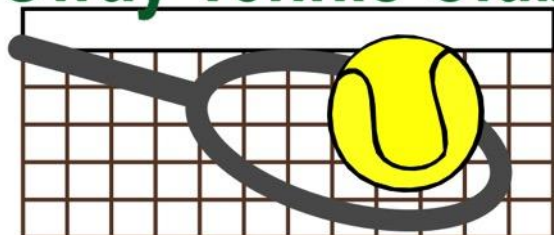


NEWSLETTER April 2017

Sway Tennis Club



CLUB'S AGM

The Club's Annual General Meeting, held in the Jubilee Field Pavilion on Thursday 16th March, was attended by 24 members with 4 apologies for absence. The meeting received reports from the Chairman, Graham Levers; the Hon. Treasurer, Sue Garrod; and Andy Mayo, Club Coach.

In accordance with the Club's constitution Sue stood down after 16 years as the Club's Hon. Treasurer. Many thanks Sue for the part you have played in keeping the Club's finances well above water. Jennifer Barker the Club's Hon. Secretary until the meeting, resigned to take over from Sue as Hon. Treasurer, with Colin Whitell taking up the position of Hon. Secretary. Thank you Colin.

Thankfully Graham has agreed to continue as Chairman for another year which is great news, as his insight into running the club is invaluable.

Lucy Burton, who was largely responsible for organising the Tennis Club teas at the past few years' Sway Carnival that brought in significant funds for the club, has had to resign from the Committee for personal reasons. Thank you Lucy you will be missed.

Club Committee: Chairman, Graham Levers; Vice Chairman, David Benham; Hon. Secretary, Colin Whitell; Hon Treasurer, Jennifer Barker; Caroline St John, Fixtures Secretary; Andy Mayo, Club Coach; Sue Garrod; David Gibbons; Jan Gibbons; Will Luckwell, Junior Representative; Mike Reynolds; Angela Smith; Len Thomas; Patty Upward.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Club's annual subscriptions are due from 1st April. As in previous years the Club is offering an *Early Bird* discount of £5 (£10 for family membership) for renewals paid before 7th April.

Subscriptions for 2017/18

Adult	£132
Student (16 - 20)	£52
Family	£299
Junior (under-15)	£47
Junior (under-9)	£27
Non-playing supporter	£10

TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to the Men's doubles team who won Division 5 in the Dorset Doubles Winter League, thereby gaining promotion to League 4 when the Winter season 2017/18 restarts in October.

The Summer season of the Dorset Doubles League starts on the 9th April, when the Club will be entering four teams; Men's Doubles who move up to Division 5 following their success in the 2016 Summer season, Team Captain Mike Reynolds; Mixed Doubles will be in Division 5 of their League, Team Captain Heather Stubbings; Ladies Doubles will be in Division 4, Team Captain Caroline St John; and the Ladies Doubles over-60 team play in a separate Division, Team Captain Pam Reynolds.

The Team Captains will always be pleased to hear from anyone interested in playing for the Club. Sway Lawn Tennis is a well respected Club in the Dorset LTA League, so how about helping to build on that reputation?

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

GREAT BRITISH TENNIS WEEKEND

This LTA-sponsored open event is planned for **Saturday the 13th May**, and your Committee are working hard with Andy our Coach, to ensure we match the success of last year's

event. On that occasion close to 100 people came along, including many young children, all wanting to take part in what was on offer. This included the opportunity to take part in group coaching, practice against the ball machine, cardio tennis and mini tennis for the young children.

Trial membership of the club will be on offer, as well as the ability on the day to sign up for coaching.

The event will be open from 10.00 am until 1.30 pm, when help from members of the club will be very welcome. Just let Andy, Mike or David know if you are able to help. The only proviso is that you will be asked to wear a 'Great British Tennis Weekend' tee-shirt.

SWAY VILLAGE QUIZ

Congratulations to the team consisting of the McEwans, Pitts and Reynolds, who represented the Tennis Club at the Sway Village Quiz held on the 11th March, for coming a credible joint-second. First would have been better, clearly they missed a few brains!

ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT

Thank you once again to Caroline and Pam for organising a very successful Round Robin Tournament on Sunday the 2nd April, with 16 players taking part. Unlike a similar event held on New Year's Day, the weather was fine, hot and sunny with a small number of the players in Wimbledon whites.

