

GRAYSHOTT

TENNIS CLUB

2010/2011

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CLUB NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year the committee would like to welcome back all members from last year. But we need to go further and encourage more people to join and ensure the vigour of the club. To this end we are going to have an open day on Saturday 24th April starting at 14.00 and ending with the Wimbledon draw at 16.00 in the club house. JA Tennis are in the process of sending leaflets including this open day to all schools in the area. Committee members and our coach Richard Holman will be available from 14.00 to meet anyone who wishes to learn more about the club and consider joining: people should bring their rackets and be ready to hit a ball with Richard. Members are welcome to come down to hit a ball with Richard and discuss coaching, but prospective members will have priority. If anyone would like to contribute to the open day, perhaps with some refreshments, please contact any committee member. Let's make the open day a success and expand the membership!

As mentioned above the Wimbledon draw will be at 16.00 on 24th April, which is about a month earlier than usual: this is because the LTA have changed completely the system for assigning tickets. Please read carefully the Wimbledon section in the newsletter to be sure you qualify for tickets and come equipped with all the information you need to claim any tickets you may win in the draw.

As I hope all of you are aware, Grayshott Parish Council is considering at present whether to endorse outline plans prepared for the Sports Field Committee which include a complete reorganization of the Recreation ground including moving the tennis courts next to a new pavilion: in essence the plans being proposed require the current tennis club land to be exchanged for shared equity housing in order to raise the money necessary for the sports field development. I know from a tennis perspective, many members are unhappy about the prospect of losing the benefits of our current location and are very concerned about congestion on the sports field, both with other sports and handling the extra cars: on the other hand there are others who put more weight on getting new courts, possibly with more run off area and all floodlit, right next to a new pavilion with improved facilities. Because there is no consensus on the issue within the club, the committee has therefore not suggested there is a common position on the desirability of moving. Rather we implore all members with a point to make either way to ensure they are heard directly by the Parish Council. The Parish Council itself is aware this is a controversial decision for much wider reasons than just moving the tennis club and has therefore chosen to have an open forum on the topic at the Parish Assembly on Friday 26th March 2010 at 8.00pm (see <http://www.grayshott.com/gePage1034.html>): please note only voters registered in Grayshott can speak at this forum, so get your written opinions in now.

In order to improve communication with and between members we have set up a Yahoo group. You should have received an invitation to join this group: if not please let me know directly or visit the group and request membership at http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/grayshott_tennis_club/. This group allows sharing of information online and via email between all members. Again, please ask if you are not sure why we are doing this and what are the benefits.

And finally, the club is run by volunteers: please become one and let the committee know if you would be willing to get involved in helping with the organisation.

Robert Casalis de Pury

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Hon. Treasurer Diane Baycroft 01428 605329

Hon. Secretary Rita Watt 01428 714143

Membership Secretary Fiona Jobson 01428 713408

Mens Captain Tony Parsons 01428 722463

Match Secretary President As for President

Member Sophie Orbell 07775 815583

Other contacts

Ladies Captain Grace Pilbeam 01730 892946

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Web

Website <http://www.gltc.org.uk>

Yahoo group http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/grayshott_tennis_club/

CLUB SESSIONS: All eligible members are welcome to the relevant sessions.

Monday a.m.	9.00 - 10.30	Adult Coaching*
Tuesday a.m.	9.00 - 10.30	Adult Coaching*
Wednesday a.m.	9.30 - 12.00	Ladies Morning
Wednesday p.m.	15.30 - 17.00	Primary Junior Coaching – JA Tennis
Wednesday p.m.	18.00 - 22.00	Members Evening
Thursday p.m.	18.00 - 20.00	Adult Coaching*
Friday	9.00 - 18.00	Courts Free
Saturday a.m.	9.00 - 13.00	Junior Coaching – JA Tennis
Sunday p.m.	14.00 onwards	Members Afternoon

*Adult Coaching times will be arranged according to demand by the coach, Richard Holman: the plan would be to use either Monday or Tuesday morning (not both) and Thursday evening when no league match is scheduled.

Club sessions are open to all abilities including Junior Members of 14+ at the Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon sessions. Whenever possible, players will be paired up for a set of doubles on the basis of comparable ability. Please contact Robert Casalis de Pury (01428 604792) if you have any feedback or questions about Club Sessions.

TOURNAMENTS: The aim of the tournaments is to provide competitive fun for all members – it is the taking part, not the winning, that is important. Please read the listing at the back of the newsletter and put the dates in your diary. We will try to keep members up to date with events by email and using the Yahoo group.

