



Brackley Tennis Club

A word from our President

Last year we lost a good friend Adrian Taunton who is remembered by two smart benches; we refreshed the inside of the Club House and updated our direction signs. We ask everyone to play their part in keeping the Club House smart especially by washing up and taking away their rubbish.

Our thanks go to Bob Hodson who kept the courts and grounds in good condition and to Nigel who worked hard to keep everything running as smoothly as possible.

Next year my 10 years as President ends and I will not be seeking re-election so we will need a replacement as well as a permanent Chairman. So please give it serious thought as without these officers the Club will not be fulfilling its constitution.

I wish you all an enjoyable and successful new season.

Chris Skermer

Committee update

We are delighted to welcome some new faces onto the committee and we are now at full strength, although waiting to nominate a Chairman. Members and roles are Anne Maskell (Secretary), Shirley Griffith (Match Secretary), Chris Skermer (President), Carolyn Markham (Ladies Captain), Martin Ward (Treasurer), Anne Brady (Asst Treasurer), Andrew Bullock (Membership Secretary), Nigel Evans, Stuart Freestone, Richard Carey, Steve Robinson, Sue Barrett, Janet Sandford, Jane Standford, and Jenny Robinson.



Thank you to Pauline Leftwich and John Leftwich who are stepping down as assistant treasurer and membership secretary respectively. Their support in these roles has been very much appreciated.

Open Day & Membership Renewals

We are inviting non members to come along and join us on for the pay and play day on 3 April and hopefully join the club as members.

Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbours.



14 May 1pm
Fun Tournament

29 June (10-noon)
Northants Ladies

25 June
Adrian Taunton
Tournament

30 July 1pm
Fun Tournament

4 September
Club Champs

16 September (tbc)
Tennis & Chilli

1 October (tbc)
Richard Burns
Tournament



The Clubhouse has had a lick of paint and is looking much brighter. Thank you to Sue Barrett for organising



Captains Corner

The summer season of competitive tennis is nearly upon us and we have entered a number of teams into three local leagues.

- ▶ 2016 Summer Northampton League - Three teams (1 mens, 2 ladies)
- ▶ 2016 Summer Weekend Oxfordshire League - Three teams (1 mens, 2 ladies)
- ▶ 2016 Banbury League - Three mixed teams

Squad lists will be up in the clubhouse soon but if you would like to be included and aren't on the lists please contact Carolyn Markham - casmarkham@aol.com

Members Coaching continues

Many members enjoyed the club funded coaching that was provided at the start of this year on a Sunday afternoon. We are pleased to confirm we are continuing this through to June and also exploring different coaching options for members so watch out for future updates on email, Facebook, the website and on the noticeboards in the clubhouse.

Members Coaching 3pm - 5pm on 13 March, 10 April, 8 May, 12 June. No need to book - just turn up on the day.



Coaching Programme

▶ Mini Tennis

follows the LTA Mini-tennis scheme for younger players - Red (age 4-8yrs) Orange (age 7-10yrs) Green (age 9-12yrs)

Contact Peter Cowley for session times and costs

▶ Cardio Sessions

Cardio Tennis is a fun and sociable way to raise your heart rate and burn calories. Perfect for people of all tennis playing abilities. The emphasis is on aerobic cardiovascular fitness rather than tennis technique. Age 16+

Thursday morning during term times 9.30am until 10.30am £7 per session

▶ Individual Lessons:

Lessons with LTA Licensed Club Coach £30per hour

▶ Adult Beginners

A mixture of coaching and play

Thursday evenings 8.30pm until 10pm £7 per session

For more information contact Head Coach Peter Cowley on
07539 244155 or pwhcowley@hotmail.com



Davis Cup Trophy Tour

See the cup in Milton Keynes on 14
May or Abingdon on 26 May
#BacktheBrits