

Lorton Tennis Club

Newsletter September 2009

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NEW DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Saturday September 19

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009 FINALS DAY

Matches will begin at 11am with junior finals with senior matches from 1.30 onwards.

The tennis will be followed by a social **shared supper** starting at about 5.30pm. If you can only come down for the supper and the crack that's fine.

Since this is an open event, all members, partners & family are welcome, so please support the clubs efforts.

The following finals are planned:-

Junior -3 age sections

Ladies Singles; Ladies Doubles; Mixed Doubles; Men's Singles; Men's Doubles

Please come along and support the players who reach the finals.

Events will be held on Sunday 20 if wet-same arrangements.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

To enable the above finals day to be held we have **delayed for one week**, if anyone has a problem with the new arrangement contact Dave or Anghie below. It still relies on everyone playing matches in time so please help get them done asap. If you need to discuss matches or finals day contact David Hulme

simritchie@gmail.com 07973291288 or Anghie Cooley cooley@supanet.com or 01900 829533

2009 Annual General Meeting/ Presentation Night & Social

Wednesday November 18th 7pm at the clubhouse

The tennis committee would like to invite you to the AGM, followed by supper, presentations and a social evening. You will have the opportunity to discuss the latest club developments. Supper is supplied by the Club. Can you let Penny know as soon as possible if you can attend to enable us to arrange the catering

Penny: 01900 824974 or e-mail pennylees@totalpr.co.uk

Committee 2009-2010

Additions to the committee are always needed to strengthen what we can offer, especially anyone keen to help continue to drive forward the development of our junior section– the clubs future members. So, we are calling parents, grandparents or any adults with ideas, enthusiasm and perhaps a little time. Nominations for ordinary members and chairman, treasurer or secretary can be made prior to, or accepted at the meeting.

Meeting proposals should be in writing, 21 days before, to Paul Stoker on 01900 85372, Low Side

Thackthwaite Cumbria CA13 0RP, or p.stoker@stokers.co.uk

Winter Tennis Opportunities

NEW Adult & Junior Winter Coaching Opportunities

Chris Whittle, LTA Coach will run coaching for adults and juniors for two months beginning Friday 9 October. The focus will be on skills training and improving general play.

There will be three 1 hour coaching sessions on court 1 on Friday afternoons:

Juniors – all levels 4-5pm

Adult – Beginner or players who have not played for a while and want tuition 5-6pm

Adult – Intermediate coaching for players who play a good standard 6-7pm

The exact cost depends on numbers, juniors the cost will be £2.50 and adults a maximum £5 per hour.

Players will be asked to pay fees for a 4 week period at the initial coaching session.
Please let Penny Lees know on 01900 824974 pennylees@totalpr.co.uk if you wish to sign up for either of the two adult coaching sessions and Anghie Cooley for the juniors.
The maximum number of players per coaching session is around 10.

Social Mixed Doubles -

The winter version of social friday evenings will be held on **Sunday afternoons on the following dates: October 11, November 8 and December 6** . Please contact Paul Selfridge to put your name forward and he will confirm the playing list of 8 or 12 depending on demand .

Rusty Racquets Afternoon

The recent event was very successful and we will run another on 25th October from 12pm.
Contact Paul Selfridge

Mens Doubles: Thursday Evening 7-9pm

Contact Ted Gilbertson 01900 85482 edward.gilbertson@homecall.co.uk to be put on the rota

Ladies Doubles: Tuesday Evening 6.30-8.30pm

Contact Jane Fairey 824031, jnfry@onetel.com

Mixed Doubles: Friday evenings 7-9pm

Contact Penny Lees 824974 pennylees@totalpr.co.uk

If you wish to join a rota for these evenings to start asap.

Please contact those named above giving any dates unavailable for selection.

Floodlit Tennis on Court 1- operate with 1 token per hour, machine is inside changing rooms. The **cost** of using the floodlights has been **increased to £4.00 per token** - the first since 1997- to cover costs. Tokens available via Madeleine Kerr 85246 or Sue Johnson at School House near the courts. **Please ensure lights machine is turned off at the switch if you leave prematurely.**

Outside verandah light time switch is fully operational if instructions followed - gives 10 mins for exiting.

Saturday Morning Club Mix-in 10-12ish.

All Players welcome, turn up and play. Contact Paul Selfridge for further information on this popular session or to be added to his email reminder list. paulselfridge@gmail.com 01900 85685

LADIES ARE WELCOME on **MONDAY MORNING** from 10am (except the 2nd Monday when tennis is at 11.30, preceding the monthly lunch in the pavilion by Lorton school chef -details phone Madelaine 85246)

West Cumbria Winter Floodlight League

We could be involved in matches at Maryport courts if members are keen to play and pay the fees charged by Maryport tennis club. Teams of 4 will play 4 sets, matches probably twice a month. Let Penny know if keen to be part of a squad for ladies, mens or mixed matches on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

COURT UPDATE

Hedges around the courts were cut back in late august by a team of club volunteers, rewarded by a free lunch-many thanks to Paul Selfridge for organising the day. A big thankyou to Ian Armstrong for cutting the hedges using the mechanical hedgecutter and Paul Stoker for applying weedkiller to the courts.

We are aware the Floodlights need refurbishment due to corrosion of some of the bulb fittings and we are still seeking advice on the extent of the problem and a solution before the winter season moves too far forward. We hope the lights continue in service as the nights draw in until this work can be completed.

JUNIOR TENNIS NEWS

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

MINI TENNIS INDOOR COACHING

Sessions to continue throughout the year, led by LTA Coach Chris Whittle.

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)

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

Block booking is necessary for the 8 weeks autumn session at a cost of :
members £20 (£2.50 per session), non members £28 (£3.50 per session)
cheques payable to Lorton Tennis Club. Nb not pay as you go, a block payment please.
Nb Lorton Tennis Club Junior Membership is £15 to age 11 and £20 11-22

LORTON JUNIOR CLUB SESSION

In addition to mini tennis a members junior tennis session continues on **Fridays** from **3.30 – 5.00 while we have light!**. Adult supervisoin and support available.

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

Nb See 'Winter Coaching' information above for details of additional Friday junior coaching with Chris Whittle-sign up asap via Anghie.

For further information or anything 'junior' call Anghie Cooley 01900 829533 email cooley@supanet.com

MEMBER BENEFIT- British Tennis membership

Members of the club are affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association and we encourage everyone to visit the website www.LTA.com to sign up to "British Tennis membership", which is free for the time being and may have benefits to you as individuals. The 2010 clubs wimbledon ticket allocation via the LTA will be based on how many club members are British Tennis Members and tickets available via the club ballot only to full club members registered with British Tennnis.-so please help the club by getting a membership number if you have not already. Penny can give advice if you are struggling.

BALL MACHINE FACILITY

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

VISITOR FEES -important reminder

There is a fee for visitors to the area playing alone or with a member of the club, plus community members who do not currently belong to the club.

Members should ensure all visitors are paid for. Fees go toward the maintenance of club 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, Mark at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Low Lorton or to a Club Committee member.

TENNIS CLUBMARK

The Club is seeking Tennis Clubmark accreditation, Paul Selfridge is developing a project plan and seeks volunteers to work on the project alongside the committee members. If you are interested in finding out more contact Paul Selfridge at paulselfridge@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Many members will receive this newsletter by email, which vastly simplifies the time and cost taken 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