



Dear BTA Members,

While most of us have been enjoying the long awaited sunshine and the chance to get out and play some tennis, others have been working hard behind the scenes to enhance the evolvement of BTA. There have been meetings with the Holloway Hill Sports Association (HHSA) to promote beneficial links with other organisations using the recreation facilities and the pavilion; a great deal of paperwork and correspondence with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to acquire beacon status which will result in more funding opportunities; and plenty of communication with charities and organisations to try to secure funding for floodlights. A small but hardy group from BTA (affectionately nicknamed The Moths) have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to continue play throughout the winter with the temporary lights. With permanent, more effective lighting there will undoubtedly be more players taking the chance to play all year round.

In the meantime some funds have been used to replace the nets so get out and enjoy them before the foxes do their worst again. The courts are looking stunning and are in tip-top condition for a hot summer of tennis ahead!

MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

A reminder to all BTA members that this year's membership fees are now due. In order to simplify the process, it was decided at the AGM that membership renewal should be on the same day each year for everyone. Therefore all individual members and families must now pay their subscriptions for the following year. Please remember that the fees have increased to £10 per person and £25 per family. Go to www.busbridgetennis.co.uk to download a membership form (the form on the members page still has the old rates while the website is being updated so please remember to pay the new fees).

BTA SPRING TOURNAMENT (Updated 10am Start Time)

It's less than a month until the BTA start of season tournament so anyone interested in playing should get their applications in now. A reminder of the details: it is a round robin tournament open to all ages and pairs can be mixed or same gender. Although there will be a cup for the winning pair and a prize for the runners-up it is intended as a "friendly" tournament. It will take place on Saturday 7th May with a warm up from 9:30am and play

SOCIAL & EVENTS SUMMARY

Godalming Cricket Club - Royal Wedding Tea Party
29th April, 2pm onwards

- Saturday May 7th** BTA Spring tournament - 10am to 2pm
(New 10am start time)
- Friday 17th June** Sarah Teasdale Tournament for
Cancer Research
- Saturday July 30th** BTA BBQ at the Jagers

Summer Drill Sessions with BTA coaches

- Tuesday (6-6:45) from 26th April** – with Nick Munns
- Mondays (7-8pm) from 9th May** – with Gemma Wiltshire



to start promptly at **10am** and the cost is £10 per player or £5 for under 18s which includes lunch at the pavilion. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis so to avoid disappointment book your place now by emailing us. If you do not have a partner but would like to play we will do our best to match you with another player.

NEW ARRIVAL!

The BTA is delighted to welcome its youngest member, Thomas Brooks, who was born on 29th March weighing 6lb 4ozs. Congratulations to Sian and Steve!

COACHING DRILLS EVENINGS

For the Summer season, BTA coaches Gemma Wiltshire and Nick Munns have kindly offered to run drill sessions so that members can improve and hone their swings and gain confidence in hitting balls.

Gemma will run a dedicated weekly drills session from Monday May 9th onwards, from 7pm till 8pm. There will be space for 10 at a small charge of £2 per person, so for all those that are interested, please email us to confirm your attendance on a first come first serve (and volley!) basis.

Nick will run a “pre-club night” session, from 6pm until 6:45, so that members can become experts before club night and then demolish the others as the evening progresses! Nick will start this on the 26th April, and a small charge will apply, depending on numbers in attendance.

ROYAL WEDDING TEA PARTY

Godalming cricket club have invited all the BTA members and their families to their Royal Wedding Tea Party from 2pm on Friday 29th April at the Holloway Hill Pavilion and lawn. It will be a lovely way to celebrate the big day with our friends at Holloway Hill.

The idea is a street style party in the afternoon with everyone bringing their own picnics to the rec. Hot drinks and cakes will be available from the pavilion, for a donation to the cricket club’s “Project 5000” fundraiser, and of course the bar will be open. There will also be a fish and chip supper available later in the evening.

As well as games for the children, for those of you who really want to get into the spirit of the proceedings, there will be prizes awarded for the best hat/fascinator, buttonhole, royal family look-alike couple and children’s prince and princess.

The cricket club will need some idea of numbers, so if you would like to come please RVSP by 24th April to Amy Norcup, who is one of the organisers of the event, via email amynorcup@hotmail.co.uk





Godalming Cricket Club
Tea Party

Celebrate the Royal Wedding in traditional English style

Friday 29 April 2011
2pm onwards
Holloway Hill, Busbridge Lane

RSVP by 24th April - amynorcup@hotmail.co.uk



Homemade tea on the lawn
Bring your own food 'street party style'
Tea & Coffee, Fish & Chip Supper
Cake Sale, Garden Games for children
Don't forget chairs /picnic blankets!

Prizes
Best...
Hat/Fascinator
Buttonhole
Royal family 'lookalike' couple
Children's Prince & Princess



Event also in support of Project 5000

COACHING CORNER

The Easter Camps are now fully booked, but there are still places available in the JUNIOR TOURNAMENT on 7th MAY. There will also be Summer Term lessons, so do contact Sue Goodfellow on sgtennis@live.co.uk (07966 016329) for more details about any of the coaching opportunities.