

# EVENTS IN 2010

Quiz Evening .....	Friday 27 March
Club Open Day .....	Saturday 24 April Juniors 10.00 - 11.30am Adults 1.00pm onwards
Fun Tournament & Refreshments & Club Tournament Draw .....	Monday 3 May 10.00am
Bridge Evening (provisional) .....	Saturday 9 May
Spring Supper Evening.....	Saturday 22 May
Midsummer Supper Evening .....	Saturday 19 June
Club Finals Day.....	Saturday 17 July
Juniors and Minis Tournament	Morning
Senior Finals	Afternoon
BBQ & Tea	Afternoon
Outdoor Games Afternoon to include Tea .....	Late July/early Aug TBA
Ladies' Open Tournament.....	Wednesday 18 August 9.00am - 6.00pm
Mixed Open Tournament .....	Sunday 5 September 9.00am - 6.00pm
Bridge Evening (provisional).....	Saturday 11 September
Macmillan Coffee Morning .....	Wednesday 15 September
End of Season Supper & Quiz.....	Saturday 18 September
Croquet Tournament .....	TBA
AGM .....	Saturday 20 November
Christmas Evening Food & Raffle .....	Friday 17 December
Club Dinner .....	TBA



BOGNOR LAWN TENNIS CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2010

## Dear fellow tennis players

We are looking forward to an eventful year at the club as we press ahead with plans for development of our facilities. We would like all of you to feel part of this, not only by playing as much tennis at the club as possible but also in taking part in the many initiatives that your committee organizes throughout the year to make our club a better place.

At the time of writing this newsletter, a number of issues are about to be resolved and I hope you will be able to witness these for yourself.

Firstly, the Arun District Bowling Club has been recalcitrant with the landlords over directions to remove the fence it illegally erected on our land but I am confident the situation will be resolved legally very soon.

Secondly, we now have a definitive plan for replacement of the dilapidated green asbestos portion of our clubhouse, to make our club a more inviting venue. Of course, this costs money and we have launched a Pavilion Development Fund, using existing bequests to the club totaling £7,000. We need to generate enough money to complete the works this year, so would like all members of whatever age to join in the fundraising drive in 2010 to make our club an even better place. Let us all do something, whether raising money or giving time, to ensure the burden does not just fall on the ladies. There will always be small working parties to do painting, hedge cutting or clearing up, so please offer yourself if you are able to spare some time or have some fundraising ideas.

Here are some suggestions to inspire you provided by one of our members:

- Hold a coffee morning at your house
- Have a night in and donate what you would have spent on a night out!
- Take a table on behalf of BLTC at another event (eg. car boot sale)
- Hold a sponsored event suited to your age group (eg. silence for a few hours, tennis marathon, bike ride, jog or swim)
- Sell something on Ebay and donate the proceeds
- Hold a tennis tournament with invited guests with an entrance fee
- Donate a part of the building (ie. 'sponsor a square foot' type of donation)
- Donate paperback books to sell in the clubhouse
- Write a cheque (gift or loan)!

Remember this is your club and all members can benefit from each other's efforts. Every member will be using the upgraded facility.

Thirdly, we are hoping that the application for the club to attain the LTA's charter mark ('Clubmark') should be successful. We will then be in a position to apply in due course for an LTA grant to floodlight courts 7, 8 and 9, in order to meet the increasing demand for evening tennis in the darker months. We will need to increase our membership significantly before the LTA will support this venture, so maybe next year? Clubmark application has involved the committee in a huge amount of work over the winter months and we are very grateful to Carol Jones who has managed this project.

**Please keep an eye on the notice boards in the clubhouse for up-to-date information on all events!**

We are deeply indebted to the Bognor Town Football Club for the assistance it has offered our club, particularly in respect of car parking and other advice. This has been a refreshing contrast to the belligerent attitude of the Bowling Club. The Football Club management want us to know that our club members are always welcome in their new clubhouse, where we can enjoy Sunday lunches as well as the bar facilities. We will nonetheless continue, as entitled, to use the facilities of the Bowling Club during the summer months.

This will be the first year that Gary has undertaken the exclusive winter preparation of the grass courts and we look forward to

some good grass court play this summer. The Croquet section will already be underway before tennis commences on the grass.

Our grateful thanks go to the brave group of members who risked being cut to ribbons removing the brambles from the hedge on our western boundary.

We have a hard-working committee and we want you to feel we are all thoroughly approachable if you have any constructive suggestions or offers of help. It remains only for me to wish you all a very good 2010-2011 tennis season. See you on court!

Malcolm Ridley - Chairman

# JUNIOR MATTERS

Throughout the year our club coach Len Cooper provides excellent opportunities for children to discover the enjoyment of playing tennis, achieved through his connections with local schools. Fresh interest will also come from our Open Day, scheduled for April 24th. Many of these children then move on to a 'drop in' coaching session, to discover what it is like to be a member of a club. Then, those who show promise are encouraged to become part of the coaching programme that takes place every weekday evening. The success of this system has enabled us to continue with the excellent value 'Mini Junior' membership category for children between 8 and 12 years old.



For our Student members (12 to 18 years), regular 'in-house' matchplays are scheduled this year.

As a Junior Member of Bognor Tennis Club you will be able to:

- Play tennis on the club's hard courts, at no extra cost, during evenings, weekends and holidays (Len will advise on detail). We provide a safe and friendly environment for children to develop their tennis skills and meet new friends with whom they can play.
- Attend the junior 'members only' club night that runs on a Monday evening (Bank Holidays excepted) from 6.30pm to dusk throughout the summer term-time months.
- Enter tournaments organised by the club at a reduced entry fee. Tournaments planned for 2010 include the 'Generations' (parent and child) event scheduled for May 2nd/3rd; the 'Davis Cup' and our Annual Junior Championships in age groups.
- Enter the junior draw to win an exciting day out at the Wimbledon Championships, accompanied by the club coach.
- Be given the door code for entry to the tennis pavilion.

In addition, our more experienced junior members can become eligible, at the discretion of the coach, for consideration for 'green peg' status, which entitles them to play on the grass courts in organised club sessions with adult members.

**For more information, contact the Club Coach Len Cooper on 07958 911823 or email [cooper.len@btinternet.com](mailto:cooper.len@btinternet.com)**

**For more information about all tennis activities visit the website: [www.bognortennisclub.co.uk](http://www.bognortennisclub.co.uk) or email: [play@bognortennisclub.co.uk](mailto:play@bognortennisclub.co.uk)**

## CROQUET NEWS



The Croquet section continues to flourish and meets regularly from April to October on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and every afternoon excluding Saturdays, when the sessions start after 5.00pm. The members play both Golf and Association Croquet and a **Golf Croquet Tournament** will be arranged during the summer season. New members welcome.



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