

oldbasinglawntennisclub



2010



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from the chairman



Welcome to the 2010 Tennis season. Firstly I would like to thank all of the Committee and all those members who have and continue to run our Club as well as they do.

Another winter draws to a close (I hope!) which does not of course mean that tennis stops; our Mens', Ladies' and Mixed teams have been out confronting their opposition to some very good effect – playing league matches has been a nightmare this winter, not helped by the problem with our courts; let's hope that this summer proves to be a bit hotter and dryer than the last. The courts have now been power washed and are ready and safe for play. Our thanks are also due to Heather and Clive Mountford, who for several years now have coordinated the Wednesday evening sessions at Manydown throughout the winter; I know many of you take advantage of this opportunity to play, and the Mountfords work very hard to ensure that all the slots are used fully.

Some of you exercised your legs at our Barn Dance in November, a new venture for us. While not as good a fund raiser as a Quiz due to the greater costs involved, it nevertheless made over £400 for us, and was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. It would have been good to see more Club members there though. This year we are holding a Quiz, at the Village Hall on Saturday 30th October. Put the date in your diaries now, and start swotting!

Looking forward to the new season, we will be fielding 9 teams in the League this Summer – 4 Men's, 2 Ladies', 3 Mixed. Please do not hold back from volunteering to play matches – we are represented in various divisions, from the top to the bottom and the Captains need large squads of players to choose from; we're all more than likely to have other interests besides tennis and thus not be available for every match.

Summer tournament: we have decided to run the Summer tournaments throughout the summer this year, and have changed the formats slightly; Finals Day will be in September, followed by a Barbecue at the Club. We hope that the revised arrangements, with more time to play matches, will encourage more of you to enter these competitions. The entry sheets will be posted soon after the start of the season, and the first rounds will commence in mid-June. I hope a large number of you will turn out to support Finals Day and stay for the Barbecue.

Wimbledon tickets: the rules governing eligibility for Wimbledon tickets are the same as last year. You must be a member not only of an affiliated club (we are affiliated) but also of British Tennis to be entered for the club's ballot. Membership of BT is free at least until 2012 and you can join on-line via <http://www.lta.org.uk/BritishTennisMembership> which gives full details of the benefits of membership. We will get a list of BT members from the LTA before we do our draw on 30th April, which coincidentally is the cut-off date for getting a discount on your subscription to the Club.

Subscriptions have been increased slightly after a freeze last year. We will have to do some maintenance on the Clubhouse this year, and contributed some of the costs of getting the courts cleaned.

Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council: although we agreed with the Council that a Service Level Agreement would not help us, it has become clear from the courts situation that we do need a formal maintenance agreement. While both we and the Council have meeting minutes and various records of proposed pricing policies, there is no consensus (written or otherwise) on who should be doing and paying for what as far as maintenance of the tennis courts and surrounds is concerned. So an early priority this year will be to get an agreement drafted and signed up.

Chris Fowler, Chairman OBLTC
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yourcommittee



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clubsessions



The first club night will be held on **Tuesday 30 March** at 6.00 pm. Thereafter club sessions will be held as follows:

Tuesday - 6.00 pm to dusk

Friday - 6.00 pm to dusk

Sunday - 2.00 pm onwards adults & family members.

Junior members have use of the courts up to 6.00 pm on weekdays.

The tennis balls for the senior sessions will be provided by the Club Night Organiser. All committee members and team captains are asked always to bring their ball cupboard keys with them to club sessions so that, if necessary, the supply of balls for Club nights can be restocked with used match balls.

At the end of play, please remember to ease off the tension on the net cords.

Please would the last players to leave the courts put the balls back in the Clubhouse and lock it and the courts.

The Parish Council have requested the club to provide a single point of contact for the groundsman, through whom all requests for maintenance work should be routed. For the coming season this will be the Committee. Any requests/observations should be passed to any committee member – contact details above.



Presented by Mike Chamberlain:

I would like to start by thanking all the team Captains for their help and support over the past season to ensure that despite the horrendous weather, the majority of the matches were played by the end of the season. All team Captains efforts are appreciated by the players and Committee alike.

Basingstoke & District Winter League 2009/2010

Six teams were registered for the 2009/2010 Winter season: three Mens, one Ladies and two Mixed. All teams have been enjoying their tennis in spite of delays caused by severe snow in December and January. At the time of writing there are still matches to be played. Old Basing's best performance came from the Ladies in Division 2 who are on equal points with the top team with one game in hand. Mens A and B teams together with the Mixed B team finished in mid-table whilst Mens C and Mixed A finished in the bottom half of their respective tables.

