

## A Big Thank You

Goes to everybody who helped out at Croxley Revels. I am particularly grateful to Helen Wright, Doug Pullinger, Colin Midson, Richard Boyce, Steve Peoples and Pauline who put in many hours either on the day or beforehand. That is not to say that we are not grateful to everyone who helped out in any way – there are too many names to mention but you know who you are.

Our stall was massively successful with the Speed Gun and the Catering side of things pulling in the punters. I do not have a final profit figure yet from Glenda but I do know that we banked in excess of £1300 on the day.

I know that it was a very tiring day for some people – particularly those who stayed to the very end and helped dismantle and transport everything back to the Clubhouse. I will hope for more volunteers next year, as it is a little unfair to expect the same people to do so much.

**A FEW DOES & DON'T.....** do wash up your cup if you have a drink, don't leave plastic bottles on court or on patio, do use the dustbins for rubbish, do turn lights off in toilet and ball cupboard, don't forget to lock the clubhouse securely if you are the last to leave, do lock the main gates if you are last to leave tennis club grounds, do fold up and move the table tennis table carefully – don't force it, do remember to put peg board and pegs away at end of social, do bring balls in from courts, do put balls away in ball cupboard, don't assume someone else will clear up your mess.

These are all examples of things that are happening on too regular a basis.

**PLEASE TREAT YOUR TENNIS CLUB AS YOU TREAT YOUR HOME**

Tournament organiser Jon Taffel receives award for donating 75 pints of blood.



Child Protection Officer Pat Foster drinks 75 pints of beer in one night.

## Finals Day

Those Club Members who attended Finals Day last Saturday will know what an enjoyable experience it was.

The highlight for me was the Mens Singles final played between Colin Hewett and Laurence Burch – the younger man won in 3 sets but it was a great match.

We saw Tina Lissenden and Liz Burch beat Glenda and Shirley in a close match and late in the day we saw Laurence and Steve Crocker triumph over Mike Coster and Warren in the Mens Doubles.

Sadly, the Ladies Singles and Mixed Doubles Finals were not played as Kate was injured. We all felt sorry for Kate, and also her partner in the Mixed, Richard Boyce. Walkover wins were awarded to Shirley in the Singles and Liz Burch/Jon Taffel in the Mixed Doubles.

3 Plate competitions were played and the winners were Paul McCarthy (Mens Singles), Pauline Worby & Anna Barone (Ladies Doubles), Colin Hewett & Suresh Kotecha (Mens Doubles).

I know that it has been a long and difficult journey from start to finish for our organisers Jon Taffel and Liz Beak and thanks are especially due to Jon for his constant chasing up of participants encouraging them to play their matches. Well done to Jon & Liz. I particularly enjoyed the comment to a very quiet Liz who was umpiring of “try and speak up – just pretend you are arguing with Pete and Jon in the pub”.

Those people who either umpired or line judged helped make the day a success and finally, wasn't the food good? Great stuff from the young Taffels to keep us fed and watered.

## New Door Code

At long last we have replaced the most non user friendly padlock in the world. A new lock has been fitted and to open you use.

Please contact a committee member if you want to know the number, we thought best not to publicise to the world at large!

## Team Updates

The Mens A team continue to press for promotion in Division 4 of the WDTL – their record as I write is played 10 and won 8. In Division 5 the Mens B have emerged as unlikely promotion contenders with a very even division with all 7 teams technically still in with a chance.

The newly promoted Mens C who started well having won 2 from their 1<sup>st</sup> 4 matches in Division 6 now stare relegation in the face with a run of 5 straight defeats and the Mens D in Division 7 are very happy with their LWLWLWLWL sequence – can they keep this up?

The Ladies teams are struggling. The Ladies A, playing at the heady heights of Division 2 have recorded 1 win from 9 matches played while the Ladies B after a bright start winning their first 2 matches have now slumped to 2 from 10 – perhaps part explained by injuries to various ladies.

The 2 mixed teams continue to enjoy vastly different fortunes. The Mixed B team are looking possible candidates for promotion with 6 wins from 9 matches. On the other hand, the Mixed A's, playing in Division 3 have played 9 and lost 8 (albeit 4 matches by the score of 4-5).

That brings me now to the Herts Teams. The Mens Herts B team under the leadership of Mark Burch who was spotted with a nosebleed a few weeks back as he waffled on about 2 wins from 2 matches have now played a 3<sup>rd</sup> match which they lost 1-8.

The Herts Mens A team have just played 2 and won 1 so who knows how their season will develop.

Finally, under captain Karen Gear the Herts Ladies team have won 3 from 5 with their defeats both being by the narrowest of margins.

What is good with the Herts League is that you can access all of the stats on line via a link from our own club website – for example, did you know that Doug is firing at 65% having won 13 out of 20 sets and in games he is at 56.4% having won 88 games and lost 68. Fascinating!