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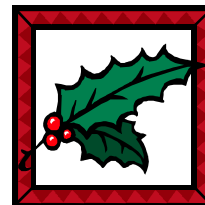
WELCOME TO OUR CLUB NEWSLETTER

December 2006

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wed. Dec 27th American Tournament

Fri. Jan 19th Burns Night Supper



The big news is we now have our own Sports Club Website. This can be reached on www.gxsc.co.uk In future, *as soon as the committee can get their heads around the technology*, we shall be using this for all competition announcements and results, social events and general communications so please log on and check out what's on offer.

Also many of you will have received this Newsletter by e-mail. A small step for man but a giant step for the committee. This should save us a lot in postage and time

Please sign up for the **Christmas American Tournament** which will take place (weather permitting) on Wed, 27th Dec at 11:30am. This is a little later and shorter than previously to try and avoid any early morning frost but to still get you back in time for a late lunch. The list has been posted on the notice board so please get your names down as soon as possible and come along and enjoy a game of tennis, a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

Club Management

The Tennis Section AGM was held on the 10th November and the following were elected as committee members for 2006/7:

Chairman	Graham Louer
Treasurer & Child Protection Officer	Nick Woolf
Secretary	Angela Simmons
Membership Secretary	Rachel Knight
Fixtures Secretary	Linda Kimberley
Publicity & Website Officer	Sue Reid
Assistant Membership Secretary	Allyson Poore
Junior Club Secretary	Lauren Larner

A warm welcome is extended to Allyson Poore who has joined the committee to give Rachel a hand.

My thanks go to all the committee who have done so much to help run the section over the past year. Special thanks must go to Sally Buckley who after many years has decided to step down as Fixtures Secretary. Good luck to Linda Kimberley who has taken over the job.

We could do with volunteers to help out with future tournaments, fund raising and our forthcoming social events, so if you think you could help please let me or any of the committee members know.

Sports Club

This is the end of Philip Sellers' first year as Sports Club Chairman and he is doing a splendid job of getting the club back on a firm financial footing. There is still a bit of work to do yet but we are now in a much better situation than we were previously and look to be well on course for the future.

Entrance to the Club

As promised last year we now have a swipe card and key pad entrance to part of the club house when the steward is not there. Cards and the entrance number can be purchased from John behind the bar.

One security request - please make sure the door is locked behind you when you leave the club.

Court Maintenance

Last year we had an increase in subscriptions to launch a sinking fund for maintenance of the courts. At the present time we have £2,000 in the kitty which will be used in the Spring to get the courts treated for moss and algae and cleaned. In the meantime **Mark** our groundsman is putting in a lot of work experimenting with various chemicals to try and kill the moss which is making the courts a little slippery at the moment. Unfortunately we do need a spell of dry weather to get the courts treated properly so please bear with us.

I know at this time of year we have a problem with falling leaves but Mark is doing his best to keep them cleared, however, Mark is only contracted to work 10 hours a week for the whole club during the winter so he can't clear every windfall. We do have brooms on the courts so please don't be afraid to sweep up a few yourselves. Remember we are a club and this would help so much.

Competitive Tennis

This has been another fine year for our teams. In the **Winter League 2005/6** the stars were the **Men's 1st's** who finished first in their division and were promoted. The **Ladies 1st's & 2nd's** finished third and remain in their divisions. The **Mixed 2nd's** came second and were promoted. The **Mixed 1st's** also remain in their division. Unfortunately the **Men's 2nd's** were relegated and the **Mixed 3rd's** have had to be disbanded as we could not find anybody willing to captain them

Both of our **Farnham Common Teams** won their divisions and were promoted.

In the **Summer League 2006** both of our **Ladies teams** stayed in their divisions and for the **Ladies 1st's** this is the first time they have remained in division 1 after being promoted. The **Men's 2nd's** won their division and will be promoted.

The saddest moment of the competitive year came when the Chairman and Committee team were narrowly defeated by Bull Lane in three hard fought tie break sets.

My congratulations to all the captains and team members who have represented the club so well during the past season and good luck for the New Year.

Please note for the summer the men's thirds are looking for somebody with flair and enthusiasm to captain them to fly up the league. If you think this is you please contact us.

Winter Team Captains 2006/7

- Ladies I – Liz Bradbury
- Ladies II – Linda Kimberley
- Mens I – Tim Barber
- Mens II – Richard Fensome
- Mixed I – Angela Simmons
- Mixed II – Rachel Knight
- Farnham Common League I – Neil McCluskey
- Farnham Common League II – Adrian Mills

Club Tournament

Once again the Junior and Senior Finals were held together on Sat, 9th September. This turned out to be a great success mainly due to all the hard work done by Sally Buckley in organising the whole event. Thanks should also be given to all of our members who turned out to umpire the matches and support the players.

Club Tournament Senior Competition

	Winner	Runner-Up
Men's Singles	Julian Peers	Andy Peers
Ladies' Singles	Suzanne McGuinness	Georgia Morrison
Men's Doubles	Richard King Peter Hatch	Andy Peers Julian Peers
Ladies' Doubles	Angie Brady Suzanne McGuinness	Angela Simmons Allyson Poore
Mixed Doubles	Angela Simmons Julian Peers	Suzanne McGuinness Peter Hatch

A special commendation should go to 15 year old **Will Thaker** who was knocked out of the senior men's singles after a three set thriller with one of the finalists.

Burn's Night Supper

This very popular event will take place on Fri, 19th Jan and tickets are a very reasonable £28.50 per person to include a 3-course dinner, Scottish Dancing and our usual 6'7" Piper. There is an application form for tickets with this newsletter which should be completed and returned to Rachel Knight with your cheque.

Social Events

Our Summer Ball, held this year at Harewood Downs Golf Club, turned out to be a great success and a fun evening. I hope next year we shall see a great many more of you at this event.

The Burns' Night Supper I have already mentioned and I hope to see as many of you there as possible. Get those application forms in now.

Next season we hope to restart some of the **Friday Night Suppers**, keep an eye on the website www.gxsc.co.uk for details

***So that's it for this year, it only remains for me to wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year***

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Dukes Wood Burns' Night

Fri 19th January 7:30 pm

Scots Guards' Piper
Ode 'To a Haggis'
Supper
Scottish Dancing

Dress: Kilt/Black Tie

£28.50 per head.

RSVP to Rachel Knight
Email: rknight@tiscali.co.uk
Tel: 01753 883303

Note:

Please be aware that should you need to cancel, refunds can only be made if you cancel prior to Fri 12th January 2007.

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Reply Slip

Burns Night

Please reserve dinner places @ £28.50 per head.

My Cheque for £ is enclosed.

Please make cheques payable to GX [Dukes Wood] LTC.

NAME(S).....

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

Thank you.