

Northaw and Cuffley LTC Newsletter

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PRESIDENT

This is the 75th year since formation of the club and we have come a long way over these years. Under the guidance of recent committees and with the help of Paul Rock and his coaching team the course of progress has even accelerated in the past 24 months. We have achieved new heights of involvement in the community from junior, introductory and new full members and our many successful teams. Our open day on Saturday 30th June displayed all our sections and activities to the public as we seek to expand all our levels of membership. We are planning to celebrate our 75 years in style later in the year with a gala dinner dance. With a delicious fully catered meal and live music this will be a fantastic event and one that you MUST not miss. Details should be announced shortly and I look forward to seeing you all there. We had another great tournament, surprisingly little disrupted by rain, and managed to complete finals day just before the rain onslaught started again. Congratulations to the winners and to all of you who entered the tournament and contributed to its success.

Terry Browne

TOURNAMENTS AND SOCIAL TENNIS

Summer Tournament.

On Saturday June 23rd we held our finals day in sunshine and showers. Rain stopped play on at least two occasions but they managed to get all five matches played starting at 10am and finishing at 6.00pm. Helen Thewlis won the Ladies Singles 6-3, 6-4 after a close match with Jean Thomas. Christian Brailey fought a tough Men's Singles against Jon Large finally winning 7-5, 7-6. The Ladies Doubles, another brilliant and exciting match with sisters Amelia and Louisa Frendo defeating Nicola Keeling and Jean Thomas 6-1, 6-3. Men's Doubles Jon Large and Paul Rock teamed up against John Keeling and Ian Bailey. Excellent tennis was played by all resulting with Jon and Paul winning 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. The last match of the day was the Mixed Doubles, an exciting match with outstanding tennis. Michaela Ince and Jon Mays took on Jean Thomas and Jon Large and won 6-2, 6-2. Hetheringtons Estate Agents donated a bottle of Champagne to each of the winners which was presented by the Club's President Terry Browne. A BIG thank you to all who helped on the day.

JUNIORS

Since the beginning of the year the juniors at the club have had loads to do. Match play sessions for Mini Tennis teams take place once a month on Fridays organised and run by Louise Ward. The results are displayed on League Table on the Junior Board. This was introduced to allow our juniors to practice playing matches, to understand rules and etiquette. For the first time Cuffley entered 12 Junior Teams in AEGON Team Tennis with six juniors per team the matches have been progressing very well with Cuffley doing extremely well against other teams in Herts. Our juniors have played some great matches with good etiquette and great conduct. Juniors also for the first time have had club T-Shirts which has made our team look professional when we have played at home or away. Well done to all the captains who have organised and conducted the matches. Friday Nights have grown and now have more juniors than ever. They look forward to and love Friday nights and even more when we have a celebration nights. Sports Relief Friday was very popular and well attended with our coaches putting together a number of fun games. We also had a number of stalls – cards, cake, face painting, jewellery, and fashion for kids and adults, raffle. We were proud to raise £400 for Sports Relief. We also had a Jubilee Party which was another great success with Disco & Karaoke. Afternoon tea for kids and adults was loved by all. It was great to see that not only our juniors are great tennis players but also good singers! The same could not be said for the parents. Our next event will be an Olympic Junior Event to be held on the 13th of July.



HEAD COACH

It's going to be a great summer of sport and I'm especially looking forward to the Olympics 2012. Well done to Ben Stokes for passing his Level 4 Coaching Award, and to Jon Large who has decided to go down the coaching path and is helping us. Also congratulations to Vic Di Maio for passing his Level 2 and to Roberto for passing his Level 1. Joshua Mayo, Michael Steele, Amber Wood, Nadia Melidoro all passed their Tennis Leader course so it's well done all round. You will be seeing them helping out a lot more at the club, especially on Junior Nights. The half-term and Easter camps went very well and continue to grow and I am looking forward to the Summer Camps. Since March we have started providing coaching at St John's Prep School and in September we will be adding Woodside Primary School to our schools links, alongside Cuffley Primary School and Goffs Oak Primary School. On Thursday 17th May the club was again for the second year the venue for the Year 4 Mini Tennis Tournament which saw 7 schools enter contestants. The schools have all written to say thank you for a fantastic day and that they are looking forward to next year already. Another school event was the Summer Tennis Tournament on Thursday 14th June for years 3 and 4. All the coaches gave up their time to offer free coaching and the day was very successful. I would like to thank everyone who took part and helped raise £2000 for "Children in Need" which was an amazing event. The regular events that run at the club always remind me what a brilliant club we all belong to. Every member of the committee work alongside each other so well which makes it a pleasure working with you all to try to push the club on. Lastly to all the volunteers, you are what help make the club so special and you are all very much appreciated. So here's to the next few months ahead and the club's continued success.



