

Christmas Pudding Tournament, playing for the Bea Osleger Trophy...

Postponed on Boxing Day this will now take place this Sunday, 30th January. £3 entry fee includes soup, French bread and cakes. Open to adults and intermediate members only...

Juniors Party and Presentations...

Postponed before Christmas the Juniors Party and Trophy presentations will be held on Saturday 5th February, starting at 3.45pm at Go Bowling in Dunstable. Details on the noticeboard in the clubhouse...

Committee Matters...

From a recent committee meeting the following points should be noted;

The treasurer was busy preparing the accounts for presentation at the AGM but made the point that utility charges were up as was phone usage costs, some of which is due to the broadband connection. Please turn off lights and heaters when not required and make sure that the phone is only used for club business. If it is necessary to use it for personal calls then please keep the duration to a minimum.

The Bar Managers report stated that the price of a pint of bitter would have to rise to £2.50 and the cost of crisps may have to increase but there were no plans to increase any other costs, even though VAT had recently gone up by 2.5%.

Believe it or not, there are still match fees outstanding from last summer. Match Secretary will be on the chase.

Current membership of the club stands at 97 adults, 1 country, 2 life, 1 off-peak, 6 junior associates, 16 intermediates, 47 juniors, 39 mini tennis and 9 social.

Date of next meeting: Monday 21st March in the clubhouse...

Forthcoming AGM...

Firstly, just a reminder that the Club's **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Friday 4th March. Paperwork is to be distributed in advance (by email where possible otherwise by collection or post) to allow officer nominations and proposals to be made. Our Secretaries, Frances Mahon & AJ Webley, will be displaying posters in the clubhouse reminding members of the AGM and deadlines for nominations and proposals. Financial accounts for 2010 will be available to view in the clubhouse one week before AGM.

With regard to the officers of the club, membership secretary, Phil Moss will be standing down and the positions of Contact Editor and Bar Manager will be advertised as vacant. Members filling all other positions have agreed to continue in their posts if unopposed. For those members standing down, the committee would like to express their thanks for the hard work and dedication given to their posts. Our thanks, therefore, go to Phil Moss for his work as membership secretary. Contact Editor and Bar Manager will continue if proposed and re-elected.

This year the committee is proposing to increase senior and family categories of membership by £10 for 2011/2012. All other playing membership categories to be increased by £5 and social membership by £2. As with last year, there will be a £10 discount to each

category for British Tennis members. (An application to join BT made with your re-renewal will also qualify you for the discount) All other discounts remain in place.

To continue to attract new senior members to the club, the committee is to continue with the offer of a substantial subscription reduction (-£50.00) for the first year of membership only.

Senior membership begins at the age of 25 years.

Members are reminded that they will need to complete a re-renewal form, which can be downloaded from the website when re-renewing their subscriptions, due by 1st April 2011. If you are a UK taxpayer, then please also complete a 'Gift Aid' form that can be found with the application forms.

Links to the website containing the AGM notification, agenda and form for committee nominations will be emailed to the membership soon.

Contact, The Future?...

From the Editor...

As just mentioned, the position of Contact editor will be posted as vacant at the AGM. In the six years that I have been producing the club's newsletter a lot has changed with regard to conveying information to our members. From a simple photocopied sheet to our own Group on Facebook, changes for the good make information more accessible to everyone. I would like to open up a discussion and get some feedback as to how members want to get info from the club. When there are so many methods of communication it is frustrating to hear comments like; "I didn't know there was a meeting" or "missed that event, didn't know it was on" or "nobody told me entries had to be in by the end of the month".

Currently, notices go up in the clubhouse. A monthly newsletter is produced, paper copies in the club, emails to tell everyone it is on the website (yes, we have a website). Regular emails are sent out as reminders or for important news. We have a Group on Facebook – DUNSTABLE TENNIS CLUB, events are advertised here and members can upload photos. Our website, greatly improved two years ago houses all the important paperwork, including membership forms.