THE SUMMER KNOCKOUT: The Mens Singles, Ladies Singles, Mens Doubles, Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles will be organised by Tony Parsons. Please join in by completing the enclosed slip. If numbers are sufficient, a Plate competition will continue for first round losers. Finals day is Sunday 11th July commencing at 12.00 for both Juniors and Seniors. Contributions for tea are appreciated.

MATCHES: We will continue to compete in the Aldershot Winter and Summer Leagues. Friendly matches with local clubs will be arranged, generally for Saturday afternoons, during the Summer. Please indicate on your Membership Form if you would like to play in matches. Senior match fees are £1.50 home and away.

COURTS AVAILABLE: Court Nos. 1 and 2 are Club Courts. Members may use them privately at any time except during Saturday mornings (9.00am - 1.00pm) when they are reserved for Juniors, during matches and Club sessions. Notice of forthcoming matches is given in the Clubhouse. Senior members must observe the priority given to Juniors on weekdays 4.00 - 6.00pm. Court No. 3 is a Public Court and if members of the public have booked it they have priority. It can be booked via 'Grayshott Books', The Square, (Tel. No. 01428 604798) at £5.00 per hour.

COACHING: Coaching at the Club is run and administered by Jasper Allen of JA Tennis (01420 473899, 07769 975097, www.jatennis.co.uk) year round for adult and juniors. Please contact him or the coach, Richard Holman, to join group sessions or to arrange individual coaching. Junior coaching starts on Saturday 24th April.

STANDARD OF DRESS: Members should wear proper sportswear whilst on Court. Special attention should be paid to footwear - tennis shoes, no trainers please. Committee members are empowered to ask anyone in inappropriate dress to leave the Courts.

COURT ETIQUETTE:

Please help to maintain good relationships with all our neighbours by keeping on court noise levels and language compatible within the norms of friendly competitive tennis. Any dealings with neighbours which may arise should be conducted in a courteous manner and any irresolvable matters should be referred to the President of the club or a committee member. Please do not enter any neighbour's property without permission to retrieve balls.

In addition, please observe the following established guidelines:

- If you are playing and members are waiting, you should give way as soon as you finish one set. At busy periods, members playing singles are encouraged to amalgamate with others to play doubles to make more court time available.
- If you are playing on Court 3 and members of the public, who have booked the court, arrive you should give way at the start of their booked period.
- If you are playing between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm on a weekday and junior members are waiting, you should give way immediately.

SHOE TAGS: To help identify paid up Members, shoe tags will be issued when you pay your subscription. These will be left in the Clubhouse for collection. Please wear this tag whenever you are on Court and ask anyone not wearing a tag to leave the Court. Lost tags cost £1.00 to replace.

THE CLUBHOUSE: The Clubhouse is kept locked. Committee members have a key. Any other member wishing to have a key may purchase one from the Secretary for £3.00.

PARKING: Members are requested to park in the Sportsfield Car Park when spaces are available.

VISITORS: Members may bring friends to the Club for £2.00 per adult and £1.00 per junior each per visit, but may not bring the same person more than five times per year. Enter the name of your guest in the book in the Clubhouse and pay the fee into the suggestion box.

FLOODLIGHTING: Tokens are free to members and available in the Clubhouse. Please follow the instructions given.

TENNIS BALLS: New tennis balls will be provided for tournaments, club matches and knockout finals. Used balls will be available for club sessions. Please try to use your own balls at other times as this preserves the club balls.

WIMBLEDON: We have currently been allocated 9 pairs of tickets, predominantly for Centre and No.1 Courts, with a possibility of more closer to Wimbledon time. The draw will be held during our Open Day on 24th April, at 4p.m. To be eligible for the draw, paid up members must have their LTA British Tennis Membership number with them for reporting to the LTA and be at least 9 years old at the time of the draw. Anyone wishing to obtain tickets must attend and pay on the day. This year the LTA will only release the tickets to us once they have received the name and BTM number of each 'winning' member. You will therefore be given a receipt for your payment and your tickets will be delivered to you once we have them. Anyone unable to attend should advise either the President or Secretary and make arrangements for tickets to be paid for on the day and be available to sign the relevant forms when receiving the tickets. Note British Membership is free and you can sign up at <http://www.lta.org.uk/membership> - remember to enter Grayshott Tennis Club as your LTA Club.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscriptions are due by 1st April 2010.

Full Season: 1 April 2010 - 31 March 2011.

