## MARLBOROUGH TENNIS NEWSLETTER





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# What's on in June - Dates for the Diary

Standby for a busy <u>June packed with events</u> with a few new activities being rolled out:

- Club Social Tennis, every Wednesday 6-8pm and every Sunday, 10-12 am. Open to all members with rotational play in place. Each Sunday follows a similar format and Rusty Racket players are most welcome. No need to book, just turn up.
- 'Boys & Beers' Friday 4 June, 6-7pm it's doubles on courts 3,4,5 and 6 and then enjoy a BYO beverage and banter on the terrace. Please send a What's App to Jo Payne (07766 721799) to be added to a new 'Boys and Beers' group. It is open to all, renewing and new members of all standards. Even if you can't make the 4 June, get on the group for the future.
- **'Early bird Tennis', starts Tuesday 8th June, 7.30-9.30am** After a mini survey on Early Bird tennis we are trialling morning tennis for those who want to get out and about before breakfast. The first session will help us develop this weekly slot. <u>Peter May</u> will be the first host. To help with set up, please email Peter in advance.
- Fizz Friday, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>rd</sup> June, 6-7pm. A 'Girls Night Out'. 20 playing places are available, with a five girls per court, for a four on, one off format. Please contact <u>Fiona Wycherley</u> (07747 103549) or <u>Jo</u> <u>Payne</u> (07766 721799) if you would like to be added to the Ladies Social WhatsApp group.
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  Time to get into another popular social tournament run by <u>Neil and Penny</u> so please sign up <u>here.</u> It's a



## Sizzling summer

June promises to be a great month for tennis – forget all that May drizzle it's time to sizzle! We've got a range of new tournaments on offer including a juniors event, a summer sundowner to celebrate the looming longest day and a weekday tournament on offer.

doubles format with 24 spaces available and there's a small charge to cover prizes .

- Weekday fun tournament, Thursday 17 June, 10-12am. Have some free time and want to try a weekday and daytime tournament? We are piloting a Thursday morning slot. <u>Sign up here</u> as spaces are limited to 12 initially.
- New 'Afternoon T' social Tennis, starts Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2-4pm. Our short survey on optional weekday tennis social sessions showed that 63% of respondents preferred a Friday with the afternoon favoured by 43%. Subject to the trial, this will take place every week. To make initial planning easy please <u>book in</u> on line to help manage court allocation. <u>Andrew Payne</u> will host the first session. Hope to see you there!
- Teens tournament, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2-4.30 pm. Our coach Joe Revelle promises a blockbuster. Let's see the teens out blasting tennis balls around the court and having fun. Sign up here
- 'Solstice Sundowner' Sunday
  20<sup>th</sup> June, 8-9 pm The longest
  day (-1) with late night play from
  8-9, BYO drinks on the terrace 9-



and sunset at 9.25 pm. Shown as an Open Day, really an open evening so sign in here.

• Club Championships. In early July we'll be kicking off our Annual Club Championships and Rusty Rackets Championships which will include singles, mixed

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doubles, doubles and roll up doubles. Details to follow in mid-June from our competitions team.

## **Ball Machine**

If you'd like to book the Club ball machine, we have 1 hour training sessions available and then there's a small £10 fee for the membership year which covers costs. Check out the <u>website</u> for details and look out for the summary email to get yourself going.

# Welcome to our new members

In addition to a great renewal rate, we welcomed a wide range of new members to the club since April:

- 12 adults including two under 25's
- 12 families
- 4 juniors
- 1 playing parent

We are a friendly club, so if you don't recognise someone on court say hello and introduce yourself.

## May Madness - what a month!

May might have been the wettest month ever, but what a lot of tennis and activities at the club! We've had:

- A great gardening and planting day hosted by Karen Maskell with a dozen volunteers
- A Scottish themed Social tennis tournament with 24 participants for Andy Murrays' birthday
- Our second 'Bring a Friend' night and two Fizz Fridays
- A 'New Members Night' which welcomed a host of new joiners
- A busy and fun 'Open Day' with 29 attendees and some great cardio tennis for all
- League matches galore
- Ladders, social tennis, rusty rackets and coaching
- A lot of tennis 1037 court bookings in April-May!



### Summer league news

We've had a great start to <u>summer league</u> winning a massive 1071 games to date! The recent headlines include:

**Girl power Just 2019 Ladies A - Div 1.** The A team currently lie in 4th position having won 15/24 sets. They are in a very tough division and enjoying some great tennis.

**Ladies B - Div 3.** The B's are in top position having won 23/24 sets. It's all to play for, with some tough opposition to come.

Ladies C - Div 4. In first place having won 19/24 sets. This team is steadily building confidence and from the sounds of things (heard from the other court) really enjoying their team tennis!



**Mens A - Div 4**. After two matches the A team have not lost a set. The last match was not completed due to hail!! What must have been the most spectacular shot

of the season came from Alex in the match against Ramsbury – you may have seen it on video on WhatsApp – who needs Wimbledon?!

**Mens B - Div 6**. Three matches in and the B team lie in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, having won 15/24 sets and are bonding well as a team.

**Mens C – Div 7.** Having won exactly half their sets so far 12/24. The C team is doing better than their 5<sup>th</sup> place suggests.

#### 59% win rate



**Mixed A – Div 2.** The A team lie in second position, hot on the heels of Minety. An injury in the last match prevented a full sweep of wins but 20/24 sets have been won so far.

**Mixed B - Div 3.** After a slow start, the B team are on the up after a good win against Burbage in a howling May gale and currently lie in 5th place, winning 14/32 sets.

**Mixed C Team - Div 4.** In third place having won 11/16 sets, the team are doing well and with a match in hand have made a great start to the season. The team braved the elements and 50 mph winds in their latest match!

If you can come out and support our teams – match dates and results are <u>here</u>. Want to get involved? Just email <u>compete@marlborouqhtennis.co.uk</u>