

16 August Club Update

Thank you to all members for your understanding about the limited availability of courts last week due to our annual Grade 3 LTA Tournament. It is from hosting competitions like these that the LTA granted and loaned us the money to build the facilities that we have today.

It was heart-warming to see minis, juniors and adults from all over the country sharing our superb facilities and receiving a typical GTC open-armed welcome. This year, we had players from Lincolnshire and all over England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, as well as Russia and America.

It was a challenging year for the tournament for many reasons, personal for some, logistical for others. Once again, the club looked towards the team to step up, which they did.

Thank you so much to Terri for everything she continued to do under sad circumstances. Also to Rob Start, Sue Stannard, Sue Baxter, Stuart Calow and Joe Patton for stepping in and stepping up.

The tournament was a success, with many compliments shared with the team. This was especially the case for the mini tennis events that were organised so well by Terri. They were then delivered brilliantly by Sue, Rob, Stuart, Joe, James Pitcher and the tennis leaders Alex Harris, Aaron Fleckney, Jacob Boneham, LJ Fleckney, Emily Forster, Ben Pitcher and Harry Chambers.

The tennis leaders are one of our most significant assets. Paul and Megan have enjoyed training our new recruits at our tennis leaders course this summer. If you haven't been able to attend this summer's sessions, watch out for the next dates in October or December.

Thank you to Simon Allen, who volunteered when Rob Isaac was pinged and had to isolate. He ensured the courts were ready for play on Sunday night and for the following mornings' play, which involved very early morning starts.

Thank you also to Mark Paddock and Nigel Birch for helping Rob make the club look as charming as it does. We receive so many compliments about how well kept the club looks, so all their hard work is noticed.

Clay Courts

Now the courts have had their quarterly maintenance visit from Replay, and Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted regarding the court brushes; ALL MEMBERS must sweep the clay and brush the lines after play. This must also be done after all coached sessions, group or individual. It is vital that the lines are swept as well as the courts brushed. Please make it easier for the club's staff by doing this without having to be asked. As we know, there is plenty of footage of Nadal, Federer and Murry all sweeping courts after use – it's a necessary habit, not a chore.

LTA President to visit GTC - Wednesday 25 August

David Rawlinson, the LTA President, is visiting Lincolnshire shortly. During his visit, he will spend time at GTC. We are running an inclusive social tennis afternoon, from 1pm to 3pm, that all members can join (please call reception to book your place – usual £1 fee applies) – David and his wife Brenda have said they would like to play too! If you don't want to play, please come down and support the club as he will be with us for a couple of hours! He will present us with our Midlands Disability Award and present Stuart Calow with his LTA President's Award.

Larkfleet Homes - New Sponsor

Towards the end of the coaching term, the LTA Performance team contacted us to let us know that the five-year funding plan for our mini performance programme has stopped three years in. The funding helped parents massively as it contributed to lesson costs that some children had three times a week. After the news, we emailed the affected parents, letting them know and asking if they knew any local businesses that may be interested in sponsoring the programme. One parent, who works for Larkfleet Homes, replied, saying they would love to sponsor. Larkfleet is an award-winning housebuilder and developer based in Bourne.

Road To Wimbledon

Last week, GTC members Josh Harris and Sophie Munks had an excellent experience playing in the Road to Wimbledon Finals on the hallowed All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club courts.

They qualified for the county singles events by winning at GTC in June and then Eastgate Club in July.

They both won one of their three matches in the round-robin singles event, so they didn't progress to the main draw but were allocated a partner for the county doubles matches.

Josh teamed up with Joseph Harris from Leicestershire and made it to the final. They finished as runners-up to their opponents from Lancashire and Cumbria.

Keep an eye out for a report later in the week.

Members Survey

We always like to hear what you want to say so please fill in this survey to help us improve: ([click here](#)).

Gym Opening Hours

Listening to our members, we have decided to open the gym at 6am from Monday to Friday starting Tuesday 31 August. Please book your slot like you currently do.

Sunday Night League

The winter version of the Sunday Night League will be starting in October and played indoors. Reception can take entries for the winter, but more information will be sent out in the next couple of weeks, so keep an eye out!

Summer Schedule

Our regular Summer Schedule continued today with camps, matchplays and coaching drop-ins for players of all ages.

To book a camp or matchplay place online, [click here](#). To book a coaching session, [click here](#).

You can also book a place by calling us on 01476 591391, or popping into reception.

GTC Club Championships

This year's Club Championships start on Monday 30 August. The closing date for entries was originally Monday 16 August. However, we have extended it until 9pm on Wednesday 18 August, so you still have time to enter!

Events are for all ages and include parent and child events. Come into reception to pick up an entry form and schedule.

We are running a Finals Day on Saturday 4 September with a BBQ. Even if you aren't playing, feel free to come down, watch some tennis and have a lovely afternoon.