

Winstanley Tennis Club

Early Spring Newsletter 2019



Opening Day 2019

We will be opening the season on **Sunday 7th April**. This is a great opportunity for ALL adult and junior members to come along to the club and if you wish, take part in an **American Tournament**, register by 1.45 for a 2.00pm start. There will be a **BBQ from 4.00 pm** and the bar will be open. Everyone is most welcome.

League Matches

Ladies' matches will start on **Tuesday 16th April** and **Men's matches** on **Thursday 18th April**.

Practice nights for any members who would like to be considered to play for the teams will be on:

- **Tuesdays- 26th March, 2nd and 9th April**, for the Ladies and
- **Mondays -1st, 8th and 15th April** and **Thursdays -28th March and 4th and 11th April** for Men.

Fixtures should be on the WDLTA website within the next week.

Spring Clean

All members are invited to come along on **Saturday 30th March** to give the clubhouse a good clean in preparation for the new season, **10.00 – 12.00**. There will also be some work to be done outside around the grounds.



Coaching and 'Cardio' for Adults

Adult group coaching sessions for all levels will start on **Wednesday 20th March**, 6.15-7.15, £5 per session and then from **Wednesday 3rd April** Robin will be running Cardio- type sessions, 7.15-8.15 pm, members £5, non-members £7.

Spread the word! Bring a friend!

Contact Robin for all details: 07890 627729



Tournaments in April and May

The first American tournament is on **Sunday 7th April**, our season opening day. This year we are hoping to hold tournaments on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, depending upon other 'special' tournaments or 'special' days. So the next ones are on:

- Sunday 5th May
- Sunday 19th May

Register for all Sunday tournaments by **1.45pm for a 2.00pm start**.

Please contact Wendy (wheaton619@btinternet.com) if you are able to run one of the Summer Tournaments. All dates are listed on the noticeboard. You can choose whatever format you wish.

Club Tournament

The club tournament will be ongoing throughout the season again, **£3 per player, per event**.

You are invited to enter with a partner or on your own and a partner will be drawn for you.

Please sign up on the noticeboard or let Wendy know if you wish to enter any of the Club Tournaments (Mixed Doubles, Ladies' Doubles, Men's Doubles and Men's singles). The deadline for entries is **Monday 15th April**.



Wimbledon Ballot!

Watch the club notice boards and check your emails in early April for details about the club's Wimbledon ticket allocation and how to enter the club ballot.

Sunday Mix Ins- Social Tennis

The first Sunday Mix-In afternoon will be on **14th April, 2.00 -4.00pm**. This is a great opportunity, especially for new members, to come along to play tennis and mix in with whoever is here...and enjoy some cake and tea if you wish!



Fund Raising and Social Events



We're holding an Afternoon at the Races for the **Grand National** on **Saturday 6th April**, from 2.00-6.00 pm.

Tickets, available from Christine, 07931 746890, are £10 including afternoon tea. Ryan James will be providing the entertainment and there will be a raffle and sweep. Dress for the Races, hats optional.

Almost sold out



Future events are:

- **Easter Family Games Night, Friday 12th April, starting at 7.30 pm.**
An evening of fun and games for all ages: an Easter Bunny (Beetle) Drive, Easter Bingo and Play Your Cards Right. Adults £5, children £2, pay on the door.
Fun for all the family, lots of Easter eggs to win!



- **Quiz Night, Friday 7th June 7.30pm** £5 per person, confirm teams with Bill-
billdow@hotmail.com



- **Summer Ukulele Evening, Friday 5th July....**further details to follow

Clubhouse Hire

Don't forget that the clubhouse can also be hired for private functions. Please contact Paula on 07540 523132 or email paulahalsall@hotmail.co.uk

U3A

Our U3A group has been using the indoor tennis facilities at Robin Park during the winter but as spring approaches they will be playing outside again, starting on **Monday 1st April**.

These sessions are:

Monday afternoons, 2-4 pm and
Wednesday mornings 10-12 am

For more information about the U3A group, please contact Mary Flood 01695 623044 or 07798 851422

Swipe Cards and Keys

Swipe cards to the Clubhouse, are available from Robin and keys to the Coaches' Office, to access tins of balls, a toilet or shelter, priced £3, are available from Bill



Used Tennis Balls and Recycaball

Once again this year we will be sending our used tennis balls to be recycled. Recycaball is an organisation which recycles used tennis balls by distributing them to charities such as Save The Children, NSPCC, Barnardo's, Under Privileged Nurseries / Schools, Children's Homes, Animal Rescue Centres, Dog Shelters, & The RSPCA.

*They will pay the club £50 for every 250 used balls that we send (we have already received 2 payments). Therefore we are asking that **team captains** put all **used match balls** in the crate in the coach's room after matches for use by members but when the balls are deemed no longer suitable for play, they should be placed in the crate labelled **RECYCABALL** to be sent off.*



Website and Social Media

Many thanks to Stan Meredith for all his hard work keeping the website updated. Please let him know if you wish to include any information, photos etc at merediths1@tiscali.co.uk or 07955 747595

You can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/winstanleytennisclub Please contact Paula Halsall at paulahalsall@hotmail.co.uk or 07540 523132 if there's anything you wish to share.



Open Day

We are holding our first Open Day of the year on

Sunday 28th April, 1.00-4.00pm

Once again we are hoping that this will be an opportunity to raise the profile of the club within the local community as well as increasing our membership.

We are inviting all members to come along with friends and family to take part in a fun afternoon for all with: tombola, cakes, bar, refreshments, as well as the chance to play some tennis of course.

To make the afternoon a success we would like:

- Donations of prizes for the tombola -please leave in the box in the ladies' changing room or give to any committee member.
- Donations of homemade cakes which will be gratefully received on the day!
- Volunteers to run stalls, help with refreshments and to go on court to knock up with new members– please help out if you can!
- And... a few old tennis rackets so that potential new members can have a knock up- so check out the attic and all those cupboards.

There will be many special membership offers for those who join at the Open Day including:

***Half price membership of £85 for a full playing member** (that's the opportunity to play unlimited tennis for just £10.50 per month!) and then only pay £100 for next year's 2020 membership.

Please encourage as many people as you can to come along.

Fundraising and Participation Sub Groups

A couple of sub groups looking at Fundraising and Participation have been set up.

If you have any ideas as to how we might raise more money or thoughts on how we might increase our membership please let any of the committee know.

Some initial thoughts have included a weekly **Tennis and Toast** morning ; a **24 hour Tennisathon**, (table tennis during the night); **Christmas Wreath Making**; **Family Fridays**....



...any suggestions most welcome