Daytime Tel;.....

E Mail address;

Please return asap to Jane Fairey, 28 Derwentside Gardens Cockermouth CA13 0JF, 01900 824031 or

E-mail; jnfry@onetel.com with dates you can play and those definitely not available.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009 Finals Day: Saturday September 13th, Sunday if wet.

Anghie Cooley and David Hulme will be organising the event this year

Ladies & Men's Singles; Ladies & Men's Veterans Singles (50 & over on 1.6.09);

Men's, Ladies and Mixed Doubles;

Nb if members support the competitions to give a good number of entries this year we will run a **mens and ladies doubles plate** competition- open to first match losers, so everyone gets a chance.

The **mixed doubles pairings** will be blind drawn this year -let David or Anghie know if you do not wish to be entered.

Juniors-under12 and Juniors-under16 -we would like to award these trophies again this year.

Names to **David Hulme** simritchie@gmail.com 07973291288 or on the notice board list by end May.

BALL MACHINE FACILITY

Everyone is welcome to make use of the machine, Contact a committee member if need tuition on its use. We tend to 'lose' the balls over time so if anyone has older balls they no longer need for match play these could do a turn in the machine-please bring down to the club.

TENNIS BALLS FOR SALE

4 pack of good quality balls, Wilson Open £4 available soon from Paul Stoker, 01900 85372

Calendar of Events 2009- early dates for diary, more in next newsletter

April

6th Tennis Club Committee Meeting

Saturday 25 Season Opening tennis /social event for all existing and potential members

West Cumbria Ladies and Mens Leagues weekly matches start w27 April to early July mainly tuesday[1st teams] and wednesday[2nd teams] evenings from 6.30, spectators welcome.

May

Junior Coaching Programme thursdays from 7th – details in newsletter

Junior Club Event 3.30 -5 every Friday

Friday 8th Social Mixed Doubles Evening then fortnightly to August 28

11th Tennis Club Committee Meeting

Subscriptions overdue- late payment supplement due June 1

June

15th Tennis Club Committee Meeting

Sunday 20th Lorton Open Tennis Event, mixed doubles for all clubs 1pm start. Contact the Club Championship matches underway

July

West Cumbria mixed doubles league w26 to early august.

Club Championships continue

27th Tennis Club Committee Meeting

August

Junior Summer Event /Tournament-to be announced

Club Championships matches continue

28th final Social Mixed Doubles Evening

September

7th Tennis Club Committee Meeting

Court Maintenance & Hedge Trimming -tba

Saturday 12th (sunday if wet) Club Championship Finals & social event

October

5th Tennis Club Committee Meeting

Winter Floodlit Evening Tennis gets underway

Club Social Evening

November

11th AGM-tbc

December

Christmas Social

CLUB SWEATSHIRTS & TEESHIRTS

Rachel can put in new orders for the coming season.

Sweatshirts are unisex and quite large for ladies, embroidered with logo and 'Lorton Tennis Club'.

A. sky blue zip neck sweatshirt with contrast white inside collar and straight hem size S (34/36) M (37/39) L (40/42) XL (43/45) XXL (46/48) price £19

B. royal blue plain sweatshirt with drawn-in hem price £14.75
sizes S (36) M (40) L (44) XL (48) XXL (50) 3XL (52)

C. white polo t-shirt: price £13
adult sizes XS (34/36) S (36/38) M ((38/40) L (40/42) XL (42/44) XXL (44/46) 3XL (46/48) 4XL (48/50)

kids: age 5-6 (height 116) age 7-8 (height 128) age 9-10 (height 140) age 11-12 (height 152) £8

E-mail markrachie@aol.com or ring Rachel on 017687 76179 pay on receipt to Lorton Tennis Club

JUNIOR TENNIS NEWS

The recent Family Tennis sessions were a big success with thirty/forty adults and children each week.

A grant from Cockermouth & District Neighbourhood Forum and the monies raised at the January social event will enable us to extend the coaching sessions on offer to juniors at the club this year and purchase equipment.

MINI TENNIS COACHING INDOORS,

Sessions to be held throughout the year, led by LTA coach Chris Whittle

Starting 7th MAY at DEAN SPORTS HALL, DEAN SCHOOL on THURSDAYS

3.45 - 4.45pm Mini Reds (Y1 & Y2 + Y3 if never played tennis)

4.45 - 5.45pm Mini Orange (Y3 & Y4 + Y5 if never played tennis)

5.45 - 6.45pm Mini Green (Y5 & Y6 and over)

Block booking necessary for 6 weeks at a cost of :

members £15 (£2.50 per session), non members £21 (£3.50 per session)

cheques payable to Lorton Tennis Club.

