

# Club Newsletter Autumn 2018

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### Record numbers flock to the club

Membership numbers for 2018 are significantly up on last year and it has been great to see so many new, existing and returning members playing tennis. This summer has seen record attendances at both club night (Tuesdays from 7.30pm) and Men's night (Thursdays from 8pm). Ladies night is also still going strong (Wednesday nights) whilst a new club play session on Sunday morning (10.30am) has also proved popular with new members and improving players. If you want to get involved with club play (or even set up a new group session at a time that suits you) why not get involved in the club Whatsapp group; more on this below.



### Match point



We had four teams in the local leagues this year, two men's teams, a mixed vets and a ladies vets. Several new players made their league debuts this year and we have seen some great performances. Internally, the club singles ladder has seen some good tussles. John Wiseman is currently at the top and with the ladder due to refresh on 1st April the race is on to knock him off his perch! Details of how to join the ladder are on our website.

### Note from the Chairman - John Wiseman

The committee have been delighted to see the new courts completed and in use, we hope you are enjoying playing on them. We are keen to continue to improve our facilities and upcoming plans include getting a new table tennis table for the clubhouse and purchasing a ball serving machine. If you have ideas and suggestions of what you would like to see or think you can help with a project then please get in touch! Contact details for the committee members are on our website.

### When was the last time you restrung your racquet?

Did you know that you should replace your strings as many times per year as you play per week? If your racquet could do with some TLC why not get in touch with our brand new sponsor, Sam 'The Racquet Man' via [sam@theracquetman.co.uk](mailto:sam@theracquetman.co.uk), on facebook or at [www.theracquetman.co.uk](http://www.theracquetman.co.uk).





## Keeping in touch

The club now has a very active Whatsapp group (its like a big group message for anyone who hasn't come across it). The group is a great way to hear about what is going on, find out who is going to club night or to find someone to play a ladder match against. If you would like to join or want to find out more please contact James Mackay (07974077846). We also have a Facebook page you can find by searching Wylam Tennis Club and you can contact the committee by email at <https://www.wylamtennisclub.co.uk/>

## Strawberries and cream anyone?

Thanks to everyone who registered for the Wimbledon ballot this year. As a result we were awarded six pairs of tickets for the summer showpiece (including men's final tickets!). Don't forget to register with the LTA and 'opt in' so you have a chance to get tickets for 2019 (ask a committee member if you need a hand) Thanks to Tina for organising the ballot and David and Helen for the photos!

## Dates for your diary

The committee have been busy planning upcoming events. More details on the events below will be sent in due course but in the meantime why not put these dates in your diary!



- 22<sup>nd</sup> September** Late summer tournament. For more details please contact James.
- 10<sup>th</sup> November** Autumn club clean up (10-12am). If you can spare an hour or two to help tidy up the clubhouse and maintain the grounds it would be really helpful
- 4<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> October** Men's social night. Being co-ordinated by James Mackay (details TBC).
- 7<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Party and end of season awards (venue TBC). Being co-ordinated by Angela.
- 14<sup>th</sup>–27<sup>th</sup> January** Australian Open!
- 22<sup>th</sup> April 2019** Little and large tournament (parents and children). We would love some parents to help with this, please talk to a committee member if you would like to help!

## Frustrated by your backhand, disappointed by your serve? Why not get some coaching!

Along with the record number of members, we have had an excellent year of coaching. Whether you are looking to improve technique, develop tactical awareness for match play or simply come along to meet some new people and learn a thing or two; we have you covered. There are a variety of lessons for both juniors and adults, within groups, or private lessons are available at a time of convenience. If you're nervous/not sure of your standard going into club nights/coaching sessions, 1 on 1s to start are available to 'assess' and see what the plan going forward would be.

Get in touch with Tom on 07817061898 or via [tom.geary@gmx.com](mailto:tom.geary@gmx.com) to enquire further about timings or book a session.



**Questions, ideas, suggestions?** Please get in touch!