

# croxleytennisclub

## FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

**Welcome** to the First Newsletter of 2010. I intend to try and circulate a monthly newsletter and keep club members up to date with club news.

I am happy to include any interesting bits and pieces that might be submitted by members including details of any tennis items for sale.

### FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

This coming Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February we are holding another of our ever popular **General Knowledge Quiz** Evenings.

It takes place at Croxley Guild with a 7.45pm start and our Quizmaster is the legendary Mark Burch.

It costs just £3 a head to enter. Teams of up to 8 are invited to enter but don't worry if there are less of you. We can link you up with a team on the night.

Please try to support this social function and if you are coming then would you please give Pauline or Mark a buzz. Pauline's number is 07733 137064 and Mark can be reached on 07768 697195.

An early date for your diary is the **Annual Dinner Dance** at West Herts Golf Club. This takes place on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010**.

We have managed to hold the ticket price at £34 (same as last year) and this represents great value as it includes a 4 course meal with wine, a disco, a free raffle and great fun.

Pauline will have tickets on sale shortly.

At the recent AGM the following **Committee Members** were elected:-

Peter Worby – Chairman  
Glenda Midson – Treasurer  
Paul Helbrough – Secretary  
Jon Taffel – Tournaments & Website  
Pauline Worby – Social  
Doug Pullinger – Maintenance  
Colin Hewett – Club Development  
Helen Wright – committee member

Vacant – Publicity  
Vacant – Membership Secretary  
Vacant – Club House Manager/ess  
Vacant – Junior Rep

I am grateful that Paul Helbrough has agreed to take over as Secretary from Tracey and Lynda Cox has very kindly agreed to have a go at being our minute secretary.

**Jeremy Shindler has very kindly agreed to take on the admin side of the Membership Secretary's job but we do need some one to step forward urgently to fill this position, one of the main elements being to answer enquiries about the club from prospective members.**

There are other positions to be filled and I would urge you to consider helping us out. If you are at all interested then please give me a buzz on 07967 698370.

We would also like to form a Junior Committee with perhaps 4 or 5 parents of junior members getting involved (the more the merrier).

**WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE**

*Peter Worby*

## **TEAM CAPTAINS**

Historically, Team Captains have tended to continue in their role from season to season often for many years. I suspect that this is primarily due to no one else wanting to take over the running of a team.

It has been suggested though that perhaps there are some members out there who would like to captain a team and believe that they would do a good job. It has also been suggested that perhaps Captains should step down after 3 years.

The Committee have not yet confirmed the various Captains for 2010 and so if there is any one who would like to put themselves forward as a potential Team Captain then can I ask them to contact me please.

In the event that there are 2 applicants for a position then the Committee will consider matters and confirm who will captain.

I think it is important to point out that anyone wishing to captain and play in a team should be of the appropriate playing standard for that team.

Just to remind you, the captains of the various teams at present are:-

Men's A Team (WDTL) – Jerry Rudge  
Men's B Team (WDTL) – David Beak  
Men's C Team (WDTL) – Maurice Crawley  
Men's D Team (WDTL) – Paul Helbrough  
Ladies' A Team (WDTL) – Liz Burch  
Ladies' B Team (WDTL) – Pauline Worby  
Mixed A Team (WDTL) – Peter Worby  
Mixed B Team (WDTL) – Peter Worby  
Men's A Team (Herts) – Jon Taffel  
Men's B Team (Herts) – Jon Taffel  
Ladies' A Team (Herts) – Karen Gear  
Men's Vets A (Winter) – Jon Taffel  
Men's Vets B (Winter) – Mike Coster  
Men's Vets C (Winter) – Jon Taffel  
Ladies' Vets A (Winter) – Kate Bray  
Ladies' Vets B (Winter) – Jackie Yardley

So far as I am aware, all of the above Captains are prepared to continue in their current role.

## **WATFORD & DISTRICT TENNIS** **LEAGUE NEWS**

Somewhat unexpectedly, the Mixed A Team have been promoted from Division 4 into Division 3. The higher standard of tennis in this division will be a challenge.

At the same time, the Mixed B team who should have been relegated into Division 6 have received a reprieve and will stay in Division 5. This is due to the withdrawal of Cassiobury A from the league.

We did apply for a new Croxley Mixed C team to join the WDTL. Unfortunately, our application proved unsuccessful – there were just 2 vacancies and with 3 teams applying we just missed out.

However, we are now in pole position and this means that as soon as a vacancy arises we will be in.

In the meantime, it is our intention to arrange some Mixed C Team friendlies this Summer as there is no shortage of players who would like to play.

**Membership Renewals** will be issued fairly soon and a reminder from me that there will be a cut off date for entry to the Summer Tournaments (probably 31/3/10 but this will be confirmed in due course). Entry to the main Club Tournaments is restricted to Full Adult Members and Approved Juniors only.

If you are an Associate Member and you feel that your play has improved and you would like to be considered for Full Membership for the coming year then you need to contact me (Peter Worby 07967 698370) as soon as possible.

Please remember that we have a **Maintenance Work Party planned for this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 10am**. It would be marvellous to see as many members as possible down at the club for a couple of hours. Many hands make light work. A successful work party will help us keep our Membership Subscriptions as low as possible; the alternative is that we outsource jobs and pay for the work.