Full Membership	£ 55
Student Membership	£ 30
Junior Membership (under 18)	£ 25
Junior Membership (under 8)	£ 10
Family Membership (children must be under 18)	£140

Part Season subscriptions and temporary membership will be on a sliding scale. The compulsory LTA affiliation fee is included in the above.

Incentive Scheme: Existing members who introduce new members at the start of the season (April) will receive a 10% discount on their subscription for the coming year for each new member introduced up to a maximum of 50%. For the purposes of the scheme, Family Membership will be treated as individual Membership. Membership Forms and subscription payments for the new member(s) should be submitted by the existing member when renewing his/her membership. A claim for discount should be made by entering relevant details on the Membership Form. Extra Newsletters and Membership Forms can be obtained from the Clubhouse, from the website <http://www.gltc.org.uk/> or the Membership Secretary. Discounts for introducing members at other times during the year may be available at the discretion of the Committee.

Please note: It will be assumed that those who have not paid their subscriptions by 30th April 2010 have resigned.

JUNIOR SECTION: Grayshott Tennis Club has a thriving Junior section. Junior coaching on Saturday mornings is administered by JA Tennis - see www.jatennis.co.uk for details of times and costs. All JA Tennis coaches have CRB clearance. Junior members have priority on Courts 1 and 2 on weekdays between 4.00pm and 6.00 pm.

We have not entered any teams in the Summer Aldershot League, but will review entering the Winter league at the time depending on demand. There will be several club events for Juniors - see the Fixture List below for details.

If you would like more information please contact one of the following:

Jasper Allen (Coach) / Richard Holman (Coach)

01420 473899 /01428 607202

Robert Casalis de Pury (President)

01428 604792

CLUB INTERNAL FIXTURES 2010
(subject to change - see www.gltc.org.uk)

Sun	28 March	Start of Season	
Sat	17 April	Mixed Doubles Afternoon 2.00 pm	Tony Parsons
Sat	24 April	Open Day 2.00 pm / Wimbledon Draw 4.00pm	Robert C de P / Rita Watt
Sat	8 May	Junior Girls Afternoon 2.00 pm	Robert C de P
Sat	5 June	Mens Afternoon 2.00 pm	Tony Parsons
Sat	19 June	Junior Tournament 2.00 pm	Robert C de P
Sat	3 July	Wimbledon Finals	
Sun	4 July	Wimbledon Finals	
Sun	11 July	Finals Day 12.00 noon	Tony Parsons
Sun	18 July	Reserve Finals Day 12.00 noon	Tony Parsons
Sat	11 Sep	Junior/Senior Event 2.00 pm	Tony Parsons / Robert C de P
Sat	18 Sep	Ladies Afternoon 2.00 pm	Tony Parsons
Sat	2 Oct	Mixed Doubles Afternoon 2.00 pm	Tony Parsons
Nov	t.b.a.	Annual General Meeting	

(Please ensure you confirm your email address on the Subscription Form so that we can keep you up-to-date with forthcoming events.)

ADULT & STUDENT MEMBERS TELEPHONE LIST AS AT MARCH 2010

(All telephone numbers are on the 01428 exchange unless otherwise stated.)

BAYCROFT, Diane		605329	JOBSON, Barry & Fiona	713408
BICE, Alan		644606	KYNOCH, Jeremy	604214
BROOK, Sarah	02392	258876	LARDNER, Angie	713879
BROOKS, Michael		644085	LE COULLIARD, Jo	607303
BROWN, Philip		607303	LOUW, Chris & Debbie	01420 487603
BULLEN, Derek		651760	LYE, Richard	656121
CASALIS DE PURY, Robert & Amanda		604792	MACHIN, Bob	713104
CHICHESTER-CONSTABLE, Gail		607363	MCNICOL, Martin	604832
COLEMAN, Mike & Sue		717827	MITCHELL, Paddy & Jeanne	605641
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CRANE, Peter & Jane		609358	ORLIK, Victor	605772
CRAWFORD, Murray		606589	PARSONS, Tony & Elizabeth	722463
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HORLOCK, Reg		607164	WILLIAMS-THOMAS, Mark	606732
HORRIDGE, Peter & Sarah		605438	WILSON, Nick	07866 556066
HOUGHTON, Carol		714503	WILSON, Tom	713652
HUGHES, Nicholas		607156	WINCHESTER, John & Carolynne	606115
JENKINS, Lindsay & Christopher		717870	WOTTON, Alan & Rosaleen	01420 474449