

WESTWARD HO! TENNIS CLUB. NEWSLETTER MAY 2010

MATCH POINT: April: £20. Helen Niddrie (65). £20. Paul Creighton (93)
£5. Doreen Cox (159). £5. Richard Arnold (5).

May: £20. Grant Richards (113). £10. Anoushka Lobato (61). £5. Clive Hall-Tomkin (62) £5. Lottie Koval (22).

SUBS: The period of grace is now over, and late payments will be subject to the surcharge of £10.

PLANNING APPLICATION: following the vote at the EGM, and on the advice of planning consultant, we have decided to go ahead with a re-submission of the application, with a few minor amendments.

RESIGNATIONS: we are sorry to have received resignations from Emma Morris, Tom Farnell, Paul, Margaret and Claire Ellicott, Alex Wilkes, David Eke.

WELCOME: to new members Lorna Yewdell, Pauline Mills, Daniel Cousins, Catherine Andrews, Lee Osmond, Sarah Richards.

HOODIES: we have a new stock of these. If you would like to buy one (£17.50), please contact Martin or Karen (459749).

WORK PARTY & BBQ: Sunday 23rd May from 11am. A session of clearing up clubhouse, and tidying the courts and surrounds. Many hands make light work – trite but true – and a BBQ will make it a social get together.

LOST PROPERTY: please have a quick look in the box; there are some good quality items in there which must belong to someone. All will be taken to a charity shop if not claimed in next 2 weeks.

AEGON: the boys' under 16 team is progressing very successfully in this Junior team event, and have scored whitewashes over Bovey Tracey and Teignmouth.

FIGHTING FUND: many thanks to those members who have already donated to this, and a reminder that members can still make donations (or pledges to donate) which should be sent to David Vinall asap.

FUND-RAISING: if anyone has any bright ideas of novel methods we could use to boost the above fund, please advise one of the committee.

WIMBLEDON TICKETS: where there was more than one request these have been drawn for, allocated, and people have now been advised. Payment must be made before tickets are released. ***IF SUBS HAVE NOT BEEN PAID THERE IS NO ENTITLEMENT TO TICKETS.***

CLUB TOURNAMENTS: the entries for the adult events are now closed, and the draws will be on the board. Please check these, and contact your opposition to arrange the match.

The under 18 boys' and girls' singles, and the Parent/Pupil event, have another 2 weeks to enter (closing date 16th May), so there is the chance for some more entries for these.

BAR PRICES: regrettably after several years of these remaining unchanged and as low as would earn the club a profit, we have had to face economic reality and raise them. Many thanks to Denise for her work in organising the bar, keeping it stocked, and ensuring that it is run efficiently.

MONDAY MORNINGS: for some years several ladies have been playing arranged games at this time. It has been suggested that for a trial period, the first Monday of each month will be opened up to all-comers as a club morning, so that ladies could mix in with others, and have the chance perhaps to play with some they may not have previously met. Coffee and/or refreshments could be shared if wished. These mornings won't start until July, as the first Monday in June will fall in the tournament week.

TOYS: Once again we are appealing for any outgrown toys to be donated to the club. Smaller siblings of children who are having coaching, or others waiting to play, really enjoy the novelty of having a different selection, and our existing collection is now somewhat played out!

WESTWARD HO! TOURNAMENT WEEK:

This is our major prestigious event of the year, and contributes to a great extent to our financial state of health and maintains our reputation as the leading club in North Devon.

It can only be this successful as a result of all the co-operative work that goes into running it, and we rely on the good-will of members to volunteer their help.

Kitchen - There are several different time slots available for assistance in here, or with the provision of food. If you can help with the catering in any way, please contact Hilary on 477689, or sign on board just inside clubhouse door.

Bar – as above, there are time slots to be filled for help with running this. Contact Denise on 424395 or sign on board.

If each club member were able to pledge just a couple of hours of help during the week, the load would be spread, and the benefits to all would be great.

On the Thursday in tournament week, volunteers will also be needed to assist with the under 10's competition, and if you would be available during the day for this, please advise Tom Vinall 474235.

Raffle: Peter and Doreen Rossiter have once again kindly agreed to run this, and donations will be gratefully received. They can be contacted on 425678.

A reminder that if you have not yet entered the tournament, entries should be sent to Wendy Bowden, by Saturday 8th May.

And, finally,

***ANOUSHKA AND JONNY** are to be married on 15th May, and we wish them all the very best for their future together.*

