

Newsletter - Autumn 08

VISITORS

We have an insurance requirement (LTA) that all visitors must be signed in. They are allowed 3 visits before becoming members and a fee of £3.00 is put in the visitor's box. The signing in book is in the Clubhouse. Members are asked to familiarise themselves with this important procedure.

SPONSORSHIP

A big thank you to R.E.M management consultants who are supporting the Club by financing the junior 5pm- 6pm. sessions for juniors on a Friday evening. Thanks also to Mike Woodward for arranging this. Mike would like to hear from anyone with ideas for helping out with other Club projects.

CLEAN - UP

It will not be very long before the courts and car park are awash with fallen leaves. The brooms will be left in the clubhouse with waste bags. Anyone wishing to lend a hand will be doing a great service to the Club.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

This is the first Newsletter published since I took over the Chairman's duties at the last AGM. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new members to the Club and thank existing members for their continued support.

This newsletter can only be a summary of all the activity at the Club so can I urge you all to read both the Club and Robert's (Head Coach) Website's (Addresses above) and of course the Club Notice boards.

Despite being a very wet summer the courts have been very busy. Teams have continued to be

successful and the coaching of both Juniors and Adults goes from strength to strength. Our Junior's are equipping themselves admirably in competition and I was recently pleased to be able to run a Tennis Leaders course for eight 14 year old budding Tennis Coaches. Mix-in sessions on the mornings of Friday Wednesday, Sunday and Tuesday evenings are attracting full courts. If you have not yet taken part in a Mix-in why not try?

I was privileged to be awarded 'Volunteer of the Year 2007' by Tennis Wales. It is fantastic

news that a nationally recognised award should come to Abergavenny. This award reflects on the nature of our Club and we will certainly be using this to attract the attention of would be sponsors. We have tried to encapsulate the ideals of the Club in a single mission statement: some of you have helped with your ideas for this but for those of you not aware of this it is included at top of page 2. Other articles in this Newsletter describe news important to the Club so please read them carefully.

Mike Buck

CHARITY CAR WASH

Each year the Club aims to support a nominated local charity through a number of fundraising events. This year's charity is "7 Corners" a local youth initiative based in the heart of Abergavenny. As part of this year's fundraising a number of members will be offering a car wash service "while you play" where you can

have your car washed and groomed for a nominal £10 (or more if you wish) with ALL money going towards this worthy local cause. If you have any ideas for future local charities to support please make suggestions to any member of the committee.

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP

This is free to all affiliated Club members. Our Wimbledon ticket allocation will depend on the number of BTR members we have registered by November 2008. Only these BTR will be allowed in the draw for the Wimbledon Tickets so it is important you register all the family and state your Club as Abergavenny S.W001 (if they require the number)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

" At Abergavenny Tennis Club it is our mission to provide and sustain accessible and inclusive tennis playing opportunities and facilities for the local community that promotes development for all ages and abilities in a friendly, relaxed and welcoming Club atmosphere. "

JUNIOR SUCCESSES

Congratulations to some of our juniors who are getting recognised in South Wales. Among them are:

Will Robinson – 4th in South Wales in Mini Red (8 & U) Circuit.

Dan Taylor – 13th in South Wales in Mini Orange (9 & U) Circuit

James Morris & Charlie Lesbirel – 6th and 13th in South Wales in Mini Green (10 & U) Circuit.
Gareth Rees – 7th in South Wales in 10 & U

Ratings Circuit
Callum Simmonds – 20th in South Wales in 12 & U Ratings Circuit
Will Glenn & Ben Woodward – Penpergwm Open Tournament 17 & U Doubles Champions.

Also a fantastic well done to the U14 team in becoming South Wales Champions: Harry Lesbirel, Ben Woodward, Will Glenn and Joe Atkinson. For a full report of these and many other junior successes go to the Club website.

SENIOR TEAM NEWS

Cymru Kitchen Mixed 1 won the league knock-out, captained by Andy Clement and will get a cup

Cymru Kitchen Ladies came top of their league and will move up next year, captained by Marian Ashton, and get a cup.

Cymru Kitchen Mixed 2, captained by Alison Brinn, came top of their league and will get a cup and go up next summer.

ADULT / JNR EVENT

This is a first for the Club. We plan to hold a mini tennis red (small courts) tournament for Adults partnered with 10U juniors: neither have to be members to take part. This event starts at 1.30 pm on the 14th September. Application forms are on the notice board or can be downloaded from the website. All standards of players can play in this fun event.



FREE NEW MEMBER COACHING

If you have joined the Club for the first time this summer as an Adult the Club is inviting you to join in with the Adult sessions run by Robert for 6 weeks free of charge. Claim your place by phoning Robert on 07903 524456.

WAITROSE GREEN TOKEN AUCTION

Each month Waitrose publicise three local projects, customers can claim a green token per visit and put it in their favoured cause. Look out for a Tennis Club project later this month. Hopefully you will feel inclined to support the club project. Remember it is one token per till receipt regardless of what you spend.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The next social event will be tagged onto the finals of The Angel Mixed Tournament on the 12th October. There is still time to enter this but if not why not watch the final, be inspired to play afterwards and enjoy a cream tea. More details will appear on the notice board. We are also planning an Autumn supper.