

BEECHWOOD



LAWN TENNIS CLUB

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the new newsletter for all Beechwood LTC members. This regular newsletter aims to inform you of events and activities at the club, providing stories of interest, and letting you know of forthcoming events.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Beechwood

This is my first newsletter to you as president and hopefully there will be many more to follow, as the newly established Tennis Committee would like to keep all of our members up to speed with what the club is looking to do over the next few months.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and celebrations into the New Year. We ended the 2018 calendar year with some fantastic social events and tennis tournaments. On 23 December, we had a huge turn-out for the Christmas tennis, organised by John Hales. We enjoyed the Christmas spirit with Carol singing from our very own Beechwood Choir and festive food and drinks. On New Year's eve, yet again, there was another fantastic turn-out for the tennis social organised by Stuart McCarthy. I would like to thank John and Stuart for organising these tennis events and special thanks to Neil McGowan and all of the members of the Beechwood choir, who so kindly volunteered and gave up their time to sing for us. Now that the festive period is over, we move into the Winter tennis season, the colder months ahead. It would be great to

see as many of you as possible still playing into the colder season, wearing hats and gloves and not being fair weather tennis players.

It has been fifty years since Beechwood moved to its current location on Beechwood Avenue. We plan to celebrate our 50th anniversary with lots of events, including several tennis competitions around the Aussie, French and USA Opens, several fun tennis socials for adults and kids, beer festivals, quiz nights, race evenings, Classic film nights, even a book club and many more. We would welcome any ideas and suggestions for other events. The first of these events celebrating our 50th anniversary will be the Aussie open on 26 January. John Hales will have more information on this. On 25-27th May bank holiday week end, we are looking to hold a beer festival and social tennis, starting with junior Friday night, Saturday and Sunday tennis handicap competitions. Hold these dates in your diaries.

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I am also very pleased to announce the launch of our new Beechwood website. I would like to thank Becky Webb, who has been instrumental over the past few months, processing all of the material for it. There is still a lot more to be added and we would appreciate members suggestions or ideas as to what else you think should be included on it. This will be helpful as there will be much more information available about upcoming future events on the website. Unfortunately the court booking system will not be up and running until April 2019. And we continue to use the current court booking system, until then. We have also included a hard copy of the Beechwood events calendar on the notice board.

A couple of other events that I would like to draw your attention to. Starting from Saturday 19th January, Jens Tannert and Barry Winter will be organising each Saturday social play from 1.30pm onwards. It would be great if as many tennis members (all levels and abilities of tennis from beginners, improvers to county level) could come along and get a game of tennis on a Saturday afternoon. It's a real shame that the tennis on Saturday's has dropped off in numbers over the past couple of years and we are really looking to get it back up on the social calendar again. Barry will continue organising fish n chips night and the next one is Friday 1st February.

It would also be good, if we could aim to increase the numbers for team practice on Sunday mornings. This is aimed for the stronger tennis players, who already play team tennis (or are interested in playing team tennis) to come along on Sunday mornings from 10.30am onwards. We are looking to boost the numbers and open this up for both mens and ladies team tennis. From mid-March, we plan to start the mens and ladies team practice again with a couple of drills and tennis coaching sessions, led by Inspire to coach (now called I2C).

So there is a lot to do around the club. After all, It is your club. I hope that we all appreciate those members who volunteer to help the club out, by working on various committees, organising events, serving behind the bar, ensuring the maintenance of the club and too many other things to mention that simply just get done around the club keeping it running smoothly. We are always looking for more volunteers and we would really appreciate if you could let us know if you think you can spare a little amount of your precious time around the club to help us out.

I will look forward to seeing you all at the club either on the tennis court or working behind or in front of the bar.

Thank you and enjoy your tennis
Paul Fenner

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL

We are revitalising our Saturday Social play this year to give you all a

better experience for our once popular weekend mix in. The social will be organised each week by a few kind members to ensure that each week you have an enjoyable game. It will start at 1.30pm on the bottom 3 courts.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN SOCIAL COMPETITION

On Saturday 26th January we will play host to our annual Aussie Open social event. This free competition will run 1.30-3.30pm followed by a few scooners (3/4 pint in Oz) in the bar. We plan to start it this weekend, 19th, I hope as many of you can make it as our socials over Xmas were so well attended.

FREE CARDIO TENNIS

Have you made a New Years resolution to get fit this year?

If yes, have you tried Cardio Tennis? This month we are offering the chance to have a go completely free for January at our new Wednesday Night class, 6.30-7.30pm. You can burn on average 600 calories whilst having fun hitting tennis balls.

If you'd like to have a go, book now on 02476-150688.

UPCOMING EVENTS

To sign up for any of the following competitions please place name on entry form on notice board. Or contact John on 07515-458990.

25th January - Junior Night

26th January - Australian Open Social Event

1st February - Fish & Chips Social