

# oldbasinglawntennisclub



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# from the chairman



Welcome to the 2009 Tennis season. Firstly I would like to thank all of the Committee and all those members who have and continue to help run our Club as well as they do.

Another winter draws to a close – let's hope that this summer proves to be a bit hotter and dryer than the last. We will be installing windbreaks only along the fence which borders the cricket nets – last year showed that they actually work too well at stopping the wind, and cause the fences to distort instead.

Winter 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. My congratulations to all involved, and thanks to the Captains, who I know find it more difficult in Winter to achieve the combination of a complete team and a dry day.

Many of you also exercised your brains again on behalf of the Club, entering teams in the annual Quiz in November. Thanks are due particularly to Mike Sant, Dennis & Joan Cole and Jim Webb. A very successful event, it raised over £1400 for Club funds. As our funds are now in reasonably good shape, we thought it was time for a change this year, so we will be running a Barn Dance in the Village Hall in November. No experience required, all instructions will be given as you dance!

Looking forward to the new season, we will be fielding 8 teams in the League this Summer – 3 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 start the run-up to the tournament earlier this year, and to allow significantly longer for the matches to be played. The entry sheets will be posted soon after the start of the season, and the first rounds will commence after the Wimbledon ticket draw. Finals Day will conclude with a Barbecue at the Club, immediately after play finishes; I hope a large number of you will turn out to support the players and stay for the Barbecue.

**Wimbledon tickets:** the rules governing eligibility for Wimbledon tickets have changed this year. You now 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 19<sup>th</sup> May.

We have not increased subscriptions this year, we decided that a bit of financial good news would be welcomed by all, and that an increase is not necessary given our current financial situation.

**Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council:** we spent a fair amount of time last year reviewing and commenting on a number of draft Service Level Agreements provided by the Council; the Committee decided in the end that an SLA would not provide us with any better guarantees of service than we have at present and so we declined to sign an agreement with the Council (this was always an option). So we continue as we have before, maintaining regular contact with the Parish Clerk and the Recreation Ground Committee.

**Chris Fowler, Chairman OBLTC**  
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# yourcommittee



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# clubsessions



The first club night will be held on **Tuesday 31 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 to always 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 please 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.



I would like to start by thanking all the team Captains for their help and support over the past year to ensure that all matches were played by the end of the season. We had a pretty successful Summer, despite the weather!! I look forward to continuing as Match Secretary into the 2009/10 Season.

## **Basingstoke & District Winter League 08/09**

Seven teams were entered into the Winter League: three Mens, one Ladies and three Mixed. All teams competed well and enjoyed playing league tennis.

## **Basingstoke & District Summer League 2008**

Nine teams were entered into the Summer league: Four Mens, two Ladies and three Mixed. All teams again competed very strongly with some notable achievements. Congratulations to Rob Still's Mixed 'A' who won the Mixed Division one title for the second year running, Phil Dixon's Mens 'A' finished runners up in Division 1 and Jim Webb's Mens 'B' finished runners up in Division 2 and secured back to back promotions and will play Division 1 tennis next Season. All other teams competed well and managed to maintain their positions in their respective divisions whilst also enjoying the Tennis. Well done to all.....

Old Basing also entered a team into the Mens County League in the 2008 Summer Season, which was run by Phil Clift. The team comprised A and B team players. Unfortunately, we struggled to field teams this year and finished near the bottom of the league. It's unlikely that a team will be entered for the 2009 Season.

I would like to thank all the team Captains who have worked so hard organizing their teams, their effort is much appreciated by the Committee and players alike.

The Summer will soon be upon us and we are looking forward to another enjoyable league season. Eight teams have been registered for the 2009 Summer season: three Mens, two Ladies and three Mixed.

I am looking to increase the depth of squads for the teams for the Summer Season. **Could anyone who didn't play matches last season and is interested in playing this year please contact:**

### **Mike Chamberlain, Match Secretary**

01256 364265, or Email [mike.chamberlain@telegraph.co.uk](mailto:mike.chamberlain@telegraph.co.uk)

**To view the league tables you can go online at**

**<http://www.fixs.co.uk/view/compview.asp?DivisionID=6550>**

# teamcaptains09



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
Ladies – A	Penny Luke	01256 851356	Monday 6.30pm
Ladies – B	Chris Fowler	01256 476937	Thursday 6.30pm
Mixed – A	Simon Brenchley	01256 883972	Thursday 6.30pm
Mixed – B	Matthew 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 2009. Good luck to all teams and most importantly enjoy playing tennis!!

# clubnightorganisation



Following last season's successful pilot scheme to supervise club nights, it has been decided to operate the system until mid-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 Mike Sant on **01256 474313** 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, very few if any will be required for a second session.



