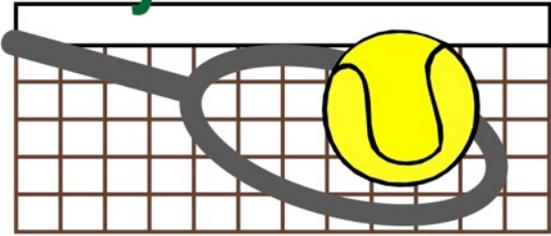


NEWSLETTER
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Sway Tennis Club



LEAVES - LEAVES - LEAVES

Beautiful just before they drop, but afterwards just a nuisance that have to be cleared. We are not able to employ a groundsman so it is up to **all of us** to do our bit and clear any leaves on the court before we play, as it is vital to avoid drainage problems resulting in very expensive remedial work.

So **please help** do not 'leave' it to a few like Jack Hutchison, who regularly clears the courts nearly every morning.

At its last meeting the Committee recorded their thanks and appreciation to Jack for his unselfish acts.

CLUB'S ANNUAL QUIZ

This year the event was held on Saturday the 12th November in Sway Village Hall. As in the past it proved extremely popular. 82 members and their guests enjoyed a fun evening where their knowledge was tested by questions put to them by Craig McEwan our 'resident' and inimitable Quiz Master. As always ably assisted by the lovely Marian.

Thanks to the popularity of the raffle, with prizes donated by members of your committee, a total £361.50 was

raised for club funds.

SKITTLES EVENING

Congratulations to the team of club members who entered representing the Tennis Club, for winning a skittles competition held in the Village Hall on the 23rd September in aid of Oakhaven Hospice.

TEAM NEWS

The Club has three teams entered in the Dorset Doubles League for the winter season 2016/2017. The Women's Doubles were promoted to division 3 this season, with Caroline St John as Team Captain; The Men's Doubles in division 5, with Mike Reynolds as Team Captain; and the Mixed Doubles in division 5, with Heather Stubbings as Team Captain.

I am sure everyone wishes them every success in what will be a testing season for them all, and I am not just talking about the tennis.

If you are interested in playing for one of the teams have a chat with one of the Team Captains. They can be contacted direct, or call Angela Smith, who co-ordinates the teams, on 01590 683084, or on line to angelapmsmith@gmail.com

Remember - nothing ventured, nothing gained.

PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF CAROLINE BRAY

Caroline, who sadly passed away in February, will be remembered by many of you for her kindness and full commitment to development of the Club we now know. When the Parish Council was planning the development of the newly acquired

Jubilee Field, Craig will tell you how hard she worked with him to ensure the courts were sited where they are now located, instead of in a far corner of the field which was known to flood. When Caroline took over the chair from Craig, she worked hard, with others, to ensure the leases offered to the four sports clubs were fair.

On Sunday November the 27th, a small group of members gathered outside the Pavilion to witness our Chairman install a plaque in the garden, which the Parish Council has approved be named in memory of Caroline.



CLUB HOUSE UPDATE

The initial plan for the development of the Jubilee Field Pavilion has been rejected, basically because of genuine concern over costs. The Jubilee Field User Group (JFUG) sub-committee has therefore met and a revised plan has been drawn up by the architects, in conjunction with a representative of the Trustees of the former Sway Social Club.

To meet the Parish Council's requirement for there to be the fullest consultation with villagers, the plan is to be presented at an open meeting

in the Village Hall on Saturday December 3rd between 2 pm and 4 pm. Representatives of the sports clubs based at the Jubilee Field, including the Tennis Club, will be in attendance to answer questions.

Your editor can confirm the plan includes a very usable clubroom for the Tennis Club, so if you have time come along, see what could be the future and make sure your views are taken into account.

LTA NATIONAL INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

The Championships will start in the spring and culminate in finals in November 2017 at the David Lloyd Club in Dudley. The winners and runners-up in certain events will have the opportunity to represent Great Britain in the European Senior Club Championships. NOTE: entries close on December 16th.

More information can be found on the website:

<https://www.lta.org.uk/competition/seniors-tennis/seniors-competitions/>

It would be great to see members from SLTC competing.

JUNIOR'S XMAS PARTY

Andy will be holding his annual kid's party at 5 pm on Monday December 5th, assisted by Will and Lucy. If you are free it is certain Lucy will welcome help with food and refreshments.

GAMES EVENING 14th DECEMBER

A festive evening of coaching and games, with Andy our coach, is planned for the regular Wednesday

evening slot on 14th December. The fun starts at 7 pm so come along and bring a contribution for the buffet afterwards. Wine will be on offer at £1 a glass. Do not be put off if it is raining, the fun will be carried on in the pavilion.

ACCIDENTS

Members are reminded that should they have an accident while at the courts it is incumbent on them to report the incident. In the event of an accident you are asked to report the details to the Chairman, or Hon. Secretary who will ensure that the relevant details are entered in the Accident Book.

WIMBLEDON BALLOT 2017

The BTM Ballot has been open for a while and members should have received an email inviting them to **Opt in** for a chance to get tickets for **Wimbledon 2017**. Even if you don't want to go your Committee asks that you still opt in as it increases the Club's allocation of tickets. The deadline to opt in to the ballot is 17th February 2017.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Following recent press publicity, members, particularly parents whose children come to the courts for coaching and to play, can be assured that the Club takes child protection very seriously. All of the club coaches are fully DBS checked and the Club follows all LTA guidelines in this area.

LTA TENNIS CUP FOR JUNIORS

The LTA will be introducing a Tennis Cup for Juniors aged 6 - 9 years. Children in that age group can sign up for what is a 6 week course, free,

at the end of which they will receive a racket.

TECHNIFIBRE RACKETS

Coach Andy will shortly have a number of Technifibre demonstration rackets available for members to try out. If you are interested in seeing what is available in the Technifibre range please contact Andy.

ASSISTANT COACH

Will Luckwell will be going for his Level 2 Coaching Certificate in the New Year. We wish him success and look forward to him being able to help Andy expand the coaching programme into more schools.

COMMITTEE

The Chairman welcomed Patty Upward onto the Committee at the last meeting. She replaces Colin Whitell who unfortunately had to tender his resignation. We wish Patty well and thank her for her commitment.

David Gibbons, Editor