

Welcome to the October edition of our newsletter, with news, events and more.

NOTIFICATION OF AGM

The Club's AGM will be held at 7.30pm on 3 November. As we cannot all meet up in person it will be held by Zoom. Many of you will be used to having meetings like this. It can work very well! Details of the link to be used and the agenda will be sent out to members in mid-October.

COVID-19 GUIDANCE

The club continues to follow Covid-19 guidance as set out by the Government and LTA. To support NHS Test and Trace we are required to keep a temporary record of all those on site for 21 days. We would like to remind all members to add all participants for any booking made. This includes both any member or guest that is playing.

CLUB SPRUCE UP

The club held a spruce up of the outside of the clubhouse and surrounding areas on Saturday 26th September. The clubhouse and benches were painted, and the garden was pruned and weeded ready for the winter. Some of the slabs were relaid and this is an ongoing project. This work was in addition to a large weeding project around the courts by various members throughout the last couple of months. Many thanks to all who helped.



A FRIENDLY TOURNAMENT – AND A WIN FOR THE UK

To coincide with the Men's Final at the US Open and to add some spice and interest to Sunday's Social Tennis Programme, 25 members took sides in a friendly transatlantic battle on 13th September. Darryl Lucas was the Mastermind, using his own algorithm, honed in the white heat of Key Stage One Mathematics and accompanied with a scoring system that left the outcome in the balance until the very last round.



The UK took the lead over the USA at the end of Round One – and never lost it! It did, of course, create great controversy as Darryl had organised the two teams and then opted to play for the UK. He may, singlehandedly, have jeopardised Post-Brexit trade talks and inadvertently affected the outcome of November's Presidential Election. He strenuously denies ever having worked for Cambridge Analytica.

A lot of fun for everyone concerned and it provided an excellent opportunity for new members of the Club to meet each other and to meet established players. We will dream up some other spurious pretext for another tournament before Christmas – CP (Covid Permitting). **Many thanks to Darryl for his immaculate organisation.**

REMINDERS ...

SOCIAL TENNIS

Don't forget that we have three social tennis sessions a week: Sunday 10-12am; Wednesday 6-8pm; Friday 10.30am-12.30pm for Vets (+40 for women; +45 for men.) Players of all abilities are welcome to any of these sessions. We organise them in such a way that everyone gets plenty of play and practice in playing others. We maintain social distance and give regular reminders to sanitise hands!

WHATSAPP GROUP

As we are moving into the winter, and a period when the weather may be a bit erratic, we are suggesting setting up a WhatsApp group so that members can check who else is going. This will hopefully help to ensure that if people turn up there will always be others to play. It will be entirely optional whether you want to join such a group but if you do please let Jenny Spencer know on info@newportpagnelltennis.net

CLUBHOUSE & FLOODLIGHTS

The Clubhouse is still not in general use and is unlikely to be in the foreseeable future (too much risk of people congregating inside) so if you are likely to need access to the floodlights you will need to apply for a key. Pay a £6 refundable deposit to the Club's bank account (a/c no: 01219974, sort code: 30-15-53) and then let me know on the above email that you have done so.



NEWS

Do you have any news to share with our members? If so, please email Loren at this address - loren.nally@tiscali.co.uk.

