

# GET A GRIP! BTC NEWSLETTER

2022 *The new tennis season "The Friendly Tennis Club"*

## Anyone for Tennis?

### *Next Team Matches*

Ladies' 1<sup>st</sup> Team-28<sup>th</sup> April

Ladies' 2<sup>nd</sup> Team – 5<sup>th</sup> May

Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team-24<sup>th</sup> April

1<sup>st</sup> Mixed Team- 30<sup>th</sup> April

New 2<sup>nd</sup> Mixed Team – 14<sup>th</sup> June

Cup & Saucer – 29<sup>th</sup> April

Tournaments open to all members, contact captains if you're interested and note the Selection Policy (on the website and the noticeboard)

## The New Tennis Season!

The new season started with our AGM. After another challenging year with continually changing Covid restrictions, we're looking forward to getting back to normality and getting as much play in as possible. Whether one of the tournaments, getting social play back up and running or the introduction of Family Fridays to encourage our juniors to get to meet and play with our adults.

Congratulations and thanks to the wonderful committee and all those who volunteer to help out at events or tidying the grounds for all their hard work, without them we wouldn't have such an amazing club. A fond farewell was given to Darrin along with a big thank-you for all his contributions as he stands down as secretary from the committee. A very warm welcome is offered to Nicky Salmons, who will be the new secretary.

### Open day

We are proud to say the open day was featured in a Vesey Pages article. The day started with bacon butties to fuel the fun and activities on offer. These included Cardio-Tennis, speed gun serving, junior and adult coaching and social tennis. The fun and games ended with well-earned freshly baked Greg's famous scones.

Thank you to Greg, Will, Una, Lisa, June, and everyone else who helped to make it a successful day. Welcome to all new members joining our merry band.



## Reminders

Membership fees are now due and should be paid as soon as possible.

Adult Full members	£	217.00
18 - 25	£	92.00
Day	£	121.00
Country	£	98.00
Juniors		
U11 (yr 6 and below)	£	31.50
12-16 (Yr 7-11)	£	47.00
16-17 (Yr 12-13)	£	63.00
Social	£	23.00
Family Discount 10% (3 or more members joining at same time)		

## Tennis Balls

Tennis balls are one of our largest expenses. Unlike most clubs we provide all the balls for our members to play with, whether for matches or just general play. Could we remind you all to look after them!

Please only take one can of balls on court when you play, and please do collect them up if they go out of court when you finish and return them in the can to the clubhouse.

If they are wet, leave them out to dry so they will be ready for the next players, and please do not take them away from the club. They are there for everyone.

## Clubhouse

As we no longer have any Covid restrictions, could we remind you all to ensure that as you leave, the gates to the courts closed and that the door to the clubhouse is locked with the key returned to the key safe. Also please keep the clubhouse door closed, we've had a problem this week where the wind caught the door resulting in damage to the hinges.

Thankfully Steve and Phil were able to carry out initial repairs, but the door will be weakened so if damaged again may result in us needing a new door at a significant cost.

## Floodlights

Floodlights cannot be used on Sundays and not beyond 9pm any evening.

## Internet

Internet access in the clubhouse is a service for the RSCC and should not be used by BTC members. We have suggested they change the password, but please do not access it. It is something we don't pay for as a club.

## **Club Open Tournament**

The invitations have gone out for the Club Open Tournament, you can enter singles or doubles or mixed. Details are in the email from Jan and will be up on the notice board. Finals weekend will be 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September. Please not if you cannot make that date, please do not enter the tournament.

The closing date for entries is the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, contact Jan by email, phone or text (please note not on WhatsApp “anyone for tennis”!

## **Ogley Results**

There was an excellent turn out, for the Ogley Cup, with £100 being raised for the Ukraine appeal – Well done to the winners Nicky & Cesar.

*please do visit our social media accounts where we have captured all the fun in pictures for prosperity.*

## **Team Matches**

Don't forget your matches! Keep a track of which teams you volunteered for and which matches you'll be playing in. If you can't make it please ensure you contact the captains as soon as possible to give them time to find a reserve!

