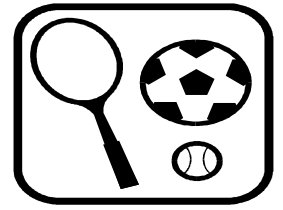


On The Ball



President's Piece

We are approaching the autumn and asking ourselves, where has the time gone, or should I say where did the summer go.

KLTC remains a strong club with outstanding sports facilities and continuing strong performances in all our Sports. We have a super location, a great facility and throughout the year we have had a marketing push to try to introduce new members, to the club. Julie Elliot has worked hard to develop ideas, mailers, handouts and meeting as many people as possible to put the club forward, sometimes a thankless task but one which I and the GC would like to thank her for.

The KLTC website is fully operational and up to date; please take the time to have a look at it, our thanks to Keith for keeping everything running.

The coaching staff and the parents still put a lot of focus on coaching at all levels and making the chosen sport fun and competitive. As always parents and volunteers help to make this happen. The future of the club is good with a stable but as ever ageing membership, we do need to continue to maintain our standard and look to the future. Don't forget to mention the club to friends and neighbours.

The burden of administration gets heavier all the time and this year we have embarked on two programmes that will help take the club forward with the LTA and the SRA. The LTA Clubmark accreditation and the SRA Gold Charter both of which will be required in the future to ensure full support for the club from both associations. **(Stop press : Accreditation awarded for both sports)**

As usual I would ask you all to try and support the functions that we have at the club, quiz nights, competitions, our Skittles night on Sept 6th and of course our traditional bonfire night which this year will be on November 1st.

David Burton - President

SQUASH SECTION

The club continues to add to its list of achievements and has been awarded the 'Gold Club Charter' by England Squash. This has been due to the hard work of a number of people at the club, especially the coaching team who work hard to improve the ability of players at the club from beginners (juniors and adults) to those representing the County and Country.

Success for club

Geoff Redfern won the over 55 British Open squash title and represented England in the Over 50's team, Mike Livock retained the over 50 Racketball National title. Well done 'you have done us proud!' The junior team reached the National Club finals losing to Pontefract 1-4 this officially makes them the 2nd strongest junior team – well done!

The teams

Squash teams have had an enjoyable year finishing –

Mens 1st (2nd in division 1) Mens 2nd (3rd in division 2) Mens 3rd (8th in division 3) and the racketball team 4th in division 1. The ladies team finished 2nd in division 1. These achievements demonstrate the high calibre of the teams comprising all ages.

Clubnights & Events

It is planned to have the '**Tony Russell Racketball event**' a fun individual/team event in November keep look out for the date.

Come down on a Sunday for clubnight a fun game of squash or racketball mix in and play different people. Racketball starts at 5.40pm and squash at 7pm just come along and a pay a nominal fee to join in. **Junior squash club night** is on a Friday from 7pm.

The club championship – squash handicap and racketball open sheet is up – get your name down to play before mid October

A plea - please remember to stamp and use your courts to make court use fair to all!

If you have any suggestions or are keen to become a committee member then please contact **Carolyn Lindsay – Squash Secretary**

KLTC GOLF SOCIETY

KLTC Golf Society played its annual tournament in memory of Tony Russell at Chipping Norton GC, with 9 holes in the morning and the full 18 in the afternoon. The 9 hole competition was won by Roy Massey with Steve Townsend runner up. Suitably warmed up and raring to go, the competitors headed for the 1st tee for the Tony Trophy match. As usual it was a hard fought contest and the winner of Silverware on the day was Andy Davies with 39 points. Geoff Redfern in second place with 36 points and Denis Secher in third place with 36 points.

Longest Drive went to Andy Davies and "nearest the pin" Ian Carnall.

Thanks to Partmaster (Neil Boland) John Reay (Stoneleigh Deer Park) and Richard Levitt for prizes. A great day was had by all.

Roy Massey

Tennis Section

Coaching

Kenilworth Tennis Club has one of the largest coaching programmes in Warwickshire. The Club has been designated an LTA satellite-accredited venue with a large and active performance programme. The coaching programme is now receiving high levels of funding from the LTA and our junior performances are now showing the benefits.