However, the task of keeping it all up to date and valid is quite a task. So I ask do we need ALL of this? How do you, the members, get information about the club? How do you want to get information? Do we need a monthly newsletter or could it be less frequent? Some feedback before the AGM would be useful. I am prepared to stand and be re-elected to the position of conveyor of information, but in a more structured and defined way...

**JUNIORS PARTY &
PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES
SATURDAY 5th FEBRUARY
3.45pm at GO BOWLING,
DUNSTABLE**

Names on list in clubhouse please

Trophy Holder Still Top...

After losing the fifth session because of the snow and ice, the final session before the Christmas break took advantage of the lull in the bad weather to wind up the first half of the season with Michael Tatham maintaining his one hundred per cent record to lead the table whilst his nearest rival Ryan Sobanja dropped points on his debut in the 9.15 session to fall three points behind.

Two sessions into the New Year and the position at the top of the table remains the same with Michael leading the way with 69 points followed by Ryan on 63 and Reg Natale and Jordan Cornwall a further two points behind to make it three newcomers filling the spaces behind Michael.

Playing for the ladies' trophy the lead changes session to session with only 5 points between the top eight. Currently Anne Bartlett Leads the way two points ahead of Frances McMahon and Jane Wigley. The top three being chased by Lyn Dorman, Jenny Morgan and Liz Benali to make it a very close competition for the ladies' trophy...

A Little Annoying For Organisers...

When two people failed to show up for the sixth session, one at 11:00 and the other at 12:30 which left three people waiting for a fourth player to turn up in both sessions. Fortunately, in both cases volunteers from earlier sessions filled in to ensure that the players had a game. Please remember that if you are not available to play then you must notify the organiser for that week so they can make alternative arrangements to bring somebody else in; it is usually the case that there are people waiting to get back in so they should be given that chance...

Dates For Your Diary...

- Fri Jan 28 Darts League – Division 4
Sat Jan 29 Afternoon 'Tennis and Tea' League, 2pm
Sun Jan 30 Bea Osleger Tournament, 11.00 am
Fri Feb 4 Darts League – Division 1
Sat Feb 05 Juniors Party & Trophy Presentations.
3.45pm, Go Bowling Dunstable
Sun Feb 6 Winter League(9) –Debbie Wilkins (662102)
Sat Feb 12 Afternoon 'Tennis and Tea' League, 2pm
Sat Feb 12 Safari Supper, see notice in club please
Fri Feb 11 Darts League – Division 2
Fri Feb 18 Darts League – Division 3
Sun Feb 20 Winter League (10) –Andrew Riley (660990)
Thu Feb 24 – Sun Feb 27 DTC trip to Manor House Hotel
Fri Feb 25 Darts League – Division 4
Sat Feb 26 Afternoon 'Tennis and Tea' League, 2pm
Fri Mar 4 Annual General Meeting – Clubhouse 8pm
Sun Mar 6 Winter League (11) –Kevin Drew (738764)
Fri Mar 11 Darts League – Division 1 (Final week)
Sat Mar 12 Afternoon 'Tennis and Tea' League, 2pm
Fri Mar 18 Darts League – Division 2 (Final week)
Sat Mar 19 Big Ron's Quiz Night in clubhouse
Sun Mar 20 Final Winter League, Session (12)
–Debbie Wilkins (662102)
Fri Mar 26 Darts League – Div's 3 and 4 (Final week)

Every Friday - SOCIAL EVENING, in the clubhouse.
Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays - General Club social play.
Tuesdays and Thursdays (May to July) - 'Home' match nights.
Tuesdays and Thursdays - Courts available for booking.
Monday evenings and Saturday mornings – Junior Section

For members information; If proposed changes are accepted, unless stated, these will be the **re-newal** rates applicable from 1st April 2011...

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND FEES.

