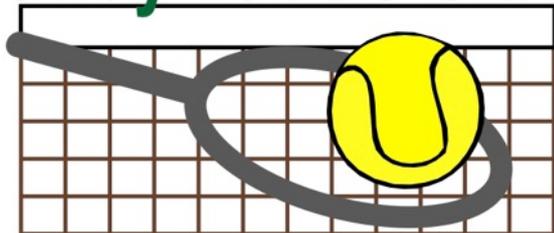


**NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2016**

Sway Tennis Club



LEAVES

An annual reminder that autumn is upon us, which means leaves and other tree debris on the courts. Please, please, please take time before you play to clear debris from the courts. Using the black drag mats it does not take much time and is vital in helping to avoid drainage problems later in the winter.

CLUB TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Finals Tournament held on Saturday 3rd September in ideal conditions, which defied the rain forecasted.

Ross Nelson and David Whitehorn played a closely fought Men's Singles match producing some of the best tennis of the day with Ross prevailing in the end 6-4, 6-3. The Ladies Singles saw Penny Roach-Hudson and Heather Stubbings in a close and hard fought match, with Penny winning 6-4, 2-6, 1-0.

In the Men's Doubles Alan Bourne and Richard Mains-Smith faced Adam Brangan and Mike Reynolds in an intriguing match where many games went to deuce, but the more accurate and steadier play of Alan and Richard prevailed with them winning 6-1, 6-3. The Ladies Doubles was contested by Heather Stubbings and Patty Upward, against Sue Garrod and Nina Jamieson. Heather and Patty took the first set using their volleying skills, but Nina at the net took a leaf out of their book and with Sue chasing down the inevitable lobs, they survived the dogged defence of their opponents and won the second set. In the

Championship tiebreak Nina and Sue overcame Heather and Patty and won 4-6, 7-5, 1-0.

In the Mixed Doubles Colin Whitell and Heather Stubbings faced Richard Mains-Smith and Penny Roach-Hudson. The score in the first set reached 3 games all, then Colin and Heather took 8 of the next 10 points to lead 5-3. Richard held his serve, but Heather served out the next game to take the set 6-4. Richard and Penny won the second set 6-1; both players showing a steely determination to equal the score line. The third set was a Championship tie-break and though Colin and Heather lost the first 3 points they turned it round and won giving them a score of 6-4, 1-6, 1-0.

Many thanks to the members who took on the task of umpiring: Craig McEwan, Pat Indge, Mike Reynolds and Len Thomas.

Though it would have been great to see more members supporting the players, at what is the Club's premier event, those there witnessed some excellent tennis.

SWAY CARNIVAL

The Tennis Club, at the request of the Sway Carnival Committee, again took on the task of providing and serving tea and cakes made by the ladies in the Jubilee Field Pavilion on Saturday 9th July. Thanks to Lucy Burton and her team of member volunteers it was a great success, which, thanks to everyone's efforts, raised close to £500 for Tennis Club funds.

TEAM NEWS

As reported in the July Newsletter our teams have had a very successful summer season in the Dorset LTA Doubles League and the respective Team Captains are to be congratulated:

Caroline St John, Women's Doubles in Division 4 coming 3rd; Heather Stubbings, Mixed Doubles coming 4th; Pam Reynolds, Women's Doubles over-60 coming 3rd; Mike Reynolds, Men's Doubles in Division 6 smashing the opposition and winning the Division. As a result of their success they will move up in the Summer 2017 League.

In the coming Winter season the Ladies team will move up in the Women's Doubles to Division 3. Our Men's Doubles Team and our Mixed Double Team will be in Division 5 of their respective Divisions.

As previously reported raising teams can be difficult, probably more so in the winter, and the team captains will always be pleased to hear from anyone interested in playing for the Club.

You can either contact the team captains direct, or call Angela Smith, who coordinates the teams, on 01590 683084, or by email to angelapmsmith@gmail.com.

CLUB HOUSE UPDATE

At their August meeting the Parish Council was presented with, in some detail, a possible proposal for the redevelopment of the Jubilee Field Pavilion by Ian Gale, a Trustee of the former Sway Social Club and lead on the Jubilee Field Project. The proposal, set out in a plan drawn up by a sub-committee of the Jubilee Field User Group (JFUG), which included a Tennis Club Committee member, a representative of the architects and Ian Gale himself.

Members wishing to see the presentation made by Ian in more detail, and the views of the Parish Council, should go online to www.sway-pc.gov.uk and download the draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th August.

In short, the Parish Council had genuine concerns about the cost of the project and that, together with a review of the proposal as presented, stated it was important further consultation should be undertaken to ensure any proposal had general support.

Accepting the need to review the plan as presented, which clearly proved far too ambitious, Ian Gale instructed the architects to draw up a modified version which has been labelled Plan B. This plan is under review by the sub-committee of the JFUG before presentation to the Parish Council. Your editor can confirm it includes a very usable clubroom for the Tennis Club and space for our coach.

It is hoped a copy of Plan B will put up in the Pavilion for all to see.

MEMBERS

On the 5th August, a farewell tournament was organised to say goodbye to Di Nguyen, who is leaving these 'sunny' shores to jet off to the even sunnier shores of Australia. We wish her lots of fun and happiness. Di has been a real supporter of the club, since joining us from the New Milton Tennis Club along with Heather and Penny and she will be missed.

NEW FOREST MARATHON

Many thanks to the eight club members who acted as volunteer marshals for the event. They were among some 30 marshals who covered the route as it passed the parish of Sway and beyond. Happily the weather behaved itself.

The editor has been told of one of our older members who was left to direct the runners at the busy crossroads by Sway Butchers all on his own. Must have been lonely !!

WIMBLEDON BALLOT 2017

The BTM Ballot is now open and members should have received, or be receiving an email soon advising them 'the ballot is now open' inviting you to **Opt in** for your 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, and you can easily decline the tickets if you happen to be selected.

ANNUAL QUIZ

The Club's annual quiz, to be held on Saturday the 12th November in the Sway Village Hall, is not far away and your Committee hope you have marked the date in your diary. A notice has been placed on the Club's Notice Board. Please put your names down for what has always proved a really enjoyable evening under our inimitable quiz master Craig McEwan. Donations for raffle prizes will be very gratefully received; please pass to a committee member.

FIRST-AID BOX

Please, if you use any items from the first-aid box can you please tell the Coach or a member of the committee so that the box can be re-stocked. There have been recent incidents where someone has needed medical attention and useful items have been missing from the box. The committee plans to replace the current container with a more robust and waterproof design.

CARDIO TENNIS

This popular Thursday evening session will start an hour later from 6th October. It will now start at 7pm.

TUESDAY CLUBNIGHT

Following calls earlier this year for more members to support Tuesday club nights the numbers have risen encouragingly. However, it is mostly men coming along and the few ladies playing feel rather outnumbered. So, LADIES, why not come along on Tuesday evenings (7pm) and even up the numbers?

XMAS PARTY

Coach Andy will again be organising a Christmas event for the Juniors. It will be on Monday 5th December – put the date in your diary.

David Gibbons, Editor-in-chief