Many congratulations to James (Roe) and his team.

ClubMark

The Club has applied for Tennis ClubMark status. ClubMark was introduced in 2002 by Sport England to:

- Develop a set of common criteria to ensure that consistent best practice and minimum operating standards are delivered in accredited clubs, whatever the sport.
- To provide a forum to support good practice in sports clubs working with children and young people.

Tennis ClubMark is the LTA's club accreditation programme.

All clubs awarded with Tennis ClubMark:

- Deliver appropriate tennis opportunities to all players whatever their ability.
- Provide regular competitive opportunities for their members, particularly juniors.
- Ensure the well-being of young tennis players whilst in the care of adults other than their legal parents, guardians and carers.
- Enthuse tennis players to enjoy tennis and perform to the best of their ability.
- Enable tennis players to optimise their talents and personal ability.
- Identify and support the development of the most talented tennis players.

Playing Facilities

The surfaces on courts 2&3 have been replaced and are playing well.

British Tennis Membership

In our previous notice, "What BTM means to you", dated December 2007, we highlighted the LTA proposal to change the rules for allocating Wimbledon ticket to Club Tennis members. Currently the allocation is based on our total tennis membership in the year (and the fact that the Club has to pay an annual LTA affiliation fee for each member). The LTA proposed to base all future allocations ONLY on the number of members within the Club who signed up to BTM this year for a fee. Your Tennis Committee has been instrumental in co-ordinating a campaign against this decision. We have lobbied and enlisted the support of the vast majority of other Clubs within Warwickshire. As a result of this pressure applied by the Clubs, the LTA has decided that rather than charge an annual fee for individuals joining BTM, membership will now be FREE until 2012.

In these changed circumstances the Tennis Committee advises ALL Tennis members (Senior & Junior) to JOIN BTM BEFORE 30th NOVEMBER 2008 – if you may wish to enter the ballot for Wimbledon tickets from 2009 to 2012. You can do this either by internet: www.lta.org.uk/membership, or by using the forms at the Club.

Geoff Robinson

The Club has made Geoff Robinson an honorary social member of the Club. Geoff (with Janet) has been a great supporter of the Club over many years – but he plays little tennis nowadays.

Remaining Dates for 2008

Finals Day (September): 20th September

Come and watch the junior and senior finals starting from 2pm.

End of Season Supper: 28th September

A social gathering for all members – a buffet supper, presentation of the championship cups and lots of chat. Watch the notice board for details.

Captains Day: 12th October

Watch the notice board for details.

Mike Ducker – Tennis Chairman

Croquet Section

This is my first report since being invited to take over from Bill Sidebottom as Chairman. Another change was Ray Clipson taking over from Peter Dennis as Lawns Manager. Both Bill and Peter remain active members. John Copping takes over from Ray as Treasurer with John Handy continuing his excellent job as Croquet Secretary. David and Martin Green have joined Ray to look after the grounds and surrounds and they are to be congratulated on their work with compliments being received from members and visitors.

Membership is at another record level and near capacity. An analysis of lawn usage is being undertaken to identify peak usage times and times when we can encourage play.

John Leader has managed the club competitions this year.. Peter Dennis will be managing the Ladies Tournament on Sunday 21 September. Matches have been played against teams from as far away as Canterbury and Bishops Auckland as well as the West Midland Federation matches and a growing number of friendly matches enables new members to experience competitive play in a friendly ambience.

Several successful "corporate" events have been held raising funds.

Another very successful and enjoyable season albeit blighted slightly by the August weather. We are all optimistic for a successful end to the season culminating in the Finals Weekend on 27/28 September.

Adrian Morris - Croquet Chairman

From Your New General Secretary

Now three months in the role-WOW, it's been a whirlwind baptism by fire, just wish it was as much fun as a game of tennis. Sorry, I've left no space for my piece-more next time!

Mike Storey – General Secretary

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