



In this issue...Court repainting, Spring Fling and getting ready for summer

What's on in April - Dates for the Diary Here's what's on in April:

- Fizz Friday, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22nd April, 6-7pm. A 'Girls Night Out.' Contact Fiona Wycherley (07747 103549) or Jo Payne (07766 721799) if you would like to be added to the Ladies Social WhatsApp group. Play for an hour and BYO drinks from 7pm. 20 playing spaces available.
- 'Blues and Yellows' Tournament, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2-4.3opm. Our regular social tournament continues with a team theme! Players scores will add up as part of a bigger team. Register early as the slots fill up quickly and dress for the event. Register here.
- Court repainting dates, 25-29 April. All the courts will be repaired and painted from Monday 25-29<sup>th</sup> April subject to weather conditions. We are negotiating alternate sites so tennis will continue. Watch out for regular updates this month.
- Work party Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 10-12am. Help with a little gardening tidying up around the club. Please bring some tools and Gary Bond will lead our preparation for a new season.
- Bring a Friend Night, Sunday 1 May, 6-7pm. Bring a friend who might like to join the club. Tennis, drinks and a brief introduction. Contact <u>Jo Payne</u> initially.
- Juniors Competitions <u>Neil Watts</u> organises cross club competitive tennis for our juniors. Dates are:
  - Saturday 2nd April, 12:30-2:30pm 12-16-year-old singles Tournament, hosted by Wanborough
  - Saturday 9th April, 12-2pm Mini Red Team Competition 4 players, hosted by Delta indoors
  - Friday 22nd April 11am 1:30pm Teenager Singles Tournament, hosted by Wanborough

### Easter Tennis Camps

Our holiday camps will run during Easter and are led by LTA Fully accredited and DBS checked coaches. The camps will include lots of fun games, tennis skills and competition throughout the day. Please sign up <a href="here">here</a>.

# Save the date for our Spring Fling

**Spring Fling, Saturday 14 May.** George and Gillo Horton have kindly offered us the use of a barn at Rabson Manor, Winterbourne Bassett to hold a 'Spring Fling' from 7-11pm. Hog roast, dancing, bar and BYO, a fantastic opportunity to get friends and family together and enjoy an evening of carousing in the countryside. Contact events for more information or see our poster.

# St Patrick's Day Tournament

Brilliant, green, and fun! Congratulations to Deborah Confortini who deserved victory with the extra points gained



whilst wearing the 'bonus point giving' Leprechaun Hat and also to Helen Tatham for Best Costume. If you haven't had a go then this months team based event is for you!

# Membership Renewals - Act now!

A new membership model. We are progressing with our new 'date of purchase' membership model and all existing members have been sent a renewal email. Please renew your membership by the 14<sup>th</sup> April to enjoy a new season.

# New members joining the club

Please extend a warm welcome to our most recent new March joiners. Our new 'date of purchase' membership is already breaking the mould for ease of joining. Welcome to Martin Black, Jonathan Salmon, Rachel Bond and Suzie Wray.

#### Swindon and District Winter League update

We're continuing our strong performance and have won two of the three divisions we are in the winter league Well done to everyone who has taken part. Current results (as of 30<sup>th</sup> March) are:

- Marlborough 'A,' Mixed Doubles Division 2 Group
   1, fourth place
- Marlborough 'B', Mixed Doubles Division 4 Group 1, first place 70% of sets won – we're going up!
- Marlborough 'C', Mixed Doubles Division 5 Group 1, first place, 82% of sets won – bingo!

Practices start for those registered for summer league as follows:

- Men's league Monday evenings 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Women's League Tuesday evenings 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April
- Mixed League Thursday evenings, 14<sup>th,</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April

Contact <u>Penny Smith or Neil Emery</u>. Summer league requires each player to have a World Tennis Number with the LTA. More information is available here.

#### March 50:50 Draw Winners

Congratulations to last months winners who scooped the pot and especially Guy as a new member. Winners were:

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- 1st : Hilda Moore number 96, £162.50
- 2nd: Alan Francis number9, £97.50
- 3rd: Guy Saxton number2, £65.00

The lottery helps fund club improvements. See the website for details or get in touch with Peter May to grab

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one of the last few lucky numbers – just £10 a month.

#### AGM Roundup

We held our annual AGM on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The minutes will be distributed shortly, for all those who

missed it but here are a few headlines. Firstly, we are an all volunteer club and thanks to everyone who helped in a variety of roles or small actions, we continue to smash it!



Financially, we hit £33.8k in member revenue. This was well above our target of £30k – a big thanks to everyone who helped. We are now financially sustainable following our move to the new site in 2018 which required huge investment.

Figure 2 - Membership revenue growth



We grew both membership and access to tennis via our 'Pay and Play' courts. We have also continued to make strong progress in savings for future court and lights refurbishment. Keep supporting MT - its your club!

Figure 1 - Key results summary

