

Winstanley Tennis Club



Newsletter

February 2019

Appointments 2019

The following members were appointed at the AGM in December:

Ros Barton – Chairman,
Christine Charnock-Jones – Secretary,
Peter Conroy – Treasurer,
Bill Dow – Grounds Manager,
Robin Michaelides – Clubhouse Manager,
Wendy Heaton – Club Captain,
Paula Halsall – Club Vice Captain.



Paula Halsall has also taken on the important role as our Social Media secretary, keeping our Facebook page and Twitter account updated. If you have any news relating to the club that you would like to share please send emails or copies of any leaflets, cards, flyers and photos to her on paulahalsall@hotmail.co.uk or text 07540 523132



Wimbledon Ballot

PLEASE check whether you have opted into the Wimbledon Ballot, via the LTA website. **If not, you must opt in by Feb 22nd at the latest.**

Please note: you cannot opt into the Wimbledon Ballot unless you are a British Tennis Member. If you are not a British Tennis Member, ring the LTA on 020 8487 7000 to register. If you have forgotten or lost your BTM number, please contact Wendy: (wheaton619@btinternet.com).



Volunteers please!

One of the areas that the committee have included on the Action Plan for 2019 is the involvement of more members in the running of the club. Recently we have asked for members to help with the running of the bar and the response has been excellent. The more members who offer, the more the load is spread and it may mean you offering just 2 hours of your time during the whole year. So in addition to help with the bar, the committee are looking for volunteers to: clean the clubhouse and to help to look after the grounds, seeing to the bins and mowing the grass.

Rotas will be drawn up in the next few weeks...please offer just a couple of hours!

Spring Clean

So that the clubhouse is ready for the start of the tennis season, we are holding a spring cleaning morning on **Saturday 30th March from 10.00-12.00 pm**. Please come along if you can spare an hour to help out. All cleaning materials will be provided. There may also be some tidying to do outside and around the grounds.



Fund Raising and Social Events

As you are aware, the club is looking to raise much-needed funds to put towards the resurfacing of courts 1-3 so a full and varied calendar of fundraising and social events is being planned, which we hope will appeal to everyone. Of course, if there is anything in particular that you would like to see on the fundraising or social calendar please pass your suggestions to any of the committee— we are always keen to hear new ideas!

Future social events to put in your diaries include:

- **Saturday 6th April – Afternoon at the Races for Grand National Day, 2.00 – 6.00 pm**, tickets £10, entertainment from Ryan James, with light refreshments. Dress for the races, hats optional. **Almost sold out!!**
- **Friday 12th April – Family Easter Games Night starting at 7.30 pm** to include an Easter Bunny (Beetle) Drive, Easter Egg Bingo and Play Your Cards Right. Lots of Easter eggs for all the winners! Tickets just £5 each from Ros, Wendy and Christine, or pay on the door. Light refreshments included.



- **Friday 7th June- Quiz Night, teams of 3 or 4, £5 each**, email Bill with your teams on billdow@hotmail.com
- **Friday 5th July Ukulele Evening** further details to follow

Clubhouse Hire

Don't forget that the clubhouse can be hired for private functions. Contact Paula Halsall on 07540 523132 for more details

Orrell Rugby Union Club

*The rugby club continue to use our clubhouse on Saturday afternoons, 4.00 – 6.00, and some Sunday mornings for their post match socialising. Also BT Sport were in the clubhouse last night, Monday, 11th Feb, filming for **Rugby Tonight**, which is being televised on Wednesday 13th Feb at 9.00 on BT Sport 1. You may see someone you recognise, along with some of the Rugby Union stars....*

Brighter Boroughs Grant

We have been successful in our bid to gain a grant for the local councillors' Brighter Boroughs' fund. This will go towards completing the decking area and installing some security lighting.

TOURNAMENTS AND OTHER REMINDERS

Tournaments

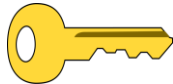
A season-opening tournament with BBQ will be held on **Sunday 7th April starting at 2.00 pm.** **Everyone is most welcome to come along and join in.** It will be the usual format of mixed doubles and changing partners after each round, carrying your points through the afternoon.



Please check the website, noticeboard and email reminders for further tournaments throughout the season.

Keys and Floodlight Tokens

If you would like a key to the Coaches' Office, to access tins of balls, a toilet or shelter, please contact Bill Dow (01695 624263) and if you wish to purchase tokens for the floodlights please contact Robin Michaelides (07890 627729)



Tournament Prizes

Once again we would like some offers of prizes for the Sunday American tournaments - boxes of chocolates, tins of biscuits, bottles of wine etc. Please let Wendy know if you can help



Membership Renewals

Many thanks to all of you who have already renewed your membership. The Treasurer and committee really appreciate prompt payments to help with cash flow. Please remember that payments made after March 1st may be subject to a £20 penalty and also only full playing members, SPA (formerly over 65) and juniors aged 11-21 who have paid their 2019 subscription, will be eligible to play for league teams.

LIGHTS OFF!!

A gentle reminder to all members- Please check that **all lights and heaters** have been switched off before you leave the clubhouse... please don't forget to check the kitchen lights.



Social media

For more up to date information, keep an eye on the club website: www.winstanleytennisclub.co.uk and let Stan Meredith or Paula Halsall (details above) know if you wish to include any information.

You can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/winstanleytennisclub