The event, won by Richard Mains-Smith, with Len Thomas our oldest 'playing' male member coming second, raised £72.50 for club funds.

SWAY VILLAGE CARNIVAL

The Club will, in response to a request from the Sway Carnival Committee, be providing tea in the Jubilee Field Pavilion at the Village Fête on Saturday the 8th July. The Club Committee plan to create a Café atmosphere similar to last year and are looking for volunteers to help between 9.30 am and 1.30 pm. If you are going to be free during those times please let the Chairman or Editor know.

LTA TENNIS FOR KIDS

This is an LTA initiative which Andy Mayo, the Club's Coach has set up to run at the club for 5- to 8-year-olds who have not previously played tennis. The first course will start the week after Easter and run for six weeks. The courses will be free with the children being given a tennis racket if they attend at least four of the six lessons.

Though the initial course is now full, please do not hesitate to book your child for the next course through Andy now - andy.mayo@swaytennis.com

The courses will be held Tuesday afternoons at 3.45 pm and run for an hour.

LTA XPRESS TENNIS FOR ADULTS

This again is another LTA initiative which Andy has set up to run at the club for adults who are beginners and new to tennis. The first course will start 3 weeks after Easter and be held on Mondays from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. A second course will start the week after half-term and be run on Tuesdays from 10.45 am to 12.15 pm.

There are eight spaces left on each of these courses and you can book a place on one of them through Andy - andy.mayo@swaytennis.com

The courses will run for 6 weeks and cost £38 for non-members. If participants do not own a tennis racket one can be loaned at no charge.

WIMBLEDON BALLOT 2017

Thank you to those 53 members who opted in for a chance to win a ticket for Wimbledon 2017, as on the basis of their action ten of those members were each allocated a pair of tickets. The winners were: Caroline St John, Elaine Husband, Georgina Havers, Harry Fenton, Ksenia Orlova, Pat Indge, Paul Runcieman, Richard Randall, Richard Sansom, Sasha Law.

As reported in the January Newsletter only 50% of the membership opted in, which suggests that had more people opted in, the Club would have been allocated more tickets.

A thought for when the next BTM Ballot is opened for Wimbledon 2018.

JUBILEE FIELD USER GROUP

As members will know the JFUG is made up of representatives from each of the sports clubs based at the Jubilee Field. The chairmanship of the Group is selected from among the sports groups and is shared on a rotating basis. At the last meeting of the Group the Chairman, Ron Loveless a Sway Senior Football representative, resigned after serving his 'term' and Mike Reynolds, a Sway Lawn Tennis Club representative, took over as Chairman.

Mike is taking over at what could turn out to be a very crucial time in the future of the Jubilee Field, and the development of the Jubilee Field Pavilion. Good luck Mike.

CLUB HOUSE UPDATE

This may sound like an ongoing saga, but that is not surprising when multiple interests are involved in what is known as the Jubilee Field Pavilion Project.

In the Club's January Newsletter members were informed that the Trustees of the former Sway Social Club had made the decision that, notwithstanding other interests, they would provide approximately £490K for the Jubilee Field Project, including the construction of a MUGA. This offer was put to the Sway Parish Council at their February meeting and was accepted subject to further information and negotiation on the conditions.

At the above-mentioned meeting the Parish Council determined to set up a Start and Finish Task Group (SFTG) which would comprise a majority of Councillors. This Group to report back to the Parish Council within six months of the first meeting.

At the Council's March meeting the terms of reference for the SFTG were set, namely "to consider the offer from Sway Social Club Trustees to transfer funds to Sway Parish Council in support of the development of the Pavilion at Jubilee Fields". The composition of the SFTG was agreed to be a minimum of four

councillors, the Group being at liberty to invite additional outside members, but they would have no voting rights.

It now remains to be seen how the Parish Council will proceed. Obviously they have to have the interests of the parish as a whole in mind, but it is difficult to see how they can progress the project without input from directly interested parties, i.e. the sports clubs.

What has not changed is the Parish Council's approval in principle for the Tennis Club to have its own club room.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Don't forget to sign up for the Club's annual tournament – sign-up forms are on the notice board now, or contact Jennifer Barker at jennifer.barker12@btinternet.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Great British Tennis Weekend, 13th May
- Finals Day 2017 Tennis Tournament, 2nd September
- Annual Quiz 18th November

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