Cliff Trophy

The tournament was very well supported especially by the men!! Jane Anderson and Greg Howell beat Dawn Liu and Paul Fitz 10-7 in a close match which was watched by many members and their friends creating an exciting atmosphere at the club.

American Tournament



This was a great day and well attended by the members. Sonia Snow and Neil Tuson beat Uma and Jon Mays.

The Bill Osterburg Tournament

For those who are new to the club, this junior tournament is in memory of Bill Osterburg who ran the juniors and coached at our club for many years. As usual it will be running during the October half term week.

COACHING NEWS



The Committee would like to officially welcome Michaela Ince to our club as a level 2 coach. At the age of twelve Michaela moved to Florida and trained at The Rick Macci Tennis Academy. At sixteen, she returned to England and trained with the LTA at Queen's Club. She was Britain's under 18 number one girls' tennis player and at that time was ranked 117 in the world. Michaela has competed in many national and international tournaments and played "On Tour" at a high international level and is proving very popular with all the members at our club.

OPEN DAY

On Saturday 30th June we had an Open Day which was very well attended. Michael Lewis and Carole Mayo spent time delivering leaflets and organising the day along with other committee members. Members that were there have commented on how much they enjoyed the family atmosphere. Hopefully the people who came down and played will soon join as a result.

CLUBHOUSE MANAGER

The bar continues to do well and Friday nights especially are taking high amounts each week. We are currently in the process of switching brewery to Hills & Prospect, which will happen in mid July. A continued thank you to all the volunteers who take turn to run the bar each week, which is such a benefit to the club's profits.

MAINTENANCE

On the 24th of July we are having a geo technical survey on courts 1 and 2 between 8 am and 4 pm. A report advising us what action is required to rectify the problem of subsidence. As soon as we have something definite we will advise the membership accordingly. No remedial action will be taken without a discussion with the members at either the AGM or an EGM.

SOCIAL

A Race Night was held on the 25th Feb and was a very successful social event with approximately eighty people attending the evening. We had seven horse races and one pig race with fun names for all to place £1 bets on to guess the winner, these were shown on a screen with a commentator talking us through the races, the club house was full and we enjoyed a fish & chip supper in the interval. The last race was an auction which caused much merriment amongst all as battle commenced for the favourite horse. This was a really fantastic evening which was enjoyed by all.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ian (Bailey) and Rebecca, who had a beautiful baby girl on July 8th weighing 7 pounds. They have named her Lila Jane. Also to Sue and Peter Bailey who are proud Grandparents for the first time!!



The Casino Night.

On the 19th May, a red carpet greeted all who attended and the club house was decorated with giant dice, a "Welcome To Las Vegas" sign and giant playing cards. We had slot machines, a roulette table, craps and a poker table for all to play on with fun money and we then finished the evening with a disco till late. Unfortunately this evening was not so well attended but all who came really enjoyed the gambling and lots of fun was had till the early hours.

School Vouchers (Sainsbury and Tesco)

Thank you to all the members that gave us their vouchers, it is much appreciated. We have banked 207 Sainsbury vouchers for next year and have spent 1140 Tesco vouchers on some aerobics mats which can be used by the junior on Fridays and the adults at Cardio sessions.

Wimbledon Tickets

We were originally allocated 19 pairs of tickets this year which was 14 pairs down on the previous year. Having contacted the LTA on numerous occasions to discuss the whole ticket allocation process we were fortunate enough to receive an additional 3 pairs. It has been suggested by the LTA that a new system of ticket allocation may be in place next year which will benefit our club but time will tell. Of the 22 pairs of tickets received, 12 were allocated to adult members and 10 were allocated to junior members. Fingers crossed we are blessed with more tickets next year.

Savills Estate Agents continue to sponsor Cuffley Tennis Club. Just to remind you all that if you are a club member and you sell your house through Savills they will give our club £1000.

We Play Tennis All Year Round!!



Whatever the Weather!!

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