Basingstoke & District Summer League 2009

Eight teams were entered into the Summer league: Three Mens, two Ladies and three Mixed. All teams again competed strongly with some notable achievements.

MENS 'A' – Finished third in Division 1

MIXED 'A' – Simon Brenchley continued where Rob left off and the Mixed 'A' won Division 1 for the third year running.

MENS 'B' struggled this season after promotion to Division 1 last Season and will be relegated to Division 2. Ladies 'B' also struggled this Season after promotion last Season finishing near the bottom of Division 2. The MIXED 'B' also struggled and will be relegated. All other teams managed to secure safety in their respective divisions.

Basingstoke & District Summer League 2010

The Summer will soon be upon us and we are looking forward to another enjoyable league season. Nine teams have been registered for the 2010 Summer season: four Mens, two Ladies and three Mixed.

I am looking to increase the depth of squads for the teams for the Summer Season. As we will be running an extra men's team it is important to know people's willingness and availability to play in club matches. **For this season I will assume that everyone is available to play in matches unless they specifically contact myself and the relevant team captain to the contrary.**

Matthew Savastano, Match Secretary

01256 350501, 07909 905 584, or Email matthew.savastano@wspgroup.com

teamcaptains10



Listed below are Teams & Captains with Home Match start times for the coming Summer season:

Team	Team Captain	Telephone No.	Start Time
Men – A	Phil Dixon	01256 397596	Saturday 10.00am
Men – B	Mark Hammond	01256 330999	Sunday 10.00am
Men – C	Mike Chamberlain	01256 364265	Saturday 10.00am
Men – D	Clive Mountford	01256 477930	Sunday 10.00am
Ladies – A	Sue Willcock	01256 478197	Wednesday 6.30pm
Ladies – B	Matt Savastano	01256 350501	Thursday 6.30pm
Mixed – A	Simon Brenchley	01256 883972	Thursday 6.30pm
Mixed – B	Matt Savastano	07961 951637	Sunday 10.00am
Mixed – C	Roy Pike	01256 324902	Wednesday 6.30pm

Thank you in advance to all Team Captains for volunteering to run teams again for 2010. Good luck to all teams and most importantly enjoy playing tennis!!

clubnightorganisation



Following last season's scheme to supervise club nights, it has been decided to operate the system until late July – numbers attending during the summer holidays are such that dedicated organisation is not necessary. It is proposed to involve a number of members by operating a rota which will be displayed on the club notice board.

The duties are not onerous and the Committee hope that members will appreciate the potential benefits of the scheme and that those asked will participate to ensure the smooth running and enjoyment of your club sessions.

It is anticipated that no-one will be asked to officiate more than once during the season. This will involve arriving at the Courts at 5.55pm and staying until play ends. A briefing will be supplied to every organiser.

If anyone is unable to attend on their specified day, he/she should try to effect a swap with someone else on the rota. If this is not possible, please contact Chris Fowler on **01256 476937** who will try to make alternative arrangements.

Thank you in advance for giving your time – the club nights will really benefit. If everyone commits to one evening's stewardship, no-one should be required for a second session.



Summer Tournament

The Summer Tournament was another great success in 2008, thank you to all the members who entered, and for ensuring that all matches were played in time for Finals Day. The tournament ran for a 5 week period in June and July, finishing up with a Finals Day on July 18th. Finals Day was well supported. Thank you to all who helped out with the organisation and particularly big Thank Yous to Mark Hammond and Chris Bales who organised and presided over the main and handicap tournaments respectively and to Carol Torselli for the provision of drinks and snacks during the tennis on Finals Day.

There was some very good tennis played on Finals Day, which made for a good spectacle as well as a pleasant social gathering. Congratulations to all winners who were:

Men's Singles – Mike Johnson

Ladies' Singles – Anya Still

Boys' Junior Singles – Jamie Thomas

Men's Doubles – Rob Still & Phil Cliff

Ladies' Doubles – Bev Cleaver & Joan Cole

Mixed Doubles – Bev Cleaver & Phil Dixon

Men's Handicap Doubles – Jamie Thomas & Ian Chappell

Ladies' Handicap Doubles – Chris Fowler & Lynne Thomas

Matt Savastano will be running the Summer Tournament this year and the Handicap Tournament will be run by **Chris Bale**. **All members will be automatically entered into the Handicap Tournament unless they request to be excluded on the Subscription Form.** There will be a separate Handicap tournament for Men and Ladies.