SENIOR	: £170	(Over 25)
(£160 if paid in full before 31st March 2011, £170 if paid by 4 instalments started by 31st March 2011)		
FAMILY	: £350	(Adult members with or without a partner and their children, under 25 at any point in the membership year, all of whom must live at the same principle permanent residence)
(£325 if paid in full before 31st March 2010, £350 if by 4 instalments started by 31st March 2011)		
OFF-PEAK	: £95	(Permitted to play Mon – Fri, 9 am to 5 pm only)
COUNTRY	: £95	(Reside 25 miles or more from the club by shortest road route)
SENIOR CITIZEN	: £95	(Aged 65 or over in the membership year)
INTERMEDIATE	: £95	(Under 25 or improved junior under 18, invited to play at senior level)
JUNIOR	: £75	(Aged 10 - 18)
MINI TENNIS (under 10)*	: £25	(* born 2001 or later)
SOCIAL	: £22	(Non playing member)

DISCOUNTS:

For British Tennis members, **deduct £10** from the above fees. (For family membership, each person must be a BT member. A completed, signed registration British Tennis membership form can be submitted with this application to qualify for the discount).

The following additional incentives are available to full playing members only.
(i.e. Social members and Mini Tennis players are excluded from these additional discounts).

- 25%** : For 5 or more **playing** members from the same principle permanent residence (one must be a senior member)
20% : For 4 **playing** members from the same principle permanent residence (one must be a senior member)
15% : For 3 **playing** members from the same principle permanent residence (one must be a senior member)
10% : For 2 **playing** members from the same principle permanent residence (one must be a senior member)

Latest Results ...

SUNDAY, 12 DECEMBER (6)

Division 1: M Tatham 22, J Brown 12, A Riley 12, M Bartlett 8
 Division 2: M Peck 17, B Houston 17, Macauley Smitham 11, D Provan 9
 Division 3A: N Magee 16, I Haigs 14, P Hale 14, T McMenamin 10
 Division 3B: D Barden 19, K Drew 15, S Iles 13, A Gore 7
 Division 4A: V Fildes 20, C Tilcock 14, J Warner 10, R Sobanja 10
 Division 4B: R Natale 19, J Crossley 13, A J Webley 13, L Dorman 9
 Division 5A: F McMahon 15, J Holt 13, S Meagher 13, P Hillyard 13
 Division 5B: R Quinn 17, R Daniels 17, C Turner 13, J Wigley 7
 Division 6A: J Chandler 18, Mick Smitham 12, D Bradshaw 12, G Wigley 12
 Division 6B: J Tatham 15, R Haylock 11, B Clare 11, *-Reserve 17
 Division 7A: S Holt 18, L Benali 14, C Ward 12, S Hannan 10
 Division 7B: P Madden 16, A Bartlett 14, J Mullany 14, K McMahon 10
 Division 8A: S Hitchcock 11, J Morgan 11, B Vallely 9, *-Reserve 23
 Division 8B: J Cornwall 16, M Rooney 14, Dan Wilkins 12, John Wright 12
 Division 9A: G Fensom 19, Jen Wright 17, G Morgan 15, D Stone 3
 Division 9B: J Ford 18, J Cardiff 16, K Peach 12, Debbie Wilkins 8

SUNDAY, 9 JANUARY (7)

Division 1: M Tatham 18, J Brown 16, M Peck 12, A Riley 8
 Division 2: N Magee 16, M Bartlett 14, D Barden 12, B Houston 12
 Division 3A: V Fildes 20, Macauley Smitham 16, P Hale 14, K Drew 4
 Division 3B: S Iles 17, R Natale 17, S Ward 11, A Harris 9
 Division 4A: J Warner 15, J Crossley 15, A Gore 13, F McMahon 11
 Division 4B: T McMenamin 20, R Quinn 12, C Tilcock 12, A J Webley 10
 Division 5A: J Chandler 17, L Dorman 13, R Daniels 13, S Meagher 11
 Division 5B: R Sobanja 18, J Tatham 16, C Turner 10, J Holt 10
 Division 6A: R Haylock 17, J Wigley 15, S Holt 15, D Bradshaw 7

