

APPLETON ROEBUCK TENNIS CLUB

Chairman's Newsletter March 2010

Happy New Year to all our members! The start of the New Year may seem to be a distant memory, but now we need to look forward to, what I hope will be, as good a season as 2009.

At the **AGM** in November, I was again honoured to be appointed Chairman, with Tricia remaining as Treasurer. Pauline was thanked for her outstanding service to the Club as she stood down after numerous hard working years. Her place as Secretary has been taken by Geoff Bullock, who I am sure, will fill her role admirably. He has already done a great job re-organising the Club website, which is definitely worth visiting on artc.org.uk. You can email any queries/comments to info@artc.org.uk and the website will be kept up to date with team scores etc. throughout the year. The rest of the Committee remain the same as last year – Richard Barwick, Pauline Belt, Paul Dadvar, Chris Hanby, Chris Howat, Ian Illingworth, Robin Jenkins, Liz Maunder, and Geoff Steel.

The **Annual Presentation Dinner** took place at Pike Hills Golf Club on Friday 15 January 2010 and was a very enjoyable evening. Excellent food, reasonably priced drinks and it was good to see so many people 'strutting their stuff' to the very good disco. We have already provisionally booked the same venue for **12 November** this year – so make a note in your diaries.

Men's Winter League. Organised by Gary Payne, this has been very successful in spite of the weather in December and January. Latest results on the website.

2010 Season. As usual we will be fielding the same teams as before in the York & District League; one men's, two ladies and four mixed. Hopefully we will again have a boy's under 14 team, who will have gained from last year's experience. Please fill in and return your commitment form before **31 March** to make the job easier for the selection committee.

Subscriptions: It was decided at the AGM to raise the subscription from £40 to £45 for adult membership, £95 to £105 for families but junior membership would remain at £20. **HOWEVER** it was also agreed that, for existing members, there will be a **£5 discount for adults and £10 for families if subs are paid by 15 April!** Any new member will pay the new rate but our rates are still the most reasonable of the surrounding clubs. Subscriptions are due on 1 April and, as before, members are welcome to bring guests to play at the club, for which the guest fee is £2 per adult and £1 per junior, per session – payable to Tricia or any Committee member. (Please note the increase in these fees.)

Club nights will start on 1 April but in the meantime the Winter Club days will continue on Wednesday afternoons at 1pm and Saturday mornings at 10am. It is possible that the Wednesday Club days will be able to continue throughout the season if there is sufficient interest.

Tournaments – dates for your diary:

Men's Doubles	Sunday 28 March
Mixed Doubles (Harlequin)	Sunday 18 April
Spring Cup	Sunday 16 May
Junior Harlequin	Saturday 12 June (pm)
Parent and Child	Saturday 10 July (pm)
Ladies Doubles	Sunday 22 August
Dennis Hudson	Sunday 5 September
Non-league Tournament	Sunday 12 September

Times are dependent on the league fixtures

Coaching: You will already have received notification that **adult coaching** will take place starting in March, organised by Pauline Belt. **Junior coaching** will be during the summer term starting on Sunday afternoon, 25 April, with times confirmed on a flier nearer the time. Supervised junior time will start on Friday evenings on 23 April.

Social Event: BBQ - Saturday 19 June at the Parish Room – more details later.

Finally – after using the courts, please remove all rubbish and also note that, thanks to Richard, Geoff Steel, Robin and Geoff Bullock, we have a new kitchen in the pavilion so please clear up after using the facilities.

Enjoy your tennis! Ann