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EA<S NEWSLETTER

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Club news

Jill Lister

It is with great sadness we have to inform you of the recent passing of another long-standing and loyal member of Edgbaston Archery - Mrs Jill Lister.

Many older members will remember Jill, not only as the wife of George, but mainly for her ever-cheery nature, and friendly welcoming face whenever she was at the Club, and that glint in her eye when speaking of her years at Archery. She was a member for over 55 years, and played regularly throughout, until her health began to deteriorate. Jill was a huge and loyal supporter of Archery, alongside her husband George, and remained a member even with health restrictions, always wanting to hear the latest news about the Club.

Jill will be fondly remembered and greatly missed. We send our sincere condolences to George at this sad time.

Sue Chopra - Former Honorary Secretary

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Letters of support

We will be approaching Calthorpe Estates (who own the land the club is on) re: our lease very soon.

We need to secure a long-term lease for the club to be able to get any significant funding to allow us to invest in the facilities and so we want to approach them in the strongest possible position.

To help with that, we are asking for 'letters of support' from members. There is no set template as we want you to write what the club means to you but some suggestions would be:

- How long you have been a member
- How often you play
- What sort of tennis you play (i.e. social, teams, coaching, etc)
- What influence or impact the club has had on you

We are aiming to meet Calthorpe Estates in November so please email any to <u>helenowen20@hotmail.com</u> by the end of October.

EA<S Club policies

As Welfare Officer at EALTS, my role is to promote safeguarding within the club and to help create an environment that is safe and inclusive for everyone. If you have any concerns about welfare or safeguarding at the club, please do contact me, Jane Wilton, on 07931 720951.

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind all members that the club has a set of policies to help everyone to have a positive tennis experience and to make sure that the well-being of everyone, and particularly children and adults at risk, is prioritised.

Everyone in the club is required to read and comply with these policies. You can find them on the club website and laminated on the wall in the clubhouse. The policies are as follows:

Covid-19 policy: this is being regularly updated in line with national, local and LTA guidance. Do read the latest version on the website.

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Safeguarding Policy: this explains the club's commitment to safeguarding and what to do if you have a concern about the well-being or safety of a child or an adult at risk. Unless the danger is immediate (in which case you should contact the police), you should contact me, the Welfare Officer or the LTA safeguarding team about the concern.

Code of Conduct: this explains the standard of behaviour expected from everyone involved with the club, including the expectations that all children and adults are treated in a supportive and friendly way and with respect. All parents are required to make sure that their children understand the code of conduct too.

Diversity and Inclusion Policy: we want everyone to have the opportunity to participate in tennis, and the policy explains how we will do this e.g. by supporting inclusive practice and taking action where there are concerns about discrimination.

Use of Changing Rooms Policy: it includes letting parents know that they are responsible for supervising their child under 12 using the changing room.

Anti-Bullying Policy: this spells out everyone's roles and responsibilities to help prevent bullying at the club, and how we will make sure it is stopped if it does happen and provide support to those affected.

Online Safety and Communication Policy: this sets out how we expect everyone in the club to use the internet and social media in ways to protect children and adults from potential harm. It includes precautions to be taken by coaches when communicating by mobile phone e.g. for parents to be copied into any messages to children

Photography and Filming Best Practice Guidance: the club endorses this guidance from the LTA, which includes the requirement to gain written consent from a child and their parent before taking and using a child's image.

Safer Recruitment Policy: when the club is involved in recruiting staff, this policy spells out how this will be done to help safeguard children and adults at risk.

Disciplinary Policy: this spells out how we will respond to concerns that a member may have breached club policies.

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Jane Wilton - Welfare Officer Easyfundraising – support our club

The money raised through Easyfundraising is steadily creeping up!!

Easyfundraising does not cost you anything to sign up or when shopping - the retailer donates to the cause based on the total cost of your shop. We would love more members, if they can, to sign up and help support.

If you are a regular online shopper, please do consider signing up to Easyfundraising to help support our club and raise funds. Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help our club to raise funds, simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers– such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Adidas, Nike, Stringers world, eBay, and M&S and many more.

It's very easy to sign up and support our cause - here's how...

- Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org

- Search for our good cause - Edgbaston Archery and Lawn Tennis Society. Hit

search

- Click on Support this cause
- Create an account, either by using Facebook or Email
- Enter your personal details and then Create my account
- Proceed to shop via Easyfundraising website or App.

- Almost there.... why not add the donation reminder to ensure that you get a prompt every time you go onto a retailer's site who will donate money to the club.

As of Thursday 28 October 2020, we have raised $\pounds77.87$ and have 19 supporters!!

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Tennis news

Group coaching

If you are interested in joining a group coaching session, whether it be cardio tennis, adult beginner or team tennis, please visit our <u>website</u> for more information and to pre-book.

Social tennis

Organised mix-ins are back every Tuesday, Wednesday & Sunday! Each mix-in session will have it's own organiser.

Again, please visit our <u>website</u> for the start times of each mix-in and to pre-book. Please do not just turn up, you will be turned away.

Please bring your £1 coins for Tuesday and Wednesday sessions as floodlights will be required.

If you would like to help organise a mix-in, please contact Tom Knowles for more information.

Visitor fees

Just a gentle reminder that members are welcome to bring visitors down to the club **up to three times in the year.** Please ensure you, the member, pay the £5 adult/ £3 junior visitor fee before you book a court and play.

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Upcoming events

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help with ground maintenance tasks at the

Club. Can you help and spare a few hours?

Time and date: Sunday 1 November 2020, 10am start (2-3 hours)

Charlie or Karsten will be your point of contact on the day and will advise of activities.

Please bring the following, if you have them: gloves, secateurs, waste bags etc

If you can help for any length of time please text Neil (07766880067) so we can plan out the tasks.

Bar opening times

The upcoming bar opening times are as follows:

Tuesday to Friday - 7.00pm to 10pm Saturday - 2pm - 5pm

- The bar will be closed at 10pm, when everyone is expected to leave.
- The bar will be operating a table service only, with a maximum of 6 people per table.
- You must remain seated and you must not stand at the bar.
- If all tables are occupied, please visit us at another time.
- On arrival at the club, members and visitors should use their smartphone to submit contact details via the NHS Covid-19 app, by scanning a QR code (located around the club) for Test and Trace purposes. Those without smartphones should provide contact details to the Bar Person.
- As always, please continue to use hand gel whilst you are at the club.

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And the winners are....

100 Club

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were not able to carry out the September virtual draw, but this will now be done together with the October draw as soon as possible, with winners being notified by email. Details will also be included in the next newsletter.



If you would like to participate in the Draw, and have not yet purchased your number(s), it's very simple to join - contact Sue, who runs our EA<S 100 Club, via details below, to choose a number between 1-90 (at present) and she will advise if it's free/available. This will then be allocated to you, and entered into future Draws, conducted on the last Friday of the month, currently via Zoom. Many members have more than one number, but it's up to you how many you'd like to have.

The cost is only £3 per number per month.

You can set up either a monthly payment electronically via your bank, or a one-off payment (again electronically) to cover your number till the end of the year, whichever is more convenient to you.

All monies, after payout of prizes, go towards the Club's Development fund. We'd really like you to join us, and participate in this monthly Draw, and be in with a chance of winning £50.

Please contact Sue via email (choprasc@aol.com) or mobile (07751334153), to choose your numbers, and who knows you may be our next winner!

Remember - you have to be in it to win it - good luck V 📥 V

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Got something to share?

If you have any exciting news or updates to share with the club and members, please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>ealtssecretary@gmail.com</u> with your content and we will be more than happy to add to our next newsletter.