Division 6B: P Hillyard 21, J Taylor 13, P Madden 11, Mick Smitham 9
 Division 7A: A Bartlett 19, S Moore 15, S Hitchcock 11, C Ward 9
 Division 7B: L Benali 14, G Wigley 14, J Cornwall 14, J Mullany 12
 Division 8A: K McMahon 17, M Rooney 15, G Fensom 15, B Vallely 7
 Division 8B: S Hannan 19, Dan Wilkins 17, J Morgan 11, J Ford 7
 Division 9A: John Wright 16, J Cardiff 14, G Morgan 14, M Sharpe 10
 Division 9B: R Stroud 17, K Peach 15, K McMenamin 13, Jenny Wright 9
 Division 10A: C McMenamin 16, Debbie Wilkins 16, J Ansell 12, D Stone 10

SUNDAY, 23 JANUARY (8)

Division 1: J Brown 17, M Tatham 17, M Peck 11, N Magee 9
 Division 2: V Fildes 14, A Riley 14, I Haigs 14, S Iles 12
 Division 3A: D Barden 20, P Hale 14, R Natale 10, J Warner 10
 Division 3B: Mac Smitham 18, D Provan 14, B Houston 12, T McMenamin 10
 Division 4A: J Chandler 16, J Tatham 14, R Quinn 12, A Harris 12
 Division 4B: J Crossley 17, K Drew 15, C Tilcock 13, R Sobanja 9
 Division 5A: R Haylock 23, C Turner 13, J Holt 11, D Hillman 7
 Division 5B: P Hillyard 15, F McMahon 11, L Dorman 11, *-Res 17
 Division 6A: S Holt 19, A Bartlett 15, J Taylor 11, Mick Smitham 9
 Division 6B: P Madden 16, J Wigley 14, L Benali 12, D Bradshaw 12
 Division 7A: G Wigley 16, K McMahon 16, J Mullany 12, S Hitchcock 10
 Division 7B: C Ward 16, J Cornwall 14, S Moore 14, S Hannan 10
 Division 8A: John Wright 17, G Fensom 15, Dan Wilkins 13, G Morgan 9
 Division 8B: M Rooney 18, R Stroud 14, J Morgan 14, B Vallely 8
 Division 9A: K Peach 15, C McMenamin 13, Deb Wilkins 13, Jenny Wright 13
 Division 9B: K McMenamin 16, J Cardiff 14, M Sharpe 14, *-Res 10
 Division 10A: G Fox 18, J Ansell 16, D Stone 12, L Netherton 8

DARTS TOURNAMENT RESULTS - 2010

- D Bradshaw

MEN'S SINGLES

GROUP A		P	W	F	A	
Graham Morgan 2	Simon Ward 1	Simon Ward	3	2	5	3
Ian Fourmy 2	Jordan Cornwall 0	Ian Fourmy	3	2	4	2
Graham Morgan 0	Ian Fourmy 2	Graham Morgan	3	2	4	3
Simon Ward 2	Jordan Cornwall 1	Jordan Cornwall	3	0	1	6
Graham Morgan 2	Jordan Cornwall 0					
Simon Ward 2	Ian Fourmy 0					

(Top two into quarter-finals)

GROUP B		P	W	F	A	
Macauley Smitham 2	Alan Harris 1	Darren Snee	3	3	6	0
David Bradshaw 0	Darren Snee 2	Alan Harris	3	1	3	4
Macauley Smitham 1	David Bradshaw 2	Macauley Smitham	3	1	3	5
Alan Harris 0	Darren Snee 2	David Bradshaw	3	1	2	5
Macauley Smitham 0	Darren Snee 2					
Alan Harris 2	David Bradshaw 0					

(Top two into quarter-finals)

GROUP C		P	W	F	A	
Alan Gore 2	Michael Sharpe 1	Alan Gore	3	3	6	2
Mick Smitham 1	Jim Chandler 2	*Michael Sharpe	3	1	4	5
Alan Gore 2	Mick Smitham 0	*Jim Chandler	3	1	4	5
Michael Sharpe 2	Jim Chandler 1	Mick Smitham	3	1	3	5
Alan Gore 2	Jim Chandler 1					
Michael Sharpe 1	Mick Smitham 2					