As the entry numbers for some of last year's events were a bit disappointing, the Committee have decided to vary the formats slightly this year, and to run the tournaments over a much longer period. Finals Day will be on Sunday 12th September instead of late July as previously. For the main tournament the format will be straight knockout as usual, but there will be a Plate competition for first (and second, depending on numbers) round losers. So everyone is guaranteed at least 2 matches, and there will be 2 trophies to compete for in each event. The handicap tournament will be run as a round-robin event, the number of groups depending on number of entries, with group winners and runners-up playing semi-finals and final. Again, everyone will be guaranteed more matches. We hope that these changes, together with the longer playing period, will encourage many more of you to enter these events.

Please give the Tournament your support by entering as many events as possible; entry forms will be posted in the Clubhouse at the beginning of the season and entries will close on May 19th. It is hoped that allowing matches to be played over a longer period will encourage more players to enter.



American Tournaments

We will be holding two American tournaments again this year on Sunday 16th May and Sunday 18th July. These are fun half day doubles events for 16-20 adults and juniors with the objective of winning the most games in total over a series of 5 or 6 sets. You have a different partner in each set and you get to play with and then against that partner to even things out. A small entry fee covers the cost of refreshments and prizes are awarded to the winners. Please get your names on the entry forms early to avoid disappointment.

Matt Savastano, Tournament Organiser

Basingstoke & District Tournament Finals Day 5th September 2010

We have been asked again, and have agreed, to offer our Club as host for the Finals Day of the Basingstoke & District Tournament on 5th September 2010. We are hoping that this will raise the profile of our Club in the Basingstoke area and entice new members to join.

Based on last year's event, the standard of tennis on the Finals Day will be good and well worth watching. We would also encourage as many of you as possible to play in the tournament. It is a postal tournament (meaning you contact your opponent and arrange to play at your mutual convenience) run over several months, culminating in the Finals Day at Old Basing.

OBLTC members did the Club proud last year. Anya Still, who is still in her early teens, lost in the Ladies' Singles Final to Leila Warwick of Odiham and Rob Still won the Men's Singles Final over Mark Swinscoe of Overton.

Phil Dixon

Local Tournaments

Overton Shield – 2 men and 2 ladies, playing men's and ladies' doubles and mixed on Sunday 13th June at Andover LTC. Clubs can enter more than one team. Make up of day to be decided dependant upon number of entries. The closing date for entries is 5th May.

Veterans' Tournament – Mens and ladies veterans. Doubles event for over 40's. To be held at Preston Candover LTC on Sunday 26th September.

League Championship (District Tournament) – The 2009 individual tournaments will be run as knockout events over the period June - September, with the Finals Day to be held at **Old Basing Tennis Club** on Sunday 5th September 2010.

Men's/Ladies' singles and doubles, Mixed doubles. Junior boys' and girls' singles and doubles for U10s, U14s and U18s.

Entries forms (which give the entry dates) for all tournaments can be obtained from Mike Chamberlain or Phil Dixon. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Mole at digger.mole@hotmail.co.uk.

Phil Dixon



Dear Juniors,

Thank you for supporting our coaching throughout this year.

Coaching

Lauren Bryett will be resuming her junior coaching sessions on Saturday afternoons between 1pm and 3pm, starting on June 12th (she will be abroad until early June) – 12yr and older from 1-2pm, up to 12yr 2-3pm. Many of you may have met Lauren on Saturdays; if not, be assured that she is a very good coach. She will be running a course of 7 sessions and asks for payment for the whole course at the first session - £35 per person.

Membership

All juniors are reminded that if they are 10 yrs and over and want to take part in coaching or be considered for any teams, then they must be a member of the Club. I would encourage you to become a member and enjoy the great facilities and summer events.

Child Protection

As a member of the LTA, OBLTC recognises its responsibilities to safeguard the welfare of all young people involved in the game. OBLTC is committed to the LTA's Child Protection Policy, and would urge all Parents to visit the LTA website, located at www.lta.org.uk/insidetheta/childprotection, and to study the section entitled "Parents Are Important Too."

Any questions or advice should go to Sue Byett on 01256 323313.



