

Newsletter - Winter 2012

Community Chest Grant The club has been awarded a grant from the community chest to run coach-led family fun days monthly. The first will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 10th March and thereafter on the first Saturday of the month. As part of the session 'Touch Tennis' will be introduced. It is hoped that 'Touch Tennis' will allow many more Mum's and Dad's to get involved in the coach led sessions but also in playing tennis on the Saturday's in between. Look out for the flyers that will be printed.

Thanks A big thank you for the following that have recently accepted to take over voluntary roles for the Club:

Martin Phillips, the role of liaising between the Club and the press.

Martin Jones, the role of liaising between the Club and volunteers on the working parties.

Jason Smith, who has again agreed to help us with the installation of the floodlights on courts 1, 2 and the mini tennis area.

And also to Dave Robinson who is standing down from a committee position but will still keep the hazard reporting spreadsheet going.

Thanks to all those who took advantage of Bob Lawton's offer to research their family history. The first rush of applicants has now been completed. So if you have an interest or know someone who has (members will be responsible for collecting the fees from non-members) then please make yourself known to Bob at the Club or email bobel@gofast.co.uk

News of our Younger Members Congratulations to all our junior members for their hard work and success over the winter season. In our eyes they are all winners but some stand-out successes include:

- Herbie McKenna-Morgan - selected for Hereford and Worcestershire County Cup team, for the 2nd time .
- Oliver Stansfield and James Morris - selected to play for Wales Badminton in the Celtic Challenge. Along with Dan Taylor (S.Wales hockey), we have some talented sportspeople!
- James Morris, Herbie McKenna-Morgan, Tom Davies and Marcus Greet all achieved top 10 County rankings
- Bethany Jones won her first rankings point to reach 13 in South Wales.
- Zak Robinson, Alex Holmes and Lydia Morris have all been competing on the Black Dog South Wales Mini Red circuit and are positioned in or near to the South Wales Top 16 as the season draws to a close.
- Will Summors entered his first event on the Black Dog Orange circuit, scooping a fine win.
- Dylan Fletcher won all his matches at his first Grade 5 event at David Lloyd.

We had 8 players representing us at the South Wales Championships during the Christmas break, well done to Lydia Morris, Cai Morton-Smith, Sam Hay, Marcus Greet, Oli Stansfield, Jack Grayer, Fraser Wallace and Tom Davies.

Lydia won the Red consolation event, Marcus came 3rd in the 12&U Boys and Tom reached the QF stage of the 14&U Boys.



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BTM and Wimbledon Tickets Do not miss out on the opportunity to visit the Championships at Wimbledon. The process for getting tickets will start early in April so do not miss out. As usual a list of the days/courts we have been allocated will appear on the notice board. The criteria for you to get tickets will be:

- Club membership for 2012/13 season
- British Tennis Membership (which will be allocated to you automatically).

All memberships, meeting these criteria will qualify to go into the ballot.

Once the list appears on the notice board put your name/s against the days/courts you would like to visit in order of preference.

Natwest Community Force For those that remember, this initiative awards grants of £6,000 to the project that receives the greatest public support in the area. When results of the winners were announced, the number of votes cast for the winners ranged between 270 to about 370.

It is really disappointing that for Club of our size and stature we received 78 votes. When we consider that we are looking to upgrade our floodlights on courts 1 & 2 at a cost of £20,000 a grant of this magnitude would be a massive support to this project.

With 341 members we should be able to get at least 500 votes together, but how? Clearly we need a new plan.

Would 50 members as an example volunteer to get 10 votes each as an option? Is there another way?

If anyone has any ideas please let Robert or Mike Buck or any other committee member know, this should be easy money.

The Queens Jubilee and the Olympics There are going to be two big events in the national calendar that the club can also celebrate, please let us have your ideas if you would like to see the club sharing these events with something of our own.

Fish and Chip Supper There will be a Quiz and fish and chip supper on Thursday 23rd February. To reserve your place add your name to the list on the Club's notice board.

Recipe Books The Club has a limited number of recipe books left for sale. To secure your copy speak to a committee member or Kelly Evans who is managing the sale. We will not be printing any more so don't miss out on a unique and personal opportunity for a present for someone or to add to your own cookery books with this excellent publication.

Stratstone Sponsorship A big thank you to Lance Tyrrill and Trevor Scott for their support in arranging another sponsorship for the Club. You can visit Stratstone showrooms locally in Newport, Swansea and Cardiff. If you want to sit behind the wheel of an Aston Martin then Cardiff is the place.

Leaders Course There will be a leaders course on the afternoon Saturday 25th February for youngsters 13+. The leaders course has 5 modules covering all aspects of volunteering in any sporting field. The course has been sponsored by GAVO and is therefore very realistically priced at £30 for all the modules. Each attendee gets a free workbook and a T shirt. For more information speak to Robert Wedlake or Mike Buck. Do not delay the course is limited to 12 places.