(Top two into quarter-finals)
 *- Decided on head to head result

GROUP D		P	W	F	A	
Stuart Hitchcock 1	Dennis Stone 2	Dennis Stone	3	2	5	3
Mike Bartlett 2	Liam Barton 0	Mike Bartlett	3	2	4	2
Dennis Stone 1	Liam Barton 2	Liam Barton	3	2	4	4
Mike Bartlett 2	Stuart Hitchcock 0	Stuart Hitchcock	3	0	2	6
Mike Bartlett 0	Dennis Stone 2					
Stuart Hitchcock 1	Liam Barton 2					

(Top two into quarter-finals)

QUARTER-FINALS (Best of 3 games)

Simon Ward 0	#Jim Chandler 2	Alan Gore 2	Ian Fourmy 0
Darren Snee 1	Mike Bartlett 2	Dennis Stone 2	Alan Harris 0

SEMI-FINALS (Best of 5 games)

#Jim Chandler 3	Mike Bartlett 1	Alan Gore 3	Dennis Stone 0
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FINAL (Best of 7 games)

#Jim Chandler 3 Alan Gore 4 (Champion)
 (# - Late replacement)

LADIES' SINGLES

GROUP A		P	W	F	A	
Mary Comb 0	'AJ' Webley 2	Chris Chandler	2	2	4	0
Chris Chandler 2	Mary Comb 0	'AJ' Webley	2	1	2	2
Chris Chandler 2	'AJ' Webley 0	Mary Comb	2	0	0	4

(Top two into semi-finals)

GROUP B		P	W	F	A	
Lynda Gore 0	Anne Bartlett 2	Jacqui Crossley	2	2	4	0
Jacqui Crossley 2	Lynda Gore 0	Anne Bartlett	2	1	2	2
Jacqui Crossley 2	Anne Bartlett 0	Lynda Gore	2	0	0	4

(Top two into semi-finals)

SEMI-FINALS (Best of 5 games)

Chris Chandler 3	Anne Bartlett 1	Jacqui Crossley 3	'AJ' Webley 0
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FINAL (Best of 5 games)

Chris Chandler 2 Jacqui Crossley 3 (Champion)

OPEN DOUBLES

GROUP A	
Jordan Cornwall/Mary Comb 2	Mick Smitham/Anne Bartlett 1
David Bradshaw/Graham Morgan 2	Ian Fourmy/'AJ' Webley 1
Jordan Cornwall/Mary Comb 0	David Bradshaw/Graham Morgan 2
Mick Smitham/Anne Bartlett 2	Ian Fourmy/'AJ' Webley 1
Jordan Cornwall/Mary Comb 0	Ian Fourmy/'AJ' Webley 2
Mick Smitham/Anne Bartlett 0	David Bradshaw/Graham Morgan 2

Winners: David Bradshaw/Graham Morgan;
 Runners up: Ian Fourmy/'AJ' Webley

GROUP B

Mike Bartlett/Alan Harris 1	Chris Chandler/Jacqui Crossley 2
Simon Ward/Alan Gore 1	Jim Chandler/Lynda Gore 2
Mike Bartlett/Alan Harris 2	Simon Ward/Alan Gore 1
Chris Chandler/Jacqui Crossley 1	Jim Chandler/Lynda Gore 2
Mike Bartlett/Alan Harris 0	Jim Chandler/Lynda Gore 2
Chris Chandler/Jacqui Crossley 1	Simon Ward/Alan Gore 2

Winners: Jim Chandler/Lynda Gore;
 Runners up: Simon Ward/Alan Gore

SEMI-FINALS (Best of 5 games)

David Bradshaw/Graham Morgan 0	Simon Ward/Alan Gore 3
Jim Chandler/Lynda Gore 3	Ian Fourmy/'AJ' Webley 2

FINAL (Best of 7 games)

Simon Ward/Alan Gore 4 (Champions) Jim Chandler/Lynda Gore 2

AROUND AND ABOUT

SAFARI SUPPER
Saturday 12th
February
Names on notice in
clubhouse please,
£5/person (non-hosts)

SLIGHT CHANGE IN WINTER LEAGUE FORMAT...

