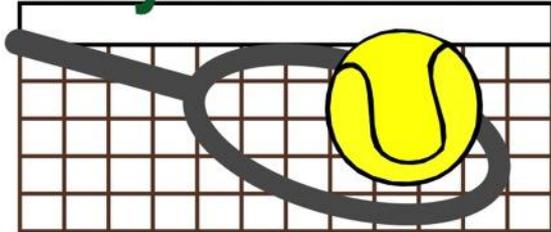


NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016

Sway Tennis Club



AGM

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 21st March and was attended by 23 members. The Chairman went through the minutes of the last AGM and these were accepted.

In the absence of any nominations for Chairman, Mike Reynolds undertook to continue, pending a decision at the next Committee meeting.

Deborah Walker tendered her resignation as a long-standing member of your committee. Colin Whittell offered to stand and was accepted.

A list of Club Officers and committee members will be posted.

2016/17 SUBSCRIPTIONS

A gentle reminder that subscriptions were due on the 1st April; early settlement would be appreciated.

The annual fees are:

Adult - £130

Family - £295

Junior (under 9) - £26

Junior (9 – 15) - £46

Student (16 – 20) - £51

Non-playing supporter - £10

You can apply online, or download an application form from the club's website at swaytennis.com.

CLUB CHAIRMAN

As stated earlier, in the absence of any nominations for the position of Chairman at the AGM, Graham Levers advised your Committee he was prepared to take on the role for a year. His offer was gratefully accepted, the Committee being mindful of his considerable commitment to the Club already.

The Editor takes this opportunity to thank Mike for his stewardship over the past three years.

COURT KEYS

As reported in the February Newsletter, many of you will have noticed it is becoming more and more difficult to close the padlock on the court gates and new padlocks have been purchased.

The changeover will be late on the 31st April.

The committee has agreed that all existing holders of a court key will have their key replaced free of charge. These will be sent to individual members who currently have a court key by the Membership Secretary on receipt of your Tennis Club renewal application.

Anyone else wanting a key will have to purchase one in the usual way

TEAM NEWS

Summer League

There has been sufficient interest that the club will be entering a Ladies team in the new over-60s Dorset League. If you would be interested in playing in this team please contact the team captain, Pam Reynolds (01590 644975). Alternatively, if you would like to play for the club in a Men's over-60s team please let Mike Reynolds know (01590 644975).

MEN'S TEAM CAPTAIN

Ashley Russell stepped down as captain of the Men's Team and Mike Reynolds has taken over. Thank you Ashley for your commitment.

WIMBLEDON BALLOT

The following members were the lucky ones in the 2016 Club's Wimbledon Ballot:

Sarah Neild	Melanie Seacombe
Sasha Law	Jonathan Law
Fiona Willis	Phillip Nutburn
Joshua Brangan	Greta Sansom
Linda Runciman	

CLUB HOUSE UPDATE

As mentioned in previous newsletters the Club's proposals for a dedicated clubroom had been put on hold pending further discussions about the overall future of the Jubilee Pavilion. The trustees of the old Sway Social Club have the proceeds from the sale of the Social Club site that they need to use "for the benefit of the villagers of Sway". The trustees' current thinking is to use a large part of that money to help redevelop the pavilion to provide a facility that meets the current requirements of the user clubs and that can encourage more use of the building by other parts of the community. If this project does get off the ground then it is quite likely that the tennis club will get its own club space as part of the overall redevelopment plan. The trustees have agreed to fund the drawing up of initial plans and a recent meeting with a local architect explored the various requirements from the building. An initial idea of the possible layout (and therefore probable cost) is expected in early May. There is a long way to go, and many hurdles to overcome, but the tennis club

representatives on the project are quite hopeful we will get our own clubroom at last.

ST LUKE'S SUMMER FAIR

This is being held on the 7th May, if you are able to help please contact Mike or Andy.

CLUB OPEN DAY

The Club Open day on Saturday 14th May is part of the LTA's Great British Weekend and will run from 10.00 to 13.30 and your committee are looking for volunteers to assist Andy on a number of tasks, such as:

- Setting up from 08.30 – putting out chairs, bunting, ball machine etc.
- Providing refreshments throughout the morning.
- Manning the reception desk – need three people.
- Helping to coordinate on-court activities, under guidance of Andy.
- Helping with the BBQ.

If you are free to help please let Mike, or Andy know.

If anyone has a tablet (ipad or Android) they can loan for the morning it would greatly assist the booking-in process – please let Andy know.

CLUB TOURNAMENT

The Finals day for the Club's Annual Tournament will be held on Saturday 3rd September.

Entry sheets will be posted on the club notice board very soon. Do not be put off by the feeling "I cannot possibly win" let us give these so-called star players a run for their money!

HANDICAP DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Information re the next tournament will be posted on the club noticeboard SOON.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The club's annual Quiz will be held at the Sway Village Hall on Saturday the 12th November.

David Gibbons, Editor