

Newsletter No. Three

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- This is our third newsletter with additional news to pass on to all club members, so please read on. This Newsletter will be available in the clubhouse – so please do pop in and take one.
- There was a good turnout for our Big Switch On - FLOODLIGHT OPEN EVENING which took place on Sept 4th, it was a great success, with many junior members and seniors members partnering to play fun tennis and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.
- The lights have been in operation for some two months now and will be more so with the clocks going back at the end of October. The Tuesday League nights have been well turned out and may it continue to be so, Kirk is running it in his usual ship-shape way.
- Thursday club team tennis has continued and too, with court 7 available for club members to book. The lights are vastly superior to the previous system and they are suitable for all standards of play, even county standard, all members can now enjoy the best facilities available in the county. No longer will mid-week tennis be limited to a few short summer months and we will be able to take advantage of those pleasant spring and autumn evenings with play up to 9.00pm Monday to Friday throughout the year.
- We can confirm the lights can be used until 6pm at the weekends also. Should you wish to purchase tokens they are available from the club bar Tuesdays and Fridays, priced at £4 per 30 minutes (2 tokens for one hour £8).
- We recognized that we are in a difficult economic climate and will monitor and review all costs associated with the floodlighting and advise members accordingly.
- Our forthcoming events are as follows:-
 - December 18th is Christmas Party Night – there will be a pantomime, see notices in the club house nearer the time.
 - December 19th is our junior club Parent and Child Christmas Tennis Competition please put you and your child's name on the list on the veranda notice board. Plus if you would like to enter but do not have a child of your own please 'adopt a child' by giving your name to Carolyn or Kirk who'll try and pair you up.
 - December 31st, is our New Years Eve Party, £5 per adult, children are free, just bring along a plate of food and enjoy the New Year in with the club. If you interested in attending please see notices in clubhouse for details.
- We had three junior boys' teams in semi finals of the Junior Chelmsford & District League; they were U12's, U14's and U16's. The Boys U12's unfortunately lost their semi against Cranston Park, but both the U14's (against Raphels Park) and U16s (against Grove) came through and won theirs. We are just waiting on who they are to play in the finals, which are to be held on Sunday November 29th at Cranston Park times to be advised.

The following are reminders for your information:-

- MONDAY evenings are available for adult members to book courts from 7pm.
TUESDAY League is continuing to run all year round by Kirk.
League play will begin at 7pm. Players arriving before 8.00pm will pay £5.00 per evening and arrivals after 8.00pm will pay £2.50.
WEDNESDAY from 4.30pm to 7.30pm, junior squad sessions are run.
Group coaching from 7.30pm is for adult improvers & beginners, available to all existing and new members. Contact Kirk or Danny for further details.
THURSDAY night is Club Team Tennis practice evening, if you would like to be included please email Wayne as soon as possible at: wayne_lemoine@hotmail.co.uk.
FRIDAY night is Club Social Tennis, in the first instance on courts 4-6 only Court 7 is to be available for members to book should they wish to play in their own group.
- Our website www.gideaparkltc.co.uk has loads of information about what is happening at the club. There is no handbook this year but we display everything on the website. To obtain contact numbers for other club members you will need to access the 'members' only section' which can only be entered with a *user name* and *password* to protect members' privacy. These passwords have been sent out to all members with their new season membership documentation, however if you have not received yours the user name is *gpltc* and password for this year is *gpltc2009*.
- Ladies Tennis takes place every first Saturday of the month from 2-4pm, everyone welcome, all abilities; look out for the posters advertising these date or any questions please contact Gemma on 07989 177264.
- From January 2010 a further Ladies Team Tennis is to be run every third Saturday of the month from 2-4pm if you can't make the first pop along to this one. Julie Johns and Jo Rifat have very kindly offered to organise this if you are interested please contact Jo Rifat on 07949 627 477. Look out for posters advertising these dates
- Please remember if you wish to play at the weekend, the afternoons are usually fairly quiet and you should be able to play on one of the artificial courts most weekends without pre-booking, however do check the Court Booking Diary as courts 4 & 5 may be booked for senior club winter matches from about 1.00pm onwards.
- The club currently holds monthly social events, (usually on the last Friday of the month – notices posted around the club.
- All members who wish to bring visitors to play tennis at the club please complete the Visitors Book – Playing Guests, this is found in the clubhouse, or a visitor for social events, the social visitors' book found in the bar area.
- We run a Regeneration Club for adult members and would like to as many members and parents of junior members to take part. This is a club fund raiser for miscellaneous club equipment, last year a plasma TV was purchased for the bar area and so far this year the sound system has been upgraded. If you are interested in taking part in a monthly prize draw, it costs either £5 per month (via standing order) or if you wish to double your chances of winning, £10 per month, please email Jean on jmchennells@googlemail.com for further details.
- Should you wish to provide feedback or comment on and any aspect of the club, please feel free to use the Members Feedback Forms available in the clubhouse?

Finally Gidea Park LTC would like to thank you for taking time out to read this Newsletter and we hope you have found it informative.

Newsletter Editor - if you have any news you would like to be included in the next issue please email carolyn@thecruses.demon.co.uk, thanks GPLTC Committee.