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WELCOME TO OUR CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2008

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fri, April 4th New Season Supper

Fri, May 16th Wimbledon Supper

Weds, April 16th Junior Members New Season Open Night



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS.

I'm afraid it's that time of the year again when we have to ask you to part with some of your hard earned money. A Renewal Application Form is enclosed with this newsletter. Subscriptions are due by 1st April and remember only people who have paid will be allowed on the courts. Prompt payment also gains you entry into the ever popular Wimbledon Ticket Draw.



This year we shall be issuing a membership card which will be sent out in April following receipt of your renewal.

As you know the numbers in the Tennis club have been falling putting pressure on finances. Bob Mason is carrying out a review including your feedback to address this issue. As a result of preliminary feedback from Bob the committee have decided that for 2008, Junior, and as a consequence, family membership, should be reduced in order to encourage new members and to remain competitive with other clubs. The joining fee for any new members has been suspended.

We will be reviewing Bob Mason's final recommendations and the results of the survey in the near future. We will let you know the findings and the action points to follow.

<u>Court Maintenance</u>	<u>Junior Member New Season Open Night</u>
We will be going ahead with the essential repairs on Court 4 – hopefully in the very near future in order to be able to make the most of the season. In addition, we will be repairing the netting and carrying out required hedge cutting on a staged basis.	As part of our drive to encourage junior members we are offering a opening evening on Wednesday 16 th April There will be free food on offer and the evening will be hosted by Andrew and Lauren – tennis, fun and food on offer! Look forward to seeing you there.

Website & e-mail

Please remember to use the website for all the information regarding match fixtures, tournaments and results www.gxsc.co.uk/tennisclub/adult_fixtures.htm . In addition details of forthcoming social functions can be found there. If you wish to contact any of the committee members they can be reached on our new e-mail address tennis@gxsc.co.uk . **Please note we will in future be using the website as the main means of communication – it is cheaper and more instantaneous! So please add it to your favourites and visit regularly.** Tennis section homepage www.gxsc.co.uk/tennisclub/index.htm

Competitive Tennis

Attached with this newsletter you will find an Application Form for the Club Tournament. This should be completed and returned with the entrance fees to Linda Kimberley as soon as possible but in any case before 20th April.

Also attached is a form for those of you interested in playing in the teams. Details of the teams are shown on the form.

Summer Team Captains are:

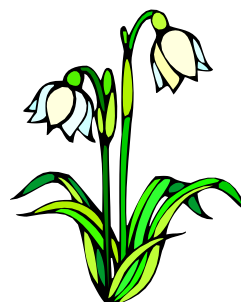
Ladies I - Angela Hart
Ladies II - Linda Kimberley
Men's I - Julian Peers
Men's II - Neil McCluskey

Match fees this year remain at £6 per player. Still not a bad deal considering you get a lunch and the match balls included.

Social Tennis

Court days and timings are the same as last year. Full details are shown on the website: www.gxsc.co.uk/tennisclub/court_times.htm

Indoor tennis is again being organised for next winter and attached is a form for you to register your interest in playing. Please remember if you do take a court you are responsible for paying the fee even if for some reason you are unable to use it. Several courts were returned to us this year which the club has had to pay for.



Social Events

- As always our **Burns' Night Supper** was a great success. Special thanks must go to Rachel Knight who canvassed the shops in Gerrards Cross into donating some great prizes for our raffle and for organising the whole event. Our thanks go to all those businesses who did contribute. Their names can be seen on our website.
- The **New Season Tennis and BBQ Evening** is taking place on Friday, 4th April. It is the first Friday get together after the clocks have changed. Come along. Play tennis from early evening. Stay and enjoy a drink with your barbeque. Children are welcome too so start the season off with a **banger** !
- The ever popular **Wimbledon Supper** will take place on Friday, 16th May. An application form is attached to this newsletter. Please complete and return it with your cheque as soon as possible to Rachel Knight. Remember by attending you get double the chance of getting Wimbledon tickets.
- The **Summer Ball** is scheduled for Friday, 19th September. Please keep this date free in your diary as it's a great event. More details in the future.

