

The TTC TIMES

Newsletter of the Toddington Tennis Club

Issue 1, June 2009

The TTC Times is the new monthly newsletter of Toddington Tennis Club (TTC). The aim of this publication is to inform members of the tennis and social events at TTC, as well as hopefully providing something interesting to read.

This is a member orientated publication, so feel free to write about any planned events or send us any comments you have about the club and we will endeavour to include them. Just e-mail the editor at:

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This first edition focuses on the beginning of the 2009 season. It promises to be an exciting one for TTC for many reasons, but its success will be judged on the frequency with which the courts are used, the number of teams we have playing in inter-club competitions and the take up of intra-club tournaments and social events.

There are a number of individuals who will be leading new initiatives to deliver success at the club. This edition will introduce you to these people and the teams/events they are supporting. For any further information on events listed in the TTC Times, please visit our revamped website:

<http://www.toddingontennisclub.co.uk/>

Membership news

After several initiatives to halt and reverse the decline in membership at the club, numbers are looking healthy for the coming year. Current figures put membership for the 2009/10 season at approximately 100 – significantly up on last year's total.

Clubhouse news

If you haven't renewed your membership, then please remember to do so - especially as you will find yourself locked out!

The lock to the main gate was changed on Sunday 4th of June. This is a routine measure ensuring that non-members cannot access the courts. If you currently have a key to the old lock, you can exchange this for a new key either on a club morning (any Sunday), or club evening (any Tuesday). Alternatively you can contact any of the following committee members to arrange an exchange:

Margaret – 01525 211487

Don – 01525 873358

Joe – 01525 634255

A new gate will also be fitted between courts three and four. This will also be padlocked, but you can get access with the same key as the front gate.

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Coining it in

Coin meters for the floodlights are now in place outside the clubhouse. This will allow members to operate the floodlights any evening of the week at a reasonable price of £1.50 per hour.

Leender of last resort

Is your serve bankrupting you on the court? Has your forehand gone from boom to bust? If so, then come and meet our Leender of last resort – new club coach Leon Leenders. Regardless of the standard you play at, Leon matches coaching sessions to your needs. Leon also offers group coaching sessions, offering the dual benefits of improving your game and meeting other club members.

TTC, through Leon, is building a close relationship with local schools. Leon is now coaching at both Toddington St. George's Lower School (Wednesday) and Parkfields Middle School (Thursday) afterschool clubs.

We currently have a few places for our Saturday morning coaching club, which is specifically for under 16's. If this interests you, then get in touch with Leon on 07515 409309.

For more details on any coaching event, visit our club website.



Club coach Leon Leenders:
Warming up

TTC Inter-Club Competitions

TTC want to have a high club profile in the South Bedfordshire tennis league, part of an on going drive to raise the club's profile. This year the club has entered teams in the Men's Ladies and Mixed competitions. The teams will be captained by Jon Murphy, Joe Collins and Illsa Roberts respectively.

All captains are always recruiting for their squads. If you are interested in playing, then come along on Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings to talk to the captains.

Results to date

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Inter-club competitions are well underway this season, with mixed results. Congratulations go to the new look second team with their first victory, over Eaton Bray. More details to come in the next issue.

With the anniversary BBQ, intra-club championships and Wimbledon upon us, the next edition promises to be full of tennis action.

Intra-club competitions

Accompanying the external competitions will be a return of some old favourites, the club tournaments for men's and ladies singles, doubles and mixed doubles. These competitions are open to all members and will begin in July, date to be confirmed. To apply put your name down on the appropriate lists on the club notice board (in the clubhouse) or e-mail joe.asl@ntlworld.com.

Upcoming

On Sunday the 28th of June, from noon to 3pm TTC are holding a family BBQ at the clubhouse to celebrate its 50th anniversary. The event is open to everyone and we look forward to seeing some old, new and potential members.

Please come down and share in the celebrations, with some good BBQ food, some strawberries and cream and perhaps a drop of sparkling wine in the offing!

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