

Newsletter No.6 November 2011

Well, hands up if you've been a bit busy recently ... yeah, me too!

No matter! ... it's time for (what could be) the last Newsletter of 2011!

There's lots to discover (and some rather important Club business), so here goes!

The Fun (and informative) Stuff:

1. Social

Fantastic work by Peter Worby and the Social 'Team' (Mike and Tina) in getting the Race Night off the Ground, and making it a huge success (and TY to others that helped on the night) ... well done if (like Debbie) you went home with some substantial winnings; for others (including me), well, better luck next time.

The Autumn Quiz followed on 2 weeks later, and our grateful thanks to Jackie and Norman for testing our grey matter (and, again, the Social Team, and others for all their help on the Night) ... just a shame that the PA seemed to fail at one point, and that Norman was asked to repeat question 9 about 15 times ☺

So what's next? ... well it's time for **Mulled Wine and Cider, Mince Pies (and more) on Weds 21st December, starting at 8.30pm**, just as Social is heading towards a conclusion (and if it isn't, this should just about finish it off!) ... Hope to see you there ... *(and for all you 'Midweekers', Lynda Cox will be organising something similar for your Weds 21st Session too!)*

And a 'confirmed date' for your 2012 Calendar (already!) ... **Saturday 19th May for the Club's Annual Dinner and Dance** ... Please save the date in that crispy new Diary that someone will give you for Christmas! ... Tickets and Table Reservations will become available early in the New Year

2. Club Clothing

Our 2nd batch of Garments arrived, There are over 100 of them out there now (and don't they look great!). Thanks to Lee Smith and Julia Brooks for all their hard work.

If you ordered one in the last 2 months, then pls see Julia to arrange collection.

3. Christmas Charity Party invitation.

This year, the Club has again decided to support a Charity event at the Royal British Legion, on 10th December. The Charity is raising monies for the 'Help for Heroes' charity, and funds for RBL Croxley Green; the event is led by Jamie and Lizzy Wright (Helen's Husband and Daughter), and I now quote Helen

"Free tickets are available from me for those wishing to attend (the more the merrier!); they just ask that you make a bottle donation for the raffle / auction. The party is at RBL on Saturday **10th Dec from 7.30pm** with live music from the Flaming Cortinas. Thanks"

So then, hope to see you there!

The slightly less Fun (but equally informative) Stuff:

4. Floodlight Tokens

OK, one more timeif you would like to take advantage of Courts in the evenings, you'll need 'Tokens' for the Light-Meters.

There is a Notice on the Noticeboard and inside the Light-Meter cupboard as to how to obtain tokens (basically, Helen Wright, Colin Hewett, and Peter/Pauline Worby, hold stocks, and there is a small stock behind the Bar at CGS), and how to operate the Light-Meters (all fairly straight forward).

5. AGM

CTC's Club Secretary, Paul Helbrough, will very soon be preparing Papers, an Agenda, and announcing a date for the AGM. It's usually mid-January. Look out for Notices, and equally important, if you've got something you'd like to raise, or there's something you'd like to see discussed, then email me, or one of the Committee.

6. Wednesday Nights 'Format'

Well this one has caused quite a bit of discussion over the past few months; thanks to everyone that has given their feedback. I think that, on balance, where we are at present is that Wednesday nights will continue with the current system.

Committee has listened particularly to some of the issues raised, but has concluded that any problems that crop up would likely be compounded by reverting at present to the 'old system'.

Please feel free to keep the comments coming (preferably by email) and we'll keep the matter under review. Naturally, if anyone has any suggestions for improvement or refinement of the current system, then pls let us know, and we'd be happy to consider them.

A reminder of the current format is on display on the Noticeboard.

7. Car Park Closure (albeit only for a few hours)

A bit of advance warning, you may find the car park closed for a few hours on either the 2nd, 3rd or 4th December. CGS are expecting delivery of a Large Container.

Juniors 'Corner'

8. 26th November – Matchplay afternoon

A reminder that the next Matchplay afternoon is **this coming Saturday, the 26th**
2pm to 4pm – Red, Orange and Green
4pm to 6pm – Yellow Ball

**A nice new section to your Newsletter.
..... After a lot of thought I've called it the
'cries for help' bit**

9. Club Treasurer

Having seen us through the Re-development of the Club (and all the additional demands on the Treasurer that this brought), and some more, Glenda Midson advised the Club at last years' AGM that she would like to step down from the Post of Treasurer.

We owe a great many thanks to Glenda for the hard work she has put in over the last 4 years, so please join me in applauding her work, and wishing her well for her tennis in 2012.

And so what is clear is that **the Club needs a new Treasurer to step forward, please.**

It's an important job, but there's a decent amount of help (and experience) around and about on the Committee if any unusual matters arise.

Please think carefully about whether you can help the Club in this vital area. Contact me, or any other Committee Member, to find out a bit more.

10. DIY skills needed

Most of the work the Club has undertaken in the last few years has been in the form of bulky items, where we've needed professional/external help. However, like any 'concern' you soon move to a state where the bulky jobs have all but disappeared, but a good number of smaller ones remain or, over time, rear their head.

Well, we've reached precisely that position, and **there is now a reasonably long list of DIY type jobs that need attention (the List is on display on the Noticeboard)**

If you think you can assist with one or two, please contact me, or any other Committee Member.

Come on all you expert DIY-ers, we really could do with an hour of your time (please).

Wishing you all a very happy (err, no, I've actually decided it's still too early after all)

**Colin Hewett
Chairman**

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