



BOGNOR LAWN TENNIS CLUB

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Dear fellow tennis player

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As a committee, we are very keen to progress with the replacement of the green pavilion either this year or early next year. A great deal of effort had been made by members to raise cash for the Club and for this we are all very grateful. The Pavilion Development Fund is creeping up all the time but if we are to complete the work we will need to borrow money. If any members have some money to spare, we will offer to pay up to 4% pa for the Club to borrow off you for a 5 year term. We hope this is an attractive offer as 4% is more than you can get currently at any bank. If you are feeling exceptionally generous you can waive the interest and receive back just the capital sum after five years. If any member would like to help the Club by taking up this offer, please contact either me or our treasurer John Alderton. The fundraising efforts within the Club have been staggering to date, revealing an excellent and enthusiastic membership working for a common cause. The Spring Sale and Supper raised over £850 in one day! Many many thanks to all who contributed their time and money to these initiatives.

The resignation of Len Cooper as coach has prompted a review of our coaching and development programme. I am delighted that we have been able to engage the services of a new and dynamic organization 'Generation Tennis', a group of five coaches based at Emsworth who are already coaching at Aldingbourne, Fishbourne and Bishop Luffa School. You can read about them on their website www.generationtennis.co.uk After a visit of the group to our club Mike Privett has agreed to become our Club Coach, catering for all ages and abilities. If you are unable to attend the 'meet the coach' session on Bank Holiday Monday May 31 at 5pm, please talk to a member of the committee and we will co-ordinate private individual or group coaching activity.

Finally, you will be delighted to know that the fence between our club and the Bowling Club will be re-sited. We have conceded a strip of land for their car park in return for a cash sum towards our Pavilion Development Fund.

Your committee wishes you all a very enjoyable tennis season. Please note the championship rounds are already under way; be aware of the 'play by' dates for each round and thus avoid a logjam of games towards Finals Day.

Best wishes

Malcolm Ridley
Club Chairman