



Summer Newsletter 2023

Dear Members

2023 seems to be flying by! This latest newsletter is packed as always so please read through to the end.

- Coaching and Summer camps for Adults and Juniors
- Autumn Ball 23rd September
- Club Championship update and Finals day Saturday 2nd September
- Play Your Way to Wimbledon Tournament wrap up
- Court 5 and 6 resurfacing
- Pavilion upgrade
- League updates from our Captains
- Would you like to join our committee?

Don't forget if you are not on it already do join our Community WhatsApp group via this link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GZECvqVom0XJFNVJxjd85t> This is what we are using to update you on key topics outside the newsletters.

Lastly, we do encourage you all to book your courts in advance, they are very popular in the summer and with 2 of them being out of action at the time of writing due to the resurfacing we don't want you to miss out. If anyone is having problems with Clubspark please contact Sue and she'll do her best to help you. suemsalmon@gmail.com

Coaching and Summer Adult and Junior camps

After her holiday and trip back to Scotland we are pleased that Head Coach Alison is firmly back and has a full summer coaching schedule. Details below for how to book camps, for information on these or for private coaching also contact Alison directly via WhatsApp 07478 718130. Both Adult Clinic weeks are proving very popular for the first time running them.

Junior Camps:

- * Week commencing 31st Jul, 14th & 21st Aug
- * Mon - Fri 10:00-15:00, Flexible booking per day or per week
- * Per day prices start from £40 / Full week booking discount of 20%
- * Full week prices start from £160
- * Non members welcome (fee applicable & added in the app at booking)

Autumn Ball Saturday 23rd September

Please see the email sent out 2 weeks ago for full details on the Autumn Ball, we have quite a few tennis tables already booked but there is still space. We look forward to seeing you all there and your support for fundraising for the club. Please use this link to reserve your seats: <https://fcsc.org.uk/event/the-sports-club-ball-a-special-fundraising-event-tickets-70/>

Club Championships update

This years club championships kicked off in June with 51 entrants across 5 competitions. There have been lots of great matches to date and we are now in the quarter final and semi final stages as we gear up to a finals day on 2 September. We are also running 5 plate competitions for those who lost their first game a chance to get more competitive matches.

Do keep an eye out for announcements as to who ends up making it to finals day if you are not participating we do encourage people to come along and watch and have a good social. **Saturday 2nd September** is the date for your diary.

Could those of you with cups from last year kindly arrange to get them back to Sue Salmon who is going to collect them ready for the new winners!

Play Your Way to Wimbledon Wrap up

This year we hosted the LTA Play Your Way to Wimbledon tournament for members only. Very popular for our first time running this. The winners all got medals and were invited by the LTA to the regional stages.

Amy Carson age 13 came 2nd in the regional stage in Aylesbury on the 15th July! Huge congratulations to Amy!

Paul Passey and Marc Weeks also competed in their regional stage at the end of June. Unfortunately due to short notice from the LTA and previous commitments our other winners were not able to make their regional stage. Vicky and Lucinda were our ladies winners, and Samuel Mooney our boys winner. Nonetheless well done for having been invited by the LTA to attend!

We look forward to running this again next year!

Court 5 and 6 Resurfacing update

The resurfacing of courts 5 and 6 is now underway and will be completed during August. There will be 3 phases of work:

1. **Groundwork:** The court has been spiked to improve drainage, court edge repairs will be completed and new net post sockets and centre anchors installed
2. **Tarmac laying:** The new surface will be laid, compacted and rolled flat
3. **Painting:** The tarmac will need around 2 weeks to harden and then the courts will be painted in dark green with mid green outer

The courts will be available for play once the paint has dried for a few days. If you have any questions during the work, please contact Alan Polding. alanpolding@btinternet.com

Pavilion Upgrade

We are delighted that Ashford kitchens have kindly donated some new kitchen cupboards and a worktop, so we can replace the ones in situ. They were delivered to the pavilion last Friday. We plan to get these fitted asap.

Ideas for upgrade

1. Paint the more stained pavilion internal walls and the rafters (any help with painting appreciated)
2. Replace the floor tiles (Kirstin has sourced some blue ones)
3. Take down some of the old framed certificates and replace with some posters of recent players. (any help with this would be great as Sue is struggling to find them.)
4. Paint the notice board and smarten it up.
5. Replace the table PVCS or replace the tables.
6. Replace the bins.
7. We need a replacement free-standing under-counter fridge, as the old one isn't working well or looking good. So if you have one you don't want....

We are on a fairly limited budget for this, so if anyone can help, or has some interior design or

practical ideas, let Sue Salmon know via text: 07747 834053

Captains updates

Ladies Captains update (Maggie Southerden):

Ladies 1's played 3 matches so far: Won 2, drawn 1, lost 1. The final match vs David Lloyd Beaconsfield on 15th July has been rescheduled to 17th September as it was abandoned after starting due to weather.

Ladies 2's played 3 matches so far: Won 2, drawn 1. Two matches still to play

Maggie has welcomed a lot of new players into our squads, at this rate we will be fielding 3 ladies teams next summer.

Mens Captains update (Andy Davidson):

The mens 1st team are having a good season in the bucks league, winning 2 games convincingly and drawing the other. With 3 games left the team have a good chance of pushing for promotions come the end of the season

The mens 2nd team also play in the Bucks league and is a great chance to give both our vets and those just looking to get involved in matches the chance to play. The team have had both good wins and close losses this season and look to continue to have fun on courts for their final couple of games.

If you are interested in finding out about teams tennis, please contact Andy.

Mixed team update (Doug Adams and Vicky Spooner):

The First team have now played 2 of their 5 matches: Won - 1, Lost 1

22/04/2023 - Away to Chesham 1879 2 lost 5-3

24/06/2023 - Home to Little Chalfont

A strong win for the club. Special mention goes to James who played his first match for FC.

We still have Beaconsfield (22/07) and Chalfont St Giles (27/08), and a rescheduled Burnham match to play, so have a good chance of getting promoted.

The Second team have now played 3 of their 5 matches. Won - 1, Lost 2

Home to Chalfont St Peter 2 won 8-0

03/06/2023 Away to Newport Pagnell lost 5-3

24/06/2023 Away to Chesham Bois 3 lost 8-0 against a very strong team

We still have Hambledon (05/08) and Chalfont St Giles (27/08) to play, so will be hoping to win at least one of the two remaining matches.

Lastly, we are entering 2 ladies teams, 2 mens and 2 mixed teams for matches over the winter, plus some friendly matches. If anyone is interested in playing for the team please contact the captains!

Would you like to join our Committee?

Some of our very longstanding Committee members would welcome the opportunity to step down at the end of the year.

If you would be keen to get involved Chairman Peter would really love to hear from you. p.stlawrence@btinternet.com He can talk to you about the different roles and the level of commitment that would be needed from each of them. Some roles are very low commitment, but very rewarding as you get the opportunity to support this thriving community club.

Facebook reminder

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2363389568> if you're not already and share your updates and pictures.

See you on court soon!

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