



BILLERICAY LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Newsletter 1 – May 2023

Welcome to the first Billericay Lawn Tennis Club newsletter! We hope you will find this a useful and informative way of keeping up to date with everything going on at your tennis club. If you have any suggestions for future content, please let us know.

Come and play tennis...

There are many opportunities to come and play tennis and meet other members.

Every week there are 3 **club social sessions** – Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7.30pm and Saturdays from 2.30pm.

Join Rebecca for **Cardio** every Friday morning at 9-10am – a fun way to play tennis and exercise. Open to everyone – members £6 and non-members £8.

On Saturday mornings 9-10am, Alex runs a **coaching session** aimed at beginner/intermediate players, £5 per session.



Friday night socials!

Join us on the first Friday of each month for tennis and food and drinks in the bar. These social events are open to all full and midweek members and are a great way to play some tennis and meet other members.

The next Friday night social is on

2nd June at 7.30pm.

Please let Clive know if you can join us –
clivealdous@btinternet.com

Captain v Vice Captain Tournament

On 10th June at 11am, we are holding our annual Captain v Vice Captain Tournament, followed by a BBQ.

Please sign up in the club house or email isabel.holmes51@gmail.com



Ladies!

Our first ladies night was a great success. This is a chance for the lady members to play some tennis followed by drinks and nibbles in the bar.

The next Ladies night is Friday 12th May 7.30pm.

Contact Tanya if you can join us – tanya.elsworth19@gmail.com

Team News

If you would like to be involved in playing competitive matches, please contact the relevant captains. We have ladies, mixed and mens teams, plus a mens vets team and a ladies vets team.



Over the past 6 months, the 1st mens team have been playing the national doubles indoor league. They finished 2nd in the Eastern Region - a great achievement against county, national and international players. Charlie Hutchings and Peter French recently went to playoffs at Loughborough University to get through to the finals. They were seeded 7th out of 18 teams and won their first match against Hazelwood but unfortunately lost to the number 1 seeds, Edinburgh.

American Tournament

The recent American Tournament was a tie for 1st place between Andrew Somerville and Clive Aldous. They both chose a lady partner and played a championship tie break. Andrew was the winner 10-7! The highest scoring lady on the day was Ellie Collier, pictured below.



Juniors



We have a thriving junior section structured for young players from the age of 4 through to 18 ranging from total beginners to national players.

Each month we choose a player of the month across the junior section. Well done to 6 year old Olivia who was the March player of the month - she is one of the youngest players to have been selected for this year's Essex U8 County Cup team!

Keep up to date with all our junior news on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram!

Billericay Soapbox!

The Club recently sponsored a cart at the Billericay Soapbox event. The cart team included 2 of our members. Neville Brooks and Jan Lewis made it into the national press, The Times and The Telegraph! They have raised over £5,000 for charity over the years.



Volunteers Needed!

Billericay Tennis club is run by volunteers. We are always looking for help to run the club. If you can help in any way, big or small, please contact our Chairman, Lester, or any other Committee members.

Essex Open – 23rd to 29th July 2023

We are proud to be hosting the Essex Open LTA Grade 3 Tournament again this summer. This is a hugely popular event with players travelling from all around the region to compete. A great deal of organisation goes into hosting this event. If you can help volunteer in any way, even just for a couple of hours.



Club Tournament

The draw has been made and is on the club house notice board – don't forget to start playing your matches.

Finals Day is Saturday 15th July!

Court Update

We apologise for the lack of court availability over recent weeks. The bubble has been repaired and stored away. All courts are now available for play. Courts 9 and 10 will be resurfaced imminently.

Meet our Coaching Team

We have an experienced coaching team at Billericay Lawn Tennis Club. Please contact the head coaches directly for any coaching enquiries.



Alex Rouse

Joint Head Coach – Head of Adults
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Helen Parish

Joint Head Coach – Head of Performance
headcoachperformance@billericayltd.co.uk



Rebecca Wright

Joint Head Coach – Head of Juniors
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Our head coaches are supported by Ray Bradfield, Katy Gardner, Liz Brooks, Jake Wyatt and Toby Galley.

Key contacts

Chairman – Lester Galley
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Club Captain – Isabel Holmes
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Club Secretary – Jill Levi
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Treasurer – John Pullin
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Membership Secretary – Liz Brooks
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Brentwood League Captains
Mens – Derek Brown
Ladies – Tanya Elsworth
Mixed – Ray Bradfield

Essex League Captains
Mens 1 – Peter French
Mens 2 – Lester Galley
Ladies – Jackie Lansley
Mens Vets – Jonathan Coates
Ladies Vets – Isabel Holmes

MEMBERS CONTACT DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM CLUB CAPTAIN ISABEL HOLMES