



BLAYDON TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our first monthly newsletter!

2020 has definitely been a difficult year for the tennis world, and the world in general. Obviously we are not out of the woods yet, but it is really positive that tennis clubs are able to continue during the local restrictions in place at present. Please all ensure we follow the guidelines to keep ourselves, and others, safe.

The committee are looking to improve communications to the members, including producing a monthly newsletter, WhatsApp, and also utilising social media where possible. Hopefully, the membership will appreciate this. Feel free to offer constructive advice, feedback or comments, so the communication can flow both ways.

Continue to enjoy your tennis! Brian Clarence, Acting Chairman

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Winter League

Three teams have been entered for the North East Winter League. Matches will start in October on Sunday mornings. Please contact Rachel Cooper, or a member of the committee if you are interested in playing for the Club.

Maintenance

Some maintenance has been carried out to strengthen and repair the fencing around the courts. Our groundsman, Danny Gilchrist, will be closing one court to carry out some intensive work on the surface to try and improve the drainage. We have also taken professional advice from Kersten on new ways to prevent the courts from puddling and becoming slippery. Danny is also going to work on looking at rejuvenating the artificial grass, a court at a time over the winter months. More information to follow on timings!

**** If any member, or parent, has a cordless leaf blower we could borrow, please get in touch!!!! ****

Winter Memberships and Floodlight Passes

Do you know someone who would like to join from October? We are running a special Winter membership package deal for adults, juniors and mini's. For more information, or to sign up, please visit the website under the 'memberships' tab. Please spread the word to family and friends.

From 1st October, all members wanting to play under lights will need to purchase a floodlight pass. This is for anyone who receives coaching, attends a social session or books a court at any time requiring floodlights.

It is £30 (£20 for juniors and minis) for the 6 month winter season, (just over £1 a week for unlimited use). For a one off game, please could you pay £1.50 per hour to the floodlight honesty box located in the clubhouse. Both the winter membership offer, and the floodlight pass can be purchased on our website:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/blaydontennisclub/Membership/Join>



WhatsApp Broadcast

A WhatsApp broadcast service is now available which allows you to receive our latest updates and newsletter, in addition to information being sent by email. Unlike WhatsApp groups, Broadcast messages allows you to receive information without anyone seeing your phone number, making it more GDPR friendly. You can also reply directly to the message without others seeing your reply.

If you wish to opt out, please contact Helen at blaydontc@googlemail.com

Club Championship

September saw the culmination of our club championship. Remi Carriot came out as champion beating Michael Farrey in the final, and Ian Jackson won a tightly contested plate event final against Martyn Kelly. A huge thanks goes to Dave Boldon for organising the event.

*Pictured left: Remi Carriot and gorgeous daughter
Pictured right: Sara Farrey, Treasurer, presenting winner Ian Jackson*



Safeguarding Update

Alyson from the Lawn Tennis Association conducted a scheduled safeguarding visit and we are proud to say we meet all the 'minimum' criteria, and most of the 'exceeding' criteria. It was a very useful meeting for committee members and coaches to update their knowledge with the latest examples of good practice. All our policies linked into safeguarding, inclusion, equality and diversity can be found on our website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/blaydontennisclub/Events>

We are looking for volunteers who could form a working party to help us remove some of the waste we are accumulating around the site, do some weeding of our drainage areas, and help to cut back the jungle of foliage we have around the fences. If any members, or parents, would be happy to help us with a bit of manual work for a couple of hours to make the venue tidier and safer. Please get in touch with Ian on 07852 898799 or ianpearson.tennis@gmail.com



RESULTS

Juniors

U9'B team	drew 10-10	v David Lloyd Sunderland
U10'C team	lost 6-0	v Northumberland
U10'D team	lost 6-0	v David Lloyd Sunderland
U12 Boys	won 6-0	v Collingwood
U12 Boys	lost 4-2	v Northumberland
U12 Girls	lost 4-2	v David Lloyd Sunderland
U14 Boys	won 6-0	v Northumberland
U16 Boys	won 6-0	v Yarm

Ladies

1st	won 8-0	v Stocksfield
2nd	lost 0-8	v Alnwick
3rd	lost 0-8	v Wylam

Mens

1st	lost 3-5	v Collingwood
2nd	lost	v Wylam
3rd	lost 3-5	v David Lloyd, Newcastle

Mixed

1st	lost 4-4	v Stocksfield
2nd	won 6-2	v Stocksfield

WELL DONE ALL!

All the answers to the questions below are made up of letters from the name RAFAEL NADAL (answers can be found below)



1. This 2016 American romantic fantasy drama film directed by Scott Hicks shares its title with a 1998 supernatural thriller starring Denzel Washington, John Goodman and Donald Sutherland?
2. Which animal fat was largely used as a substitution for butter in World War two?
3. What was the first name of the American actor, singer & comedian who was nicknamed 'the king of cool'?
4. Which small flightless parasite is from the order Siphonaptera and has over 2,500 different species?
5. Which detective was helped by his deceased partner's ghost in solving crimes through this comedy TV drama from the late 60's?

1. Fallen 2. Lard 3. Dean (Martin) 4. Flea 5. Randall (and Hopkirk)