

THE CHAMPION LAWN TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Dear Member

The 2013 tennis season should be one to look forward to for the members of Campion LTC. Three of our artificial grass courts have been resurfaced in February 2013 providing the members with what must be one of the best club facilities in the area. This newsletter is aimed at updating existing and potential members of what Campion LTC has to offer over the forthcoming season.

Tennis

The new season will start on 1st April 2013. The Liz Milling Memorial Mixed American Tournament will take place on Sunday 14th April 2013 at 1.30pm. This tournament is open to members of all standards and it is hoped that as many players as possible will participate. It is the ideal opportunity for new members to meet and mix with existing members. Playing partners do not need to be found in advance – players will play a number of matches with different partners. This annual event continues to go from strength to strength and is a firm favourite in the club's calendar. To participate members need to enter in advance by notifying David McDermott on 931 5456 or alternatively by placing their name on the entry list on the notice board. Entry is free and a complimentary tea will be provided to all competitors and spectators.

Subscriptions

Please find enclosed your subscription invoice for 2013. Notwithstanding the significant expenditure that the club has incurred in upgrading the courts, the Committee has decided that subscription levels will remain unchanged. All members are asked to pay their subscriptions promptly – cheques should be made payable to Campion LTC and forwarded to Neil Leadbetter, Honorary Treasurer, 18 Delamere Road, Ainsdale, Southport, PR8 2RD.

Any member who has not paid by 1st May 2012 will have a £5.00 supplement added to his/her subscription. If payment is not received, including the supplement, by 15th May 2012 then your membership will be cancelled. Please organise your subscription payment at the earliest opportunity. Should you not wish to rejoin or if you have any query regarding membership please e-mail neil.leadbetter@googlemail.com or phone on 01704 574 010.

Team Tennis

The club's application for a men's sixth team to be added to the Liverpool League was successful. As such, the club will not be in a position to run six men's teams and three ladies' teams in the Liverpool League and two mixed teams in the Southport League. In addition, Norman Roberts has arranged a comprehensive list of social fixtures with a number of local clubs. Hopefully, we will now be in a position to satisfy the demand for those members wishing to play competitive tennis.

Match practices start the week commencing 22nd March 2013. Ladies' practices commence March 24th April 2013 from 6.30pm and men's practices will run from Thursday 25th April 2013, 6.30pm, with Sunday evening practices scheduled from 7pm onwards.

Both the Liverpool and Southport League matches commence during the week commencing 29th April 2013.

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Club Night, which is open to all members, will start on 1st May at 7pm and will continue until the end of the season. Friday night family tennis is planned and once again BBQ food will be available. The first BBQ will be 3rd May 2013 and again will run to the end of the season. Sunday morning Social Tennis runs year round from 10am.

Team captains and their contact details are as follows:-

- Men's Club captain, Jason Preston – 07738 298 444
- Men's first team captain, David McDermott – 931 5456
- Men's second team captain, Andrew Duncan – 07714 700537
- Men's third team captain, Simon Lambie – 07969 616923
- Men's fourth team captain, Brian Hovell – 924 1545
- Men's fifth team captain, Ian Milling – 924 1756
- Men's sixth team captain, Paul Jasper – 0751 542 1589
- Ladies' Club and first team captain, Anne Saltrees – 07984 449530
- Ladies' second team captain, Colette Connell – 931 4150
- Ladies' third team captain, Helen Sharrock – 474 9618
- Southport League first team captain, Callum Baddeley – 07861 805 354
- Southport League second team captain, Ann Byrne – 07963 179 766
- Social Team Captain, Norman Roberts – 924 1711

Socials

The club will run a number of functions over the Summer months. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Saturday 20th April 2013 – Traditional Spring Dinner – to book contact Anne Saltrees on 07984 449530 or Rebecca McDermott on 0151 931 5456

6th June 2013 – Summer Function – again, to book call Anne Saltrees or Rebecca McDermott. (DATE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION)

E-mails will be circulated to members reminding them of these functions and any others that will be added to the calendar.

Developments

Following the resurfacing of the front three courts, the club plans, subject to raising suitable finance, to upgrade the floodlights, replace damaged sections of netting and improve the car park.

Wimbledon tickets

Once again, the club has received a small allocation of tickets for the Wimbledon championships. The allocation of tickets is based on the number of Champion members who hold British Tennis Membership (BTM). The LTA rules stipulate that in order to receive tickets a club member must also be a member of BTM. Such membership is free and details of how to join can be found on the LTA website. A list will be posted on the club notice board for members wishing to enter the ballot for tickets. The closing date for the ballot is 30th April 2013. Tickets, like last year, are expected to be limited and demand is likely to exceed supply.

Keeping you updated

The Club has a website – www.campionltc.co.uk and also a facebook page “Campion Tennis Club”. If members have any matters that may be of interest then please submit to Jill Owen by e-mail to jillowen92@hotmail.com.

Coaching programme

The club coach, Ben Saunders, and his team, are continuing to develop their coaching programme. Over recent years the junior tennis programme has been overhauled and there is also a wide variety of coaching options for senior members of all standards.

Full details of the 2013 coaching programme are attached. Ben can be contacted on 07843 384346 or info@bensaunderstennis.co.uk.