



Banbury Lawn Tennis Club

Newsletter – March 2017

Dear All

Spring is in the air and the summer tennis season is on the horizon! We are very much looking forward to 2017 being a successful one for Banbury Tennis Club!

Many of you may have heard that members of the committee have been very busy over the winter months putting a strategy together to improve our facilities, programmes and membership numbers.

In terms of facilities, you might be excited to know that we are working on the following:

- Installing court lights across our 4 main courts (in addition to the 2 court-lit courts we currently have) in order to extend potential playing time for members
- Installing a seasonal (October to March) single-skin bubble over 3 of our 4 courts to increase the amount of playing time during the winter months
- Resurface the courts following the above work (which will require some extending of outer-court space)
- Building a new and more contemporary club-house with changing and toilet facilities and a gallery for enhanced viewing opportunities

This is all in line with the LTA's overarching aim "to help more people to play more often" in a "welcoming, affordable and safe environment".

We have been talking with the LTA, Oxfordshire Lawn Tennis Association, Banbury Town Council, Cherwell District Council and others to put our strategy together.

On Saturday 13th May, as part of the Great British Tennis Weekend, there will be an opportunity for all members to hear about these plans in much more detail, as well as making suggestions to shape the future of Banbury Tennis Club. More information about this will follow shortly.

Should you want to know any more about the above, or get involved in helping with our strategy, please do speak with Colin Lynes or Mat Hunter.

Summer Schedule

Club Nights

- Club Nights will take place on Tuesday and Friday nights from 6.30pm. The first Club Night will take place on **Tuesday 4 April**.

Match Practice

- Match Practice will take place on Thursday evenings. These will be Coach led sessions where Colin and Ade will be on hand to help with technique and match play tactics for our adult members.

Monday Nights

- Monday Nights will see a mix of Adult Beginner Coaching and a Junior Clubnight. More information will follow about both of these following the next committee meeting which takes place on Wednesday 29 March

Singles Ladder/Practice

- There will be a designated court (Court 5) for singles practice every club night. We will be looking to set up a singles ladder too for interested members. Again, more information will be posted in the clubhouse very shortly.

Great British Tennis Weekend and Club Tournaments

- We will be supporting the LTA's drive to increase tennis participation across the UK by hosting a "Great British Tennis Weekend" on **Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th May**.
- On the Saturday 13th May, we will be aiming to get as many non-members playing as possible.
- On Sunday 14th May, there will be a club tournament.
- We would love to see as many members as possible participating in these. Food and drink (hopefully in the form of BBQs, weather permitting!) will be available. We will need your help to market these events! Again, more information will follow soon.
- There will be another club tournament on Saturday 22nd July.

Annual General Meeting

- This will take place on Tuesday September 12th 2017 – time to be confirmed.

Oxfordshire League Matches

- These will begin the weekend of 22nd & 23rd April and fixtures will run through to mid September.

Membership Fees

- These become due from 1st April and you will shortly be receiving a payment reminder via email. Please try to pay your annual subscription by 31st May.

Where fees are outstanding after 31st May, membership will lapse and you will become ineligible to represent the club in County and District leagues.

British Tennis Membership

- If you are not already a British Tennis Member please visit <https://www.lta.org.uk/member/> where you can register for free today. The benefits are:

- Entry into the BTM Wimbledon ballot
- Aegon British Tennis rating
- Discounts and special offers
- Monthly newsletter

We look forward to seeing you in the first week of April and look forward, also, to a very enjoyable season of tennis ahead.

With best wishes

The Committee

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Colin Lynes	Vice Chair
Shola Adebisi	Head Coach
Jacquie Lynes	Secretary
Steve Rogers	Match Secretary
Colin Simpson	Treasurer
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