BTC teams played in the Birmingham Area Lawn Tennis League (BALTL), Metropolitan Summer League (MSL) as well as The Ladies Cup & Saucer. This in conjunction with the Club Open Championships meant we saw old & new rivalries battling it out on court. The winners received their Trophies at the awards dinner. We look forward to this being the start of us resuming our social calendar.

## **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

To all the volunteers led by Suzanne, keeping the club looking so lovely. Steve and Phil for their maintenance and all team captains for organising the teams and to all of you for continuing to support our club!

## **Next Tournament date for your diary!**

Morris and Mayors on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May details will be out soon, if anyone would like to help out with the organisation of the event, let Jan or Greg know asap!

## **Social Events Coming Up**

Yes, after so many restrictions it is a relief to get back to our social events, the first ones will be:

### **MUSIC Evening Friday 22 April**

Will be held in the clubhouse. Steve, Darrin and Jim will entertain us all. Spaces will be limited to around 25, so contact Steve or Anwen to ensure you get a seat!

Bring a bottle, a raffle will be held, with all donations going to Ukrainian families.

### **COCKTAILS Evening - Coming soon**

Will be held in the clubhouse. There will be a choice of 5 alcoholic or non-alcoholic cocktails and platters of food. We're having to change the initial date so watch this space!

## **Anyone for Tennis? – Summer Timetable**

### **Monday**

Adult Mixed Coffee morning & Coaching (1.5 hour) @ 10am

Men's night from 5pm currently running two sessions (5pm and 6.30pm)

### **Tuesday**

Adult Mixed Super Social Coaching (1 hour) @10am

Adult Mixed Club Social Play from 6pm

### **Wednesday**

Adult Mixed Club Social @1pm

### **Thursday**

Ladies' night from 6pm

### **Friday**

Adult Mixed Super Social Coaching (1 hour) @ 6pm

From end of May, Family Friday's

### **Saturday**

Children 4-6yrs mini red coaching (45mins) @ 9am

Children 6-8yrs mini orange coaching (1 hour) @10am

Children 9-11yrs coaching (1 hour) @ 11:15am

Adult Mixed Club Social @1pm onwards

### **Sunday**

Adult Mixed Cardio Tennis 12:30pm (45min)

**For coaching session please contact our professional coach Will directly.**

**E mail: [boldmeretenniscoaching@hotmail.com](mailto:boldmeretenniscoaching@hotmail.com)**

## **We Donate Our Old Balls**

We donated our old tennis ball to the following charities through a charity recycling scheme:

ANCHOR, APLA, Blue Elephant, Bright Ideas for Tennis, CALM, Cancer Research, Children's Hospices, EOL Hospices, Make A Wish, Macmillan Cancer Support, Make A Wish, NSPCC, ROMPA, RSPCA, Tennis First, Tennis for Free, Tennis Fundraising, The Alzheimer's Society, The British Heart Foundation, The National Autistic Society, The Parkinson's Disease Charity, The Stroke Association, The Tennis Foundation, Various Food Banks, Veterans Lifeline.

They also donated 1,650 balls to the following charities: Under Privileged Nurseries / Schools, Children's Homes, Rescue Centres, Dogs Trust, RSPCA, Police Dogs, Guide Dogs, Armed Forces Dogs. They also donated 1,000 of the very best condition balls received, which we set aside during the year, to Operation Christmas Child.

## **Greyhound Rescue Centre**

We were approached last week asking if we had any old tennis balls that could be used for the dogs to play with. Although the "good" balls are recycled as described above, we are left with many that are not suitable, so this will be a great way to give them a second life.

The Greyhound Trust would love to come over to the club with some of the dogs to meet us, so hopefully we'll be able to sort out a visit soon.

Watch This Space  @#

Please visit our social media platforms to find all the club activities & results. Also do send in your ideas & contributions for the newsletter. Looking forward to a 2022 of fun tennis & our rebooted social calendar.

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