A suggestion has been put forward that instead of having just one person relegated from division one and one promoted from division two that we have two up and down instead. This would ensure that the top division gets more shaken up although with two going down from the first and two coming up from 3A and 3B division two will consist of a completely different quartet each time. As this would only affect players from 9.15, any feedback would be appreciated. If this was to be adopted it would commence next winter. *D.E.B*

COACHING...

Coaching has started for the new term and seems to be going well with no cancellations due to bad weather. Nick would like everyone know who was affected by the bad weather in December that lost sessions WILL be caught up. From Easter there will be a slight change to the termly coaching sessions in that they will be of 10 week duration (as per LTA guidelines) instead of the current 12., This will

also give some leeway for catching up sessions that are cancelled. Fitness sessions for juniors have started this term and will shortly be offered to senior members as well. DTC have a good squad of coaches; please use them to help improve your tennis skill and fitness. As one member said, "Worth every penny"...

PORZ VISIT 2011...

This year it is our turn to visit our friends at Rot-Weiss Tennis Club in Porz, Germany. The dates for the visit are; Thursday 4th until Sunday 7th August. If you are interested in going, please make sure that Nick Boys is aware...

ALAN WINS SECOND TROPHY...

Alan Gore won his second darts trophy this winter when he followed up his men's singles title with the open doubles event with his partner Simon Ward after defeating Jim Chandler and Lynda Gore in the final. Simon also won the doubles final the last time it was played two years ago and along with winning the 'first division' earlier this year so between themselves they have dominated events. Twenty-six contestants will take part in our internal darts leagues, which commence in January with seven in divisions one and two and six in divisions three and four. See the darts notice board for further details. *D.E.B.*

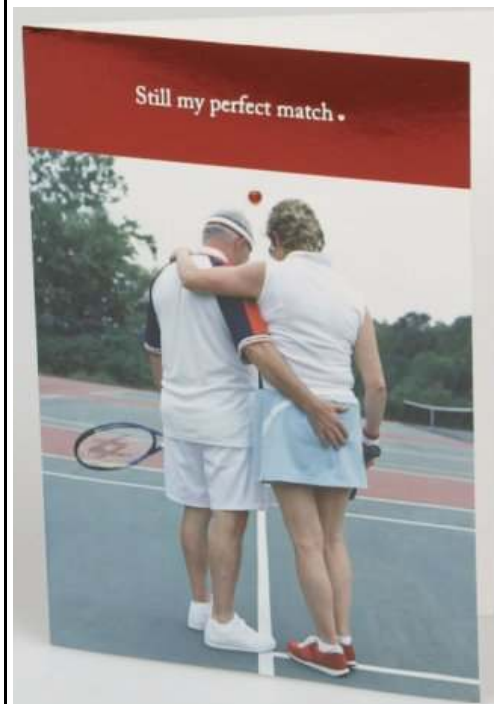
DARREN OFF TO A FLIER...

Our internal darts league season got under way in January with Darren Snee flying out of the blocks with two victories in his opening two first

division matches – the only player to do so. His victories came against two long-term first division regulars Alan Gore and Mike Bartlett whilst reigning champion Simon Ward recovered from a first leg set back against newly promoted Cath Turner to claim victory in pursuit of retaining his title. Promoted second division champion Alan Harris occupies second place with three points and is joined by Simon and Graham Morgan who drew their match to share third place. *D.E.B.*

AND FINALLY...

With Valentines Day just around the corner, how about the perfect card?...



I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ALL SUFFERED IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS WITH THE LACK OF REFUSE COLLECTIONS. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE ABLE, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD TAKE HOME A BAG OF RUBBISH / RE-CYCLING. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO MINIMISE THE AMOUNT OF REFUSE LEFT LYING AROUND WHICH ATTRACTS UNWANTED GUESTS. THANK YOU...