



Dear BTA Members,

Summer has flown by and it has been another successful year for BTA culminating in the prestigious Beacon status award (see below). Club nights have been extremely popular (with ever more “interesting” features devised by Chair Chris Jagger (!); the coaching – particularly the kids’ summer camps – have been highly successful and new BTA coach Gemma has proved to be a valuable addition to the team; the start and end of season tournaments were thoroughly enjoyable (and dry!).

Gemma’s mixed adults and kids fun night was very well attended; and fundraising for permanent floodlights is continuing apace with several initiatives from BTA member David Burndred. But the sudden burst of sunshine at the end of September was a timely reminder that play does not have to stop at the end of summer. Club nights continue all year round and, in the coming weeks, extra lights and another generator will be installed meaning that all four courts will be lit throughout winter. But if you are a fair weather player only, then you can still be an active member of BTA by attending the events detailed below.

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 8th November

As the AGM approaches it is worth remembering that BTA is very much a community association that is run by its members for its members. It is therefore vital that as many people as possible attend in order to contribute to the plans and future development of BTA. Unlike some AGMs ours is a relaxed and informal meeting with plenty of lively discussion and the lure of a bar to help fuel the debates.

AGM – Bar opens 7.30pm, meeting begins 8pm at the Holloway Hill Pavilion.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Tuesday 13th December

There is a change of venue for this year’s BTA Christmas party. Although previous celebrations at The White Lion in Milford have been a great success, it has been decided that it will be held closer to home this year. So all members are invited to the Holloway Hill Pavilion where there will be a “bring and share” supper, a fully stocked bar run by Margaret and Barrie and music from BTA DJ David Wolford. We will be asking members to confirm attendance nearer the time and provide further details.

SOCIAL & EVENTS SUMMARY

Tuesday 8th November	BTA Annual General Meeting 8pm Holloway Hill Pavilion
Tuesday 13th December	BTA Christmas Party
Thursday 3rd November	Sport Godalming Dinner
<u>Drill Sessions with BTA coaches</u>	
Mondays (7.15-8.15pm) with Gemma Wiltshire	

FLOODLIGHTS FUNDRAISING BALLOMETER





CONGRATULATIONS AS BTA IS AWARDED BEACON STATUS

Busbridge Tennis Association has recently been awarded Beacon Site accreditation by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). This is a great honour, as it is one of only 8 sites currently accredited in Surrey. The criteria for Beacon status is very stringent and Chris Jagger and the BTA coaches have been working hard for many months to ensure all the requirements have been met.

Judith Bunn of the LTA presented the official Beacon Plaque to Chris Jagger on September 28th 2011. The award ceremony was attended by the Mayor Cllr Steve Cosser who has been a loyal supporter of our community objectives. After the presentation, the BTA coaches staged an exhibition match.

Primarily, Beacon status sites must offer quality free and affordable tennis opportunities for the local community supervised by registered coaches. An LTA Tennis Development Manager will be assigned to work with us to further develop these community objectives.

Each Beacon site also joins the programme called AEGON Parks Tennis, the brand name for British Tennis' parks programme. This allows us to benefit from the wider exposure through the LTA website as a site offering a nationally recognized quality affordable tennis centre and training programme. Amongst other benefits, there will also be opportunities to apply for capital and "kick start" revenue funding.





AUTUMN TOURNAMENT RESULTS – 10th September

On a glorious September day (as we are so accustomed on our tournament days), 10 pairs of doubles teams battled it out for the autumn tournament title. The results were closer than in earlier tournaments, which may imply we are all improving!, but defending champions Claire and David Ventress went through to the playoffs against Chris and Maggie Jagger. Despite the Ventress's initially building up a commanding lead, the Jagger's fought for every point and clawed back an impressive victory.

Afterwards everyone retired to the Pavilion for lunch.



The Tournament champions – Maggie and Chris Jagger



STAYCATION

Earlier in the Summer, the BTA hosted it's first Staycation event promoting and supporting the Waverley Borough Council initiative. We had a great time with the Mayor and Mayoress Cllrs Steve and Mrs Sheila Cosser supporting the event. Steve had a splendid game of tennis and was remarkably proficient for an ex soccer player! Three of our coaches Gemma Wiltshire, Rob Dannat and Nick Munns put around 30 youngsters (with their watching parents) through their paces and everyone had lots of fun in the process. We hope to repeat the event next year.





COACHING CORNER

Busbridge coaching is on the up with new players of all ages joining all the time. The summer camps have been particularly well attended with loads of mini players taking to the courts, which has been great. Friday night junior club night for players aged 10+ has been very popular during the summer and is continuing under the floodlights. This term we have started up 2 development squads for players aged 4 to 6 who are training to compete in matches and our junior squads are filling up with more juniors signing up for ratings and taking to the courts to compete in LTA matches. The coaching side just keeps on growing so look out for junior teams next year.

We now have a 'speed gun' for testing the speed of serves, forehands, backhands, volleys and any balls generally flying off the frame at funny angles! The juniors have had their serves tested with the following top ten results:

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| 1) Adam Baker - 93mph | 5) Gideon Brennan - 76mph | 9) Jamie Hardy - 66mph |
| 2) Jim Carter - 83mph | 6) Oscar Parker - 72mph | 10) Ryan Anderson - 64mph |
| 3) Ben Starbuck - 79mph | 7) Jack Wilson - 69mph | |
| 4) Henry Copp - 77mph | 8) Phoebe Terelak - 69mph | |

BTA TRACKIES

We now have some very smart BTA tracksuit tops and bottoms carrying our logo, which will be available for members to buy. Sizes and prices are still being confirmed so more information and details for ordering will be available soon.

FUNDRAISING FOR PERMANENT FLOODLIGHTS

The amount raised towards the cost of fundraising has now risen to £5,586. David Burndred has also put in a bid for the Sport England Lottery fund for a sizeable amount so fingers crossed that it will be successful.

AND FINALLY, A SPORTING DINNER

Sport Godalming and the Surrey Cricket Foundation are pleased to announce their first prestigious Sporting Dinner to raise funds for the Go for Gold Sport Godalming Champions fund, (which gives financial support to local athletes with international potential and who have the talent to be selected for the GB team for the 2012 Olympic or Paralympic Games), and the Surrey Cricket Foundation. All local sports clubs have been asked to support the event by buying individual tickets or a whole table.

This event on Thursday 3rd November 2011 (7pm for 7.30pm start), will be held at Charterhouse School Great Hall and will feature Richard Stilgoe, Mickey Stewart and Neil Snowball, Head of sports Operations for London 2012 as speakers. Tickets are £55 each or £550 for a table of 10. To book your table or tickets please contact Michael O' Sullivan at mosullivan03@gmail.com or 07768 950801. Dress lounge suits or club jacket and tie.