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## June 2008

Welcome to the British tennis clubs' newsletter. Hopefully you will find the information in this newsletter useful and will be able to send it on to your club members. If you have any comments about the newsletter please email [clubs@lta.org.uk](mailto:clubs@lta.org.uk). Also have a look at the new clubs' section of the LTA website. You will find lots of useful resources to help you and your club committee and coaches [www.lta.org.uk/Clubs](http://www.lta.org.uk/Clubs)

### British Tennis Membership - Free for all affiliated club members until at least 2012!

British Tennis Membership will now be free for all members of affiliated clubs until at least 2012.

Over 96,000 people have signed up to British Tennis Membership since it was launched in March. It's encouraging that so many people have signed up and are beginning to receive their benefits, however, there are approximately 400,000 members of tennis clubs in Great Britain so many of your members may still be missing out.

It would be great if you could promote the extended period of **FREE** British Tennis Membership to your adult and junior members so they can all start enjoying the benefits.



Remember that from 2009 the number of Wimbledon tickets allocated to your club will be based on the number of your club members that have signed up to British Tennis Membership by the 30th November 2008. In addition, in 2009 all of your club members (including juniors aged 9 and over) must be able (if they wish) to enter your clubs' Wimbledon ticket ballot without restrictions and those tickets distributed through your club ballot can only be allocated to members of British tennis.

To recognise and reward clubs that are being successful in signing up their members to British Tennis Membership, 250 clubs have received an additional allocation of Wimbledon tickets. For further information and to sign up visit [www.lta.org.uk/membership](http://www.lta.org.uk/membership).

### Goole Tennis Centre comes 3rd in the CCPR Sports Club of the Year awards

CCPR, the alliance of national governing bodies of sport and recreation, held its prestigious 'Sports Club of the Year' awards ceremony on the 6th



May. Goole Tennis Centre picked up 3rd prize and were presented with their award and £1000 in prize money by sports minister Gerry Sutcliffe MP and rugby world cup winner Jason Leonard.

Steve Turnbull, Head Coach, said: "It's great that the coaches at Goole Tennis Centre have been recognised and rewarded for the great work we have been doing over the last couple of years. The team of coaches have turned the club around and we now have over 300 children regularly playing and competing at the centre and have achieved Tennis Clubmark accreditation. We are committed to providing opportunities for all people to play and access tennis in a safe and fun environment and are looking to build on the clubs success in the future. We will be using the prize money to develop tennis in a local park."

Sophie Keates, Club Development Manager, said: "This is a great achievement for Goole and I am really pleased that the team have been recognised for the progress they have made over the last two years. Goole were one of the first clubs to achieve Tennis Clubmark so as well as delivering a great tennis programme they know they have great policies and procedures in place and a great club management structure which will ensure that the club goes from strength to strength."

## Funding opportunity for tennis clubs

Sportsmatch has been re-launched and could be a great funding opportunity for tennis clubs. Sportsmatch will match pound for pound funding raised by clubs or tennis providers for projects that encourage sports participation at grass roots level.



The scheme's awards criteria have been amended to provide greater flexibility for applicants. From May 2008, partnership funding from trusts and private individuals becomes eligible for match funding. In addition, applicants will now apply online with telephone support available from Sport England on 08458 508 508. For further information visit [www.sportsmatch.co.uk](http://www.sportsmatch.co.uk)

## Do you need to take legal or financial advice on behalf of your club - if so call BASeline

Before you take independent legal or financial advice call BASeline the tennis club business advice service. BASeline is available to all affiliated clubs and provides the advice and support you need, when you need it. All you have to do is call 0844 5618133 and quote the LTA code - LTA 27950. The helpline is available from 9am to 5 pm Monday to Friday.

## Wimbledon - buy used balls from the championships

Affiliated clubs are able to buy Slazenger tennis balls used at the Championships. The balls will have only been used for a maximum of 9 games. The balls cost £12 per dozen (including postage and packing and VAT) or £10 if collected from the All England Club. The minimum order is 6 dozen and thereafter in multiples of 6 dozen.



To take advantage of this offer please write to Derek Dimmer, Ball Distribution Manager, The All England Lawn Tennis Club, Church Road, Wimbledon, London, SW19 5AE. Please state in your letter how many balls

you wish to purchase, whether the balls will be collected (the ball distribution office is situated next to the referee's office) or the address they should be sent to. You need to send a cheque with your order which should be made payable to The All England Club.

Please send in your order by the 23rd June and mark on the envelope 'Please Hold' as Derek Dimmer won't be on site until the 14th June.

## **Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006**

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At the end of February 2008, the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 came into force bringing with it strict new rules for employers. All clubs must ensure that all employees (both new and current) have had proper document checks which ensure they have the legal right to work in this country. For further information click [here](#).

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