## Summer Tournament

The Summer Tournament was another huge 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 3 week period in June and July, finishing up with a Finals Day on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Finals Day was well supported. Thank you to all who helped out with the organisation and particularly big Thank Yous to Jim Webb who organised and presided over the tournament and to Chris Webb for the provision of drinks and snacks during and after 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.

The 2008 Tournament winners were:

Men's Singles – Mike Johnson

Ladies' Singles – Penny Luke

Boys' Junior Singles – Jamie Thomas

Men's Doubles – Phil Dixon & Mark Hammond

Ladies' Doubles – Penny Luke & Sandie Benham

Mixed Doubles – Bev Cleaver & Phil Dixon

Men's Handicap Doubles – Duncan Crowdy & Jamie Thomas

Ladies' Handicap Doubles – Julia Etheridge & Bridget Innes-Ker

**Mark Hammond** will be running the Summer Tournament this year over the period May 23<sup>rd</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup> and the Handicap Tournament will be run by **Chris Bale** over the same period. **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.

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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. These are fun 3 hour 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.

## Mark Hammond, Tournament Organiser



## **Basingstoke & District Tournament Finals Day 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

We have been asked again, and have agreed, to offer our Club as host for the Finals Day of the Basingstoke & District Tournament on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009. 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. Phil Dixon was runner-up in the Men's Singles final and the Mens' Doubles Final was won by Rob Still and Phil Dixon.

### **Phil Dixon**

## **Local Tournaments**

**Overton Shield** – 2 men and 2 ladies, playing men's and ladies' doubles and mixed on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**Veterans' Tournament** – Mens and ladies veterans. Doubles event for over 40's. To be held at Preston Candover LTC on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**Basingstoke Open** - 11 to 16 August at Totally Tennis for under 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

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](mailto:digger.mole@hotmail.co.uk).

### **Phil Dixon**



*Dear Juniors,*

Thank you for supporting our coaching throughout this year.

## Coaching

Lauren Bryett will be continuing her junior coaching sessions on Saturday afternoons between 1pm and 3pm, starting after Easter. Most of you may have met Lauren on Saturdays but if you have any questions she will not mind you phoning her on 0785 982 5440.

Coaching also takes place for pupils at St Mary's School on Mondays, run by Lauren. Let's hope this brings in new members for the club.

## 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](http://www.lta.org.uk/insidetheta/childprotection), and to study the section entitled "Parents Are Important Too."

Any questions or advice should go to Fiona Molloy on 01256 463615.



## Day & Date

## Event

Tuesday 31 March	First club night
Friday 3 April	Start of season tennis and social evening
Tuesday 19 May	Club Night & Wimbledon ticket draw; entries to Club Tournament close
Sunday 7 June	American tournament for Seniors and Juniors
Saturday 20 June	Old Basing Carnival – Courts closed
Saturday 23 May to	
Saturday 18 July	Club Tournament & Handicap Doubles events
Saturday 18 July	Finals Day. BBQ and Awards Ceremony at the tennis club
Sunday 6 September	Basingstoke & District Tournament Finals Day, Old Basing
Sunday 13 September	American Tournament for Seniors and Juniors
Tuesday 3 November	AGM – Please come along and support your club
Saturday 21 November	Barn Dance in the Village Hall.

## Committee Meeting Dates:

Monday 23 March  
Monday 27 April  
Monday 15 June  
Monday 13 July  
Monday 12 October

## Coaching for Adults

Lauren Bryett has agreed to run coaching/drills sessions for adults, either on a Monday evening or on a Saturday afternoon after the Junior coaching. Cost per session will depend on the numbers taking part.

Details of start date etc are yet to be finalised; a sheet will be on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse at the start of the season; please register your interest there and we'll get something going as soon as we have enough to make it feasible.

# subscriptions



	Residents	Non-Residents
Senior (18+)	£85	£90
Family (2 adults & children under *18 years/Full time students)	£180	£190
Single parent (1 adult & 1 child under *18 years/full time students)	£95	£100
Senior Citizen (to qualify for Senior Citizens membership you need to be 65 years old)	£55	£60
* Junior (under 18)	£22	£27
* Student (Full Time)	£22	£27
** Mini Tennis (** up to and including 10 years old)	£10	£15
Mid-week	£60	£65
5 Year Adult	£310	£325
Social membership	£15	£15

\* on or before 1 April 2009

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 2009 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 2009
- 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 19 May 2009.

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.

## 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:

Mike Sant, 21 The Street, Old Basing, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 7BW.

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.						
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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 Mike Sant.

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

I enclose payment for membership:

£

Signed

Date

# findingus

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