

# Newsletter - Mid-Summer 2010

## Summer Tournament:

The tournament is now under way and a few matches have been played, great to see some juniors in the draw. As mentioned earlier the tournament, organised by Robert, has changed slightly this year to allow more matches to be played. The compass draw means that losing players at each round go into another mini tournament, that mini draw will also have a winner. Finals day will be on Saturday 11th September 2010. As usual, on that day, there will be a buffet lunch so we are hoping that we get a big crowd to support the event.

Please remember there is a charge of £1.0 per person per event made payable for the tournament which will pay for Robert's time to organise this tournament with anything over going to the floodlight fund.

Please pay Robert or Mike Buck the £1.0 fee.

## Club Clean-up days:

In order to keep our club and its surroundings a pleasant, welcoming and a safe environment we arrange regular 'Clean-up' days, to include the hedge cutting, leaf pick-up, weeding, general tidy up, etc.. This helps to keep our maintenance costs down, and gives us a sense of pride and ownership of our club.

These events usually take no more than 2 hours for approx 4 occasions during the year. I try to arrange these at an appropriate time on a weekend when we can also stay for a game of tennis afterwards, if we still have any energy left.

I hope that all members, if they see an item of litter anywhere in or on the club grounds, at any time, will pick it up and put it in the correct rubbish/recycling bag or bin. Also, if you see any person on our grounds leaving litter please ask them politely to dispose of it correctly. It is surprising that we have a litter problem, but we do.

Anyone willing and able to help on our Clean-up days can send me an e-mail to Dave Robinson, [drobinson4@sky.com](mailto:drobinson4@sky.com), with their contact details.

## Calendar of up-coming events:

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July & 24<sup>th</sup> July

Match play days organised to catch up on missed tournament deadlines have been arranged on these days. Good ex match balls will be available for use on both days.

Court bookings, starting on the hour, can be made by e-mailing [info@Abergavennytennis.org.uk](mailto:info@Abergavennytennis.org.uk). Please pre-arrange with your partner or opposition so they turn up on the hour but be prepared to wait if an earlier match is still being played. Reserved courts will be displayed on the notice board or notified back to the requester if already booked. It is important that any matches are booked in advance to avoid disappointment, coaching is still going on.

### 19th July - 20th August - Summer Holiday Tennis

Camps for primary school ages will be running every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10am-3pm at the club during the summer holidays (carpet courts are vacant for member play). Pick up a form in the clubhouse and contact Robert for more information.

### 23-28th August - ATC Junior Championships

The junior club tournament will be run in a dedicated tournament week (dates for each event on the entry form attached). Events will be run from Mini Red to 18&U and there will be plenty of matches and off-court fun. The event is for members only and all Mini and Junior members ages 6+ should be involved if they are available this week. Please get your entries to Rob asap (special dispensation will be given to anyone competing in the Welsh Junior Championships).

### Summer Coaching

This summer Robert will also be running Pay & Play drop in sessions:-

- Juniors aged 11-16 every Thursday 3.30-5pm,
- Adults every Wednesday 7-8.30pm at a cost of £5 for coaching, tactics and match play.

## 100 Club:

There's still time to join the 100 club which pays out three cash prizes a month. If you join in July the cost is £20 for the July draw up to and including April 2011. Cheques made out to ATC can be left in the box in the clubhouse or given to a committee member. Please write your phone number on the back of the cheque.

## Tesco Vouchers:

This year we collected 4,133 Tesco vouchers. Thanks to everyone that contributed to this collection. The club has ordered 9 doz. tennis balls so that will be over £100.0 that can be added to the fund-raising effort. Well done.

## Visitors:

Summer holidays are coming up and Wimbledon will have rekindled the tennis bug so can we remind you that if you invite guests to the Tennis Club you must collect a £3.0 visitors fee from your guest and write the details in the visitors book in the Clubhouse.

## Progress on the Floodlight project:

Tenders, for totally replacing the 3 tarmac courts and installing their floodlighting, have been sought and received from four court manufacturers who will act as main contractors for the whole project. The costs are generally in line with the advice we have received which will mean the club taking out a loan with the LTA for £40,000 repayable interest free over 10 years. The work is planned to take place during September and October.

## Fund raising: Summer raffle draw:

The club has organised a raffle draw to support the Floodlight project. We are hoping that all members will want to buy tickets but do we have any members that interface with lots of other people, perhaps in their work or socially, to whom they can sell tickets to? If so we are happy to give you a pile of tickets to sell on our behalf.

Please contact a committee member, Mike Buck, Tony Cole or Alice Garlick or e-mail [info@abergavennytennis.org.uk](mailto:info@abergavennytennis.org.uk) if you can help us by either buying tickets or selling books of tickets.

There is a long list of prizes including a meal at the Hardwick, tea at the Angel and leisure passes to the Celtic Manor. With your help we can raise a lot of money to support the fund-raising campaign.

## Parent membership:

For clarity and to avoid disappointment we have restated the policy on parent membership. This type of membership is to support parents of mini tennis players that might want throw balls or rally with their children. The mini tennis playing area (known as the cage) is available for this purpose. Parent membership does not allow any access to the tennis courts other than this mini tennis area.

## Membership for 2010:

Membership numbers have slipped in all categories except Non-playing Parents this year. This has meant that, even though we increased the membership fees slightly, revenue from fees is down compared with last year.

The numbers are:-

	Rejoined	New	Lapsed
Minis	58	10	28
Juniors	26	5	13
Students	3	0	2
Seniors	94	9	19
Families	15	0	3
Country Members	6	1	4
Parents	9	5	4

Our ability to raise grants and loans for improvements in all areas is linked to our income which is largely made up of membership fees. It is hoped that this newsletter will prompt lapsed members to rejoin before the summer is much older. Rejoin before the end of July and no joining fee will be required. Sadly though this is the last newsletter for lapsed members.