



BLAYDON TENNIS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Update

Welcome to the September Newsletter.

As summer starts to draw to a close I hope everyone has had the opportunity to make the most of what good weather we've had. Fingers crossed for an Indian summer plus a mild winter and we'll still have lots more opportunity to get out on the courts.

Club membership is now at record levels. Obviously it's not just important that we have a healthy number of members, but that all of those members are making the most of the facilities we have to offer, enjoying their tennis and are satisfied with the value for money from BTC. We welcome any feedback or suggestions that anyone has, feel free to drop an e-mail to the club or have a quick chat with a committee member when at the club (but also remember we're all volunteers and might be busy so please be polite, if you are, we will be too!)

Finally, as lockdown restrictions ease, we all have a little more freedom! Our committee can now meet in person at the pub! If anyone, whether new to the club or long time members, would like to join us then you'd be very welcome to come along to the next meeting and join in. Have a word with Ian Pearson (coach) or any of the committee and they'll let you know when and where :)

Winter League 2021-22

This years Winter League (adults) will commence from 17th October. If any member would like to play for the club in the Winter League could they please contact Michael Farrey, Rachel Cooper or blaydontc@googlemail.com asap.

Deadline for entry Friday 17th September.

Blaydon Tennis Club Centenary Year 2022

Your tennis club is turning 100!

We would really like to celebrate this milestone in style. Please could anyone who is willing to help out with ideas and organizing events for next year get in touch with us at blaydontc@googlemail.com or comment on our member's facebook group.

Please go to [\(6\) Blaydon Tennis Club | Facebook](#) for the link to join our facebook members group.

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- Centenary Group
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- Tennis Coaching
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Floodlights

As we move into Autumn, we are starting to need the floodlights for play in the evenings.

Unfortunately the floodlight key has been broken in the box controlling the lights on court 1. Therefore the lights are out of order on court 1 until this can be fixed.

For all other courts please ensure you take responsibility for switching your lights off at the end of play.

A payment of £1.50 per hour should be made to the floodlight tin in the clubhouse. This is on an honesty system and we would appreciate your co-operation as our floodlights are an extremely costly resource.

If any member would like guidance on how to open and lock up the clubhouse and operate the floodlights, please e-mail blaydontc@googlemail.com and we can send you instructions.

Court Booking

Could we remind all members to please cancel any court bookings as soon as possible, if they know they will not be attending the club, in order to make the courts available to other members.

Social Sessions

Everyone welcome to Club Social Sessions. Check out the website for details to find your most appropriate day and time. New-members please don't be shy, these sessions are free for all members to mix in and have a good game of tennis

Fancy Some Coaching?

New blocks of coaching courses started this week. There should be something for everyone!

Newton Tennis run group courses for our mini members ages 4-11, Juniors ages 12-18, and adults of all abilities. They can also arrange 1-1/ family coaching.

Get in touch with Jonathan or Ian for more information and prices. [Jonathan Newton / Tennis coaching in Gateshead and Northumberland \(lta.org.uk\)](http://JonathanNewton.co.uk)

Housekeeping

It's been noted that orange peel and banana skins, amongst other rubbish, are being left on the courts. Please pick up all rubbish and belongings and take them away with you. We are an unmanned club and need all members to work together to look after our facility.

Could everyone please also make the effort to use the correct bin for recycling versus general rubbish. And where possible, if you could take any of your rubbish away with you, that would be a great help as the club doesn't have a council refuse service. Members are now welcome to use clubhouse kitchen again. Please use it considerately and wash up any items used.

BTC Championship

A quick update on the BTC Championships. We now have our finalists in all three competitions.

Congratulations to:

In the main Cup:

Remi Carriot v Mark Taylor

In the Plate:

Ijaz Khan v Alan Walton

In the Best of the Rest:

Jack McCardle v Neil White

The Plate and Main Cup finals are due to be played on the afternoon of Saturday 18th September. The Plate final will start at 1.30pm (Alan v Ijaz) and the main Cup final will start not before 3.00pm. All on Court 1

It would be great to get a crowd there to watch so please come along if you can to cheer the players on. We've still not got a date for the Best of the Rest but hopefully that will be played soon too.

Access Gate

Could we please ask members to try and use the appropriate access code for their bookings. Also it is important for security that members do not shout our general access code over the gate to let anyone in. If required please go over, ask if they are a member and open the gate for them.

We will shortly be changing the general access code to help with security. Members will receive a communication in due course

Channel 4 are looking for people who would like to be part of a brand new property series.

We are looking to speak to people who are currently trying to move home, but who can't find what they are looking for.

You'll be given the opportunity to view properties that could be everything you've ever wished for but haven't been able to find... until now.

If this is you, we would love to speak to you.

APPLY NOW

by sending your name, age, a photograph of the applicants and a brief description of your living situation to

perfecthome@curvemedia.com

Applicants must be over 18 years old

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To be eligible, all initial applicants must be over 18 and a UK resident. Any information you share with us will be strictly confidential and kept in accordance with Curve Media's privacy policy.

Please type the following into your web browser to view:
<http://www.curvemedia.com/privacy-notice-programme-applicants>

Pay & Play

Please spread the word to friends and family, around your workplace:

Non-members are now be able to book courts themselves through the online booking system at a charge of £10/hour.

Courts can be booked via our website: [Blaydon Tennis Club / Home \(lta.org.uk\)](http://BlaydonTennisClub/Home) or via LTA Rally: [Court Booking | LTA Rally](#)

Please don't worry though, Club Members will always have priority for their court bookings.

Non-members will only be allowed to book unoccupied courts a maximum of 3 days in advance and will be restricted to courts 5-9 (Members can book courts up to 13 days in advance).

Club Social Sessions, League Matches and Club Events will remain solely for Members Only.