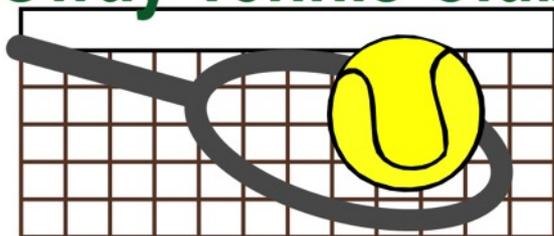


**NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2017**

Sway Tennis Club



WIMBLEDON BALLOT 2017

Members are reminded that the BTM Ballot is still open, though not for much longer. It closes on the 17th February. To date only 50% of members have opted in which is not very encouraging. As a member you should have received an email inviting you to **Opt in** for a chance to get tickets for **Wimbledon 2017**. Even if you don't want tickets, or cannot go, you are asked to **please** opt in as it increases the Club's allocation of tickets – you can easily decline any tickets should you win and not wish to take up the option.

JUNIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Many thanks to Andy for his organisation of the Juniors' Christmas party on Monday 5th December, and to Craig and Will for supporting Andy; also to Lucy for providing food for a lot of hungry kids. It was undoubtedly very much enjoyed by all who attended.

TOUCH TENNIS EVENT

Many thanks again to Andy for organising a fun morning of Touch Tennis on Thursday 22nd December, with 12 members taking part. Congratulations to

Robert Payne, the winner, and to Pat Indge the runner up.

NEW YEAR'S DAY TOURNAMENT

This popular round robin tournament, organised again by Caroline St John and Pam Reynolds, was a great success with 18 members braving the cold to play and, no doubt in some cases, clear their heads. Sally Kavanagh and Mike Reynolds won the highest number of games and went away with an 'enviable' prize each.

Caroline and Pam plan to hold a similar event in April, so keep a look out for a notice online, or on the notice board.

TEAM NEWS

Caroline St John has temporarily taken on the role of the Club's Fixtures Secretary from Angela and can be contacted at caroline.stjohn@tiscali.co.uk

As reported in the last issue of the Newsletter, 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

The Men's Doubles Team have, with one exception, won all their matches this season and are top of their league. The Women's Doubles Team and the Mixed Doubles Team are currently mid table in their respective leagues.

Mike Reynolds attended the Dorset LTA Annual General Meeting where he was presented with an award in recognition of the Men's Doubles Team winning their division last season.

AGM

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 16th March, at 8 pm in the Jubilee Field Pavilion, Sway. Your committee urges members to make every effort to attend as this is an important event in the Club's calendar.

YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU !!!

(a message from the Chairman)

Sway Lawn Tennis Club is a members' club - it is owned by you, the members. The club does not run itself and it is not run by a mystical group of fairies; it is run by a committee of volunteers. These committee members give up their time to make sure you all have somewhere safe and pleasant to do what we all want most - to play tennis. However, it is very clear there is a major imbalance of age groups on the committee. The current average age of our committee is nearly 65 years old, that is the AVERAGE age. For a club that provides facilities for everyone from toddlers upwards this is clearly far from ideal. With the best will in the world us 'wrinklies' cannot realistically represent, or even understand in some cases, what much of the younger membership think or desire. So, if you are of a slightly younger age please, please consider putting yourself forward for the committee at the AGM on the 16th March.

Under the Club's constitution the Officers of the Club (those who are responsible for managing your money and the other assets of the club) are required to stand down as an officer after serving for three years. This year the Treasurer, Sue Garrod, will be standing down and, therefore, we will be seeking a new Treasurer. If you feel you can find some time to take on this role the current committee will be extremely grateful, particularly if you have some book-keeping experience. Alternatively, the current Secretary and Chairman have both expressed a desire to move roles so if Treasurer is not the role for you how about taking on one of these other roles instead?

If you wish to discuss any aspect of serving on the committee, in whatever capacity, please contact me at chairman@swaytennis.com or call 07775 881519.

Graham Levers, Chairman

CLUB HOUSE UPDATE

As reported in the last issue of the Club's newsletter, the initial plan for the development of the Jubilee Field Pavilion was rejected and a revised plan was drawn up by the JFUG, again in conjunction with a representative of the Trustees of the former Sway Social Club. As before, the revised plan includes provision for a clubroom for the Tennis Club.

To meet the Council's requirement for full consultation on the revised plan and other Sway Community facilities, the representative of the SSC Trustees (Ian

Gale) arranged for an open meeting for villagers to be held on the 3rd December. At that meeting three proposals were presented: (1) The Jubilee Field Pavilion Project; (2) Re-development of the Village Hall; (3) The construction of a MUGA at the Jubilee Field.

At the subsequent Parish Council meeting on the 15th December, Ian Gale reported that those attending had been asked to complete a questionnaire, As only 82 were completed the analysis could not be regarded as representative of the village as a whole. Ian Gale stated that a preliminary estimate of the cost of the three projects was in the region of £850k. He stated that the Trustees of the former SSC were in a position to contribute approximately £500k.

Notwithstanding the fact that individually, or together, each proposal will require Parish Council approval, it is clear the Trustees of the former SSC have to decide which project(s) they will fund.

WELL it is apparent they have -

STOP PRESS:

At the JFUG meeting held on the 24th January, it was reported that a meeting attended by the Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council, representatives of the Trustees of the former SSC and others had been held, and that the Trustees will provide £490+k for the Jubilee Field Project. The project will be formally put to the full Council at their February meeting. You can anticipate hearing more at the Club's AGM.

It is understood the project will include

the construction of a MUGA.

The latest plan showing the proposed development of the pavilion building is on a notice board in the pavilion.

ASSISTANT COACH

Congratulations to Will Luckwell for obtaining his Level 2 Coaching Certificate, he is going to be a very welcome addition to the Club's coaching team.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- AGM Thursday 16th March
- Great British Weekend Saturday/Sunday 13th/14th May.

David Gibbons, Editor