Diary Dates – 2008

Easter Bank Holiday American Tournament	Mon, 24 th March
New Season Tennis & BBQ	Fri, 4 th April
Junior members New Season Open Night	Weds, 16 th April
Junior / Senior Tournament	Mon, 5 th May
Wimbledon Supper Evening	Fri, 16 th May
Spring Bank Holiday American Tournament	Mon, 26 th May
Tennis Supper Evening	Fri, 4 th July
Inter Continental Invitational Tournament	Sun, 13 th July
Tennis Supper Evening	Fri, 8 th August
August Bank Holiday American Tournament	Mon, 25 th August
Club Finals Day	Sat, 6 th September
Junior / Senior Tournament	Sun, 7 th September
Summer Ball	Fri, 19 th September
Veteran's Tournament	Sun, 28 th September
Tennis Club AGM	Fri, 7 th November
Christmas American Tournament	Sat, 27 th December

To enter the Tournaments please enter your name on the joining sheet which will be available 2 to 3 weeks in advance of the event on the notice board in the vestibule by the changing rooms in the club house.

Congratulations to the winners of the last American Tournament held on 27th December. The men's Pitt Pot was won by Mike Twinning, runner up Alf Leggett. The ladies by Helen Marlow, runner up Rachel Knight. Special Thanks to John Price for his delicious mulled wine and mince pies.

Junior Nights begin once more on Wednesday 9th April and continue on each Wednesday.

Club House

A reminder that entrance to the club house, out of opening hours, can be gained via a swipe card which can be obtained from John Price behind the bar. This allows entrance via the changing rooms. Access to the meeting room is by security code which you can obtain from a committee member.

The Club House is available for private social or business functions. Again details from John, 077305 62949.

Remember the **Auction of Promises** on the 18th of April – see club website www.gxsc.co.uk/ for details. The event is developing well – attendance and prizes are needed to raise money for all sections of the Sports Club. The renovations to the tennis courts are a high priority for the club and will be undertaken with revenue from the auction.

There are still some places available for what looks like being a great evening with over 40 promises already in place. If you have another to add please contact Gillian Vargassoff (07853 275507). Raffle tickets will be available for some of the prizes if you are unable to attend.

Pro Shop. Andrew Nealon operates a shop within the club house with a selection of raquets on which he is currently offering a 50% discount. He also stocks tennis shoes and offers a re-stringing service.

Club Membership Discount

A reminder that a 15% discount has been negotiated on goods purchased from Sportscene in Beaconsfield. Just present your current club membership card.

and finally

An appeal for any members who are willing to give a hand in tournament organising. We really could do with some help. If you feel you are able to help with this or other matters please send an e-mail to the address shown above or contact any of the committee. There may be issues arising from the membership review where the committee will need your help and support.

I hope you have a great season and I look forward to seeing you all either on court or at our social functions.

James Earp – Chairman

The following pages contain useful forms for you to complete as required:

INTEREST IN TEAM TENNIS & INDOOR TENNIS



Team Tennis

Dukes Wood LTC run a number of summer and winter teams. These are currently:

- 2 ladies' and 2 men's teams (6 players in each) in the Bucks Summer League
- 2 mixed teams (4 players in each) in the Bucks Knock-out Competitions – these matches are usually played in the evenings during the summer months
- 2 ladies', 2 men's and 2 mixed teams (4 players in each) in the Bucks Veterans Winter League. Eligibility is 40 for a lady and 45 for a man on 31st December.
- 2 teams in the Farnham Common Mixed League (4 players in each) – usually comprising non-veterans.

Your committee is keen to ensure that every member has the opportunity to express an interest in playing team tennis, so please return the form below if you are. Your name will then be forwarded to the appropriate team captain.

Indoor Tennis

Dukes Wood LTC block book indoor courts from September to April. Currently these cost £10 per person and are on:

Monday at Cressex (High Wycombe) 8pm to 10pm
Friday at Slough from 8pm to 10pm

Barry James kindly organises court allocation for the club so if you are interested in having a court please contact Barry on 01753.882512.

Reply section:



Team Tennis interest

Name: Contact No:

E-mail:

Please tick as appropriate:

I am interested in playing team tennis in the summer

I am interested in playing Veterans team tennis in the winter

I am interested in playing non-Veterans team tennis in the winter

*To: Rachel Knight
Carisbrooke
1 St Mary's Way
Chalfont St Peter, Bucks SL9 9BL*

NEW SEASON - SUMMER TIME
TENNIS & SUPPER EVENING



FRIDAY 4th APRIL 2008

Tennis at 6.00pm
Barbecue Supper at 7.30pm – Children welcome

Please reserve places at £9 per adult £5 per child

My cheque is enclosed
made payable to 'GX (Dukes Wood) LTC'

Name(s):
(Please print)

WIMBLEDON TICKET DRAW EVENING

Friday 16th May
at 7.45 p.m.

