

HELP NEEDED FOR CROXLEY REVELS

CROXLEY REVELS takes place on the Village Green on Saturday 19th June 2010. It is always a great event. For many years now, Croxley Tennis Club has been represented with a stall that both raises the profile of our club in the community and also raises some much needed funds.

This year is no different. We have booked our site and like last year we will be running a barbeque stall with burgers, hot dogs, teas and coffees etc. Alongside this we will be operating the speed gun stall which has proved so popular since it was introduced 3 years ago.

This newsletter though is very much an SOS for Club Members to come forward and help out.

Steve Peoples has agreed to co-ordinate the setting up of the BBQ stall which involves the transport of lots of equipment from the Tennis Club to The Green and then Marquee erecting, sign erecting etc. Colin Midson has taken on the same role but will be focussing on the Speed Gun stall.

We need some volunteers to attend the club on Friday night at 7pm in order to get everything together that needs to be taken to The Revels. We have gear stored in the loft, in the metal container, underneath and inside the Clubhouse. On Saturday morning we need people at the Club from 9am to help transport everything to The Green and then set up our stalls.

Please see the lists in the Club and add your name if you can help out. Colin and Steve need your assistance.

During The Revels itself we need to man the barbeque, have people serving food/drink and taking money, and we need to man the Speed Gun stall. Richard Boyce has agreed to co-ordinate the manning of the barbeque and Colin Midson the manning of the Speed Gun stall.

Again there are lists up in the Club and so please put your name down and volunteer your assistance.

Finally, at the end of the afternoon everything needs to be cleared up and taken back to the Club. Please try to help out – many hands make light work.

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American Tournaments

Some dates for your diaries:-

Sunday 20th June @ 2pm
Friday 16th July @ 7pm
Sunday 22nd August @ 2pm
Sunday 19th September @ 2pm

Family Fun Night Friday 11th JUNE

This will start at 7pm. Bring your own drink. There will be a barbeque and fun games for all the family.

We welcome all Members young and old and please feel free to bring your parents, spouses or whoever.

FLOODLIGHTS

Now that the evenings are light and Summer is fast approaching this might seem an odd topic for me to raise.

The Committee though, would like to remind all members who played under floodlights, that apart from Wednesday night Social there is at all other times a charge for floodlight usage. The cost is currently £2 per token which last half an hour (tokens are available from myself, Helen Wright and Colin Hewett – see notice in Clubhouse).

There were undoubtedly a number of instances last Winter where correct floodlight usage did not apply and where money owing has not been paid. Incorrect usage might include turning on the lights to 2 courts when a tournament match was being played, even though only one court was used or 4 people being allowed by a key holder to play under lights and then everyone overlooking the fact that a fee has to be paid.

Additionally, there were lots of occasions when people did not have money on them when money was collected in and so “owing” was noted down.

I would ask all members who played tennis under floodlights last Winter to think back and if you recall an instance where you should have paid but somehow didn't then would you please settle up with our Treasurer Glenda Midson.

Moving forwards, all holders of floodlight over-ride keys should be aware that they have a responsibility to use their keys in the correct and proper fashion.

Missing Trophies

Does any Club Member know of the whereabouts of the 2 American Tournament trophies and the Mixed Doubles handicap trophy?

If you do, then please give Peter Worby a ring on 07967 698370.

Team Updates

The Mens A team under the new leadership of Ian Wilkie have so far played 4 matches and won 2 in Division 4 of the WDTL. In Division 5 the Mens B after winning their first 2 matches have now lost 3 on the spin. Injuries/illness at various times to Boyce, Wilkie, Worby, Crocker jnr, Hewett jnr and unavailability of Perks & Sylvester has meant that both captains have struggled to field their nominated teams.

The newly promoted Mens C have won 2 from 4 in Division 6 which is a good start and the Mens D in Division 7 have got just the one win under their belts.

Its looking as if all 4 Mens teams will have to be satisfied if they can retain their place in the WDTL pyramid.

The Ladies teams are no better. The Ladies A, playing at the heady heights of Division 2 have recorded 1 win from 4 matches played but can take heart from 2 defeats by the narrowest of margins. The Ladies B after a bright start winning their first 2 matches have now slumped to 2 from 4 – perhaps explained by injuries to Shirley and Glenda and unavailability of Liz Beak due to holiday. Their season can get better if the injuries improve.

The 2 mixed teams are having vastly different fortunes. The Mixed B team are looking candidates for promotion after winning 4 of their first 5 matches. On the other hand, the Mixed A's, playing in Division 3 have played 5 and lost 5 (albeit 3 matches by the score of 4-5).

That brings me now to the Herts Teams. The focus here surely has to be on the Mens Herts B team under the leadership of Mark Burch who was spotted with a nosebleed the other Sunday as he waffled on about 2 wins from 2 matches and then drifted incoherently into talk of promotion.

Mind you, the Herts Mens A team have played 1 and won 1 so who knows how their season will develop.

Finally, under new captain Karen Gear the Herts Ladies B team have won 2 from 4 with their defeats both being by the narrowest of margins.