Day & Date

Event

Tuesday 30 March	First club night
Friday 9 April	Start of season tennis and social evening
Saturday 24 April	“Have a Go at Tennis” Day
Friday 30 April	Club Night & Wimbledon ticket draw
Sunday 16 May	Half-day tournament for Seniors and Juniors
Monday 14 June to	
Saturday 11 September	Club Tournament & Handicap Doubles events
Saturday 19 June	Old Basing Carnival – Courts closed
Sunday 18 July	Half-day Tournament for Seniors and Juniors
Sunday 5 September	Basingstoke & District Tournament Finals Day, Old Basing
Saturday 11 September	Finals Day. BBQ and Awards Ceremony at the tennis club
Saturday 30 October	Team Quiz Night in the Village Hall.
Tuesday 9 November	AGM – Please come along and support your club

Committee Meeting Dates:

Monday 22 March
Monday 26 April
Monday 14 June
Monday 12 July
Monday 11 October

Coaching for Adults

Lauren Bryett has agreed to run coaching/drills sessions for adults, on a Saturday afternoon after the Junior coaching ie 3-4pm, starting on 12th June (Lauren is abroad until early June). Cost will be £42 for 7 sessions, and she asks for payment up front at the first session.

A minimum of 4 players will be needed for the sessions to run – it is hoped that many more of you than that will take advantage of this opportunity. A list will go up on the noticeboard early in the new season so that we can let Lauren know how many will be attending.

subscriptions



	Residents	Non-Residents
Senior (18+)	£90	£95
Family (2 adults & children under *18 years/Full time students)	£190	£200
Single parent (1 adult & 1 child under *18 years/full time students)	£105	£110
Senior Citizen (to qualify for Senior Citizens membership you need to be 65 years old)	£65	£70
* Junior (under 18)	£24	£29
* Student (Full Time)	£24	£29
** Mini Tennis (** up to and including 10 years old)	£12	£17
Mid-week	£65	£70
5 Year Adult	£330	£345
Social membership	£15	£15

* on or before 1 April 2010

Mid-week members - play is limited 10.00 am - 6.00 pm.

Junior members have use of the courts up to 6.00pm on weekdays

Non-resident members

Non-resident members are those people who live outside the Parish boundary, which is considered as the Old Basing Village side of the A33 (Tesco's). The non-resident fee is a levy made by the Parish Council and is collected by the club on their behalf.

Five year Membership Scheme

If a membership is cancelled within two years of its start date, 40% of the subscription will be refunded.

Prompt Payment Discount

Fees paid before 30 April 2010 will be eligible for a £3 discount on each membership category.

Match Fees

£2 per match for all league games, payable to the team captain on the day; juniors/students pay £1 per match.

clubrules



- Club Membership will be deemed to have lapsed if annual subscriptions have not been received by the Treasurer one month after the start of the annual season, i.e. 1 May 2010
- No person can play for any team or participate in any club event unless they have valid membership. It is the responsibility of Team Captains and Tournament organisers to enforce this rule.
- Non-members may use the facilities for a fee of £3 per session as guests of a fully paid up member who must be in attendance. The host is responsible for collecting and handing the visitor's fee to the Treasurer, and entering the guest's name and date in the visitor's book. In many cases this is not happening. Failure to do so may invalidate insurance protection. Your co-operation, please, would be appreciated.
- No visitor may attend as a guest on more than 3 occasions.
- Members failing to enforce this rule will be liable to the full fee.
- Membership is not transferable i.e. from friend to friend; parent to child; from child to parent.
- A visitor's fee must always be paid.

otherinformation



Wimbledon Ticket Ballot

In order to be eligible, players must be paid up members of Old Basing LTC and of British Tennis; BT membership will be confirmed by the LTA just before the draw. The draw will be made at the Club night on 30 April 2009, coincidentally the date after which the subscription discount stops.

As a condition of sale, tickets cannot be resold or transferred. Tickets are issued in pairs and may only be used by the winning member and the person intending to accompany that member to and at the Championships. The Club is required to submit a return to the LTA showing the names of the members receiving tickets and the details of the tickets received. Regular checks are undertaken by the LTA and failure to comply with the conditions of sale may jeopardise future ticket allocations.

Clubhouse Door Code

This is now a key pad. It will be changed periodically and we will notify you by email accordingly. Please keep this code secure.

Thank you.

subscriptions



Please complete and return to:
James Brown, Flat 4, The Presbytery, Sherborne Rd., Basingstoke RG21 5TD.

Address for Correspondence

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:



We need your email address
so please write it clearly

Name(s)	Adult	Senior Citizen	Student	Junior	Mid-Week	Age if under 18
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						

Students / Juniors Only

Name: DoB

Name: DoB

Name: DoB

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Date _____

Court Keys are sold to members at cost.

If you wish to hold a court key please
contact James Brown.

Please tick if you **do not** wish to be entered into the Handicap Doubles (Fun) Tournament.

I enclose payment for membership:

£

Signed

Date

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