Max nos: 16 for mini reds and oranges, 12 for mini greens (a waiting list will be set up when needed)

For further information or to register call Anghie Cooley on 01900 829533 or email cooley@supanet.com

LORTON JUNIOR CLUB SESSION

During the tennis season in addition to mini tennis a members junior tennis session will be held on **Fridays** from **3.30 – 5.00**. Adult supervisoin and support will be available.

Juniors will be encouraged to register for British Tennis Membership (free) and develop a tennis rating.

Competitions will be held regularly if numbers allow, perhaps establishing a club junior ladder and encouraging juniors to enter the club championship events.

Lorton Tennis Club Junior Membership is £15 to age 11 and £20 11-22 (see form below)

TENNIS CLUBMARK

Members of the committee met recently with Jo Cuncliffe, LTA Development Manager, to discuss the Club seeking Tennis Clubmark accreditation. Jo was very helpful and will support us whenever required. Now Paul Selfridge is to develop a project plan and seek volunteers to work on the project, which is likely to take 3-6 months to complete.

COURT MAINTENANCE

We hope Court 3 will get its new surface colour any day now, during a window of better weather!
.Apologies for any disruption. Court 1 lights

VISITOR FEES -important reminder

There is a fee for visitors to the area playing alone or with a member of the club. Members should ensure all visitors are paid for. These fees go toward the maintenance of the club and its facilities.

Adult - £3.00 per hour per person, Under 18 - £1.50 per hour per person

Visitors must use the booking sheet situated on the Clubhouse notice board to check the availability of courts before paying to play. Fees should be paid to Sandra in Lorton Village Shop, at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Low Lorton or to a Club Committee member.

CLUB MEMBER INFORMATION

Message from Mens Captain Lindsay Ferguson:

I have a passion for the game of tennis and try to get people playing and involved at every opportunity. It has always been a way of meeting people, whether socially or competitively, at home or away. I am willing to take the time to help anyone who wants to learn the game or improve their game and will play tennis with anybody, regardless of their standard and ability. I have been a member at Lorton since April 2008 and need to get to know its members. My aim as Mens Tennis captain is to find out your tennis ability and how and when you make use of the Club and the facilities. I would like every adult player to complete the following as fully as possible. It will provide me with a player profile and give me a good idea of the use you make of the club. Please return to Lindsay by email fergusons641@btinternet.com or post to Flat 1 Gatesgarth Braithwaite Keswick CA12 5RY.

PLAYER PROFILE please circle/underline options

NAME:.....

Right handed / left handed player

AGE RANGE:	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Team player	yes	no	mens	ladies	mixed
Club/social player	yes	no	mens	ladies	mixed
Arrange your own tennis	yes	no	mens	ladies	mixed

Tennis Ability

Strength/s: eg forehand, volley:.....

Weakness:.....

Preferred side of play: right/forehand court left/backhand court

Preferred days/time to play:

Team tennis.....

Club/social.....

Arranging your own.....

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Many members receive this newsletter by email, much easier to keep in touch with everyone. If you did not and you would be happy to please let Penny have an up to date email contact, via pennylees@totalpr.co.uk or 01900 824974 MANY THANKS

MEMBERSHIP 2009

Subs were due by April 1 and payment should be sent to Madeleine Kerr asap with the form below. The £10 late fee will be due after June 1 so please send your subs in good time.

Lorton Tennis Club Membership 2009

Surname / Full Names:.....
(or mark ref 2008 details).....

Address.....

Postcode:.....

Tel:

E-mail (has this changed since 2008?):.....

Dates of birth of Juniors:.....

Tick if keys are required (£2 extra per key): remember- no new court key for 2009

Pavilion key (adults only).....Changing RoomsCourts.....

Subscriptions for 2009

Adult:	£62	Initial joining fee: (not juniors)	£20
Junior: up to age 11	£15	Non-playing:	£5
Junior: aged 11-22 if in f.t educ	£20		
Family:	£139		

Please return form with cheque (payable to Lorton Tennis Club) to:

Mrs. M. Kerr, 2, Fernwood, High Lorton Cockermouth CA13 9TT