



# BLAYDON TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Chairman's Update

The weather is definitely changing, Autumn is upon us and winter is just around the corner. We have regular bi-weekly maintenance of the courts by our groundman, but could I ask all court users to take care. If you arrive on the courts and there are excessive leaves lying on the courts, please try and clear them off before you commence play. That will give us the best life of courts 1 to 6 in the long run.

We had a problem with the roller shutter door last month. This caused access issues to the club house and also to the floodlights. The door has now been fixed (thanks Dave Hickford for your support with that) and normal service has been resumed. Please note the padlock number for this door has been changed (see cover e-mail).

We are holding our normal committee meeting at the Holy Cross pub in Ryton on Thurs 4th Nov. Once we've finished this meeting we plan to carry on to discuss options around BTC's centenary celebrations for next year. All members, old and new, are more than welcome to come along and enter into the discussions around what options are available and what support they can give. If you could come for any-time between 7.30 - 9pm we can catch up and have a chat!

## Clubhouse Roller Shutter Door

The roller shutter door to the clubhouse has been fixed. Members are once again able to operate the door themselves to access the clubhouse facilities.

If any member would like guidance on how to open and lock up the clubhouse and operate the floodlights, please e-mail [blaydon tc@googlemail.com](mailto:blaydon tc@googlemail.com) and we can send you instructions.

## Blaydon Tennis Club Centenary Year 2022

**Your tennis club is turning 100!**

Anyone who is willing to help out with ideas and organizing events for next year, please come along to The Cross Pub, Ryton for our next meeting, or get in touch with us at

[blaydontc@googlemail.com](mailto:blaydontc@googlemail.com)

Meeting Date:

7.30 pm - Thursday 4th November 2021

Ye Olde Cross Inn, Ryton (upstairs)

## Included in this issue:

- Chairman's Update
- Centenary Group
- Clubhouse
- Floodlights
- World Tennis Number
- Summer League Results

## Floodlights

The floodlight box for court 1 is fixed. Floodlights can now be used on all courts.

Please ensure you take responsibility for switching the lights on **and off** for the court you are booked to play on.

We are not currently asking for payment for a floodlight pass for the winter.

However, a payment of £1.50 (per court, per hour) when playing on a court after dusk, should be made to the floodlight tin in the clubhouse. This is an honesty system and we would appreciate your co-operation as our floodlights are an extremely costly resource.

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## ITF World Tennis Number

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Exciting news - the **ITF World Tennis Number (WTN)** will launch soon! This new and dynamic rating system will replace the current LTA rating system for all tennis players aged 10+ in Britain.

The simple scale caters for **ALL** recreational and competitive players of all abilities and is updated weekly. Having an accurate WTN will make it easier for players, coaches, and organisers to find evenly matched opponents in both singles and doubles, with players having a separate WTN for each.

In short, the ITF World Tennis Number has...

- ◆ A world-wide rating system that ranges from 40 (recreational players) to 1 (pro players).
- ◆ Separate ratings for singles and doubles players – a world first
- ◆ An algorithm that produces your own rating.
- ◆ An algorithm that counts sets, and matches, played which means the more you compete, the more accurate your rating will be
- ◆ A personalised digital 'Game zONE' feature, which will help you identify opponents with a similar rating online

Competition organisers will need to upload match results to ensure our members' WTN are accurate.

Results Manager will be used to record results

Box League Manager will be used to administer our competitions.

Members will soon be able to view their WTN by logging in to **LTA Advantage**, where it will update each Wednesday, informed by the results entered during the previous week.

Players who have an LTA rating and have played a match in the past four years will automatically have a WTN generated from past results entered. They will be able to log into Advantage and see their Number.

Adult players without a current rating or haven't played a match in the past four years will easily be able to generate an WTN by logging into Advantage and completing a simple two-minute questionnaire.

**If you do not have access to LTA Advantage, you will need to join to get your Number (this is free).**

### TEAM CAPTAINS & COMPETITION ORGANISERS



As a result of the new World Tennis Number system, it is more important than ever that the Club has a clear process for collecting and reporting any eligible match results.

We would like to invite our Coaches, Team Captains and Competition Organisers to put their names forward to enable us to register them for access to Results Manager and Box League Manager.

Could you please contact us at [blaydontc@googlemail.com](mailto:blaydontc@googlemail.com) so we can put the necessary processes in place.



# Congratulations!

## SUMMER LEAGUE RESULTS

### Summer 2021 Northumberland & Durham Pop Up League Results

Ladies 1 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Div B)	Men's 1 – 4 <sup>th</sup> (Div B)	Mixed 1 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Div B)
Ladies 2 – 4 <sup>th</sup> (Div C2)	Men's 2 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Div C1)	Mixed 2 – 4 <sup>th</sup> (Div C)
<b>Ladies 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> (Div E)</b>	Men's 3 – 6 <sup>th</sup> (Div C2)	Mixed 3 – 6 <sup>th</sup> (Div E)
<b>Ladies 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> (Div G)</b>	Men's 4 – 7 <sup>th</sup> (Div E1)	
Ladies Over 55 – 4 <sup>th</sup> (Div B)	Men's 1 Over 55 – 4 <sup>th</sup> (Div A)	Mixed Over 55 – 6 <sup>th</sup> (Div B)
	Men's 2 Over 55 – 5 <sup>th</sup> (Div C)	

### BTC Juniors Summer 2021

16 and Under Boys 2nd (Div 1)	10 and Under A 2nd (Div 1)	<b>9 and Under A 1st (Div 1)</b>
14 and Under Boys 4th (Div 1)	10 and Under B withdrawn	9 and Under B 2nd (Div 2)
<b>12 and Under Boys 1st (Div 2)</b>	<b>10 and Under C 1<sup>st</sup> (Div 2)</b>	<b>8 and Under A 1st (Div 1)</b>
<b>12 and Under Girls 1st (Div 1)</b>	10 and Under D 2nd (Div 2)	8 and Under B 4th (Div 1)
		8 and Under C 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Div 1)

- ◆ Seven, out of our twenty-eight teams entered over the summer Adult and Junior Leagues, were winners!
- ◆ The Ladies section of our club did particularly well with our Ladies 3rd & 4th teams topping their tables. Congratulations to them all! And well done to Ladies Captain Rachel and the other organisers of the Ladies teams & Ladies night for doing Blaydon TC proud.
- ◆ The Men's 2nd and Mixed 1st team agonisingly missed out on the top spot on sets percentage, unfortunately leaving the Men's, Mixed and Over 55's without a title this summer. However, the club are still very proud to be represented by so many teams from across the senior section, despite the challenges of the last two years.
- ◆ Our thriving junior section continued their trend of picking up first division trophies this Summer. The Blaydon Warriors were a credit to the club's large junior base and award winning coaching team as the mixed Under 8's, Under 9's, Under 12 Boys and Under 12 Girls all battled the strongest teams in the North East and came out on top. The Under 10 C team also took home the division two title after the A team was narrowly defeated to deny a clean sweep for the Warriors.
- ◆ The Committee would like to thank all the players, parents, captains and volunteers who were involved in over 100 matches played from April to September this year. And also a huge Thank You to our award winning Coaching Team without whom none of this would be possible.
- ◆ We hope our success continues into the Winter Season with 3 senior teams and 11 junior teams already underway. One final thanks to our Men's Captain; Michael Farrey and Ladies Captain; Rachel Cooper. If you're looking to join our senior teams, we will be inviting expressions of interest early next year :)