- | | | Tick |
|------------------------|---|------|
| <u>Option 1</u> | Please enter my/our names for the Wimbledon Draw <u>only</u> | () |
| OR | | |
| <u>Option 2</u> | Please enter my/our names for the Wimbledon Draw and reserve Supper places at £35 per head (benefit of 2 nd ballot). | () |

My cheque is enclosed made payable to 'GX (Dukes Wood) LTC'.

I confirm that I am/we are fully paid up members of the Club and will abide by the rules of the All England Club.

Name
(Please print)

Signed.....

Name
(Please print)

Signed

Cancellations can only be accepted up to a week prior to each event

To: Rachel Knight (Mrs)
Carisbrooke
1 St Mary's Way
Chalfont St Peter
Bucks SL9 9BL

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MEMBERSHIP FORM Applications and Renewals 2008

Please complete **one form per household** and send it, with your cheque for the TOTAL payable to **Gerrards Cross (Dukes Wood) LTC**, to Sue Reid, Bear House, Oxford Road, Gerrards Cross SL9 7DL Tel. 01753 890258. Please do NOT send or deliver your form and/or cheque to the Club. **RENEWALS ARE DUE BY 31 MARCH 2008 in order to retain membership**

Family Name			
Address			
Post code			Tel nos.

First Name and E mail address *	See Schedule of Charges below		Juniors and Minis only		
	Membership Code	Ann. Sub.	Date of Birth	School	Boarding
					Yes/No
					Yes/No
					Yes/No
					Yes/No
					Yes/No
Total for Annual Subscriptions					
Entrance Fee(s) – if applicable**					
TOTAL PAYABLE					

Referral Reference
(first time applications only)

Please indicate the name of the existing member who introduced you to the Club:

* E-mail addresses will only be used for Club mailing purposes joining Fee

Schedule of Charges

Membership Category		Membership Code	Annual Subscription £	Entrance Fee £
Senior (18+ at 31/12/2007)	Full Senior	FS	229	Nil
	Couple	CPL	392 per couple	Nil
	Mid-week (up to 5:30 on weekdays)	MW	153	Nil
	Under 25 (on 31/12/2007)	U25	137	Nil
	In Full-time Education	FTE	85	Nil
	Social (non-playing)	SOC	33	Nil
Junior (8-17 on 31/12/2007)	1 st Junior per household	J1	112	Nil
	2 nd and subsequent Juniors per household	J2	84	Nil
Mini (under 8 on 31/12/2007)	All mini members	MIN	44	Nil
Family	Parents and unlimited Juniors	FAM	464 per family	Nil
All Categories	Membership cancelled	CAN	-	-

CLUB TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM 2008

Club Finals Day – Saturday 6th September

(You must be able to play at any time on this day if you enter)

Last entry date: 18th April

Entry fee: £4 per person per competition

(To be entered in an event your entry fee must have been received by the closing date. If you are playing in a doubles competition, please ensure that your partner also returns the entry form and fee – without both entry fees you will not be entered).

The Draw: 30th April. Please look at the Club Notice Board after this date - you will not receive a reminder to play your match(es)

First Round to be played by 31st May

Failure to play matches by the due date will result in players being scratched (unless prior agreement for an extension is arranged with the tournament organiser).

Entry: Please complete the form below and return it to Linda Kimberley with a **cheque** for the appropriate entry fee made payable to: **GX (Dukes Wood) LTC.**

Plate Competition: This will be run only if there are at least 16 entries. Plate finals will also take place on 6th September.

Plate First Round Draw will be notified by 2nd June.

Failure to play matches by due date will result in players being scratched (unless prior arrangement for an extension is agreed with the tournament organiser).

CLUB TOURNAMENT ENTRY – 2008

Name: _____

Please tick which competitions you would like to enter:

Ladies Singles: _____

Mens Singles _____

Ladies Doubles: _____

Name of Partner*: _____

Mens Doubles: _____

Name of Partner*: _____

Mixed Doubles: _____

Name of Partner*: _____

*If you do not have a partner, please feel free to enter and we will try to find a suitable partner for you.

Please return by **18th April** at the latest with the appropriate **payment** to:
Linda Kimberley, Mill Lane House, 30 Mill Lane, Gerrards Cross, Bucks SL9 8BA