



Newsletter

Spring 2019 Newsletter

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Dear Member,

2018 has been another good year for Colston LTC, but with one very sad event- the passing of our oldest, and one of our longest standing members. Alan Roderick Parker died playing the game he loved with his closest friends on the evening of 22nd November 2018. It was great to see so many members, some who didn't even know Alan that well, attending the funeral and it is testament to the core nature of this club. We are at our best when we are an inclusive family. Alan, his increasingly dodgy line calls and his ever-available advice will be sadly missed.

Competitively it has been a mixed year. Our ladies' team have performed well but our men's A and B team struggled for consistently available players and as a result, after several years of success and continual promotion of the B team under Dick's leadership we have decided to combine the two squads.

Participation:

I'm really pleased to see the Monday evening social tennis under Emma's leadership continuing to thrive, especially as it has attracted teenagers down to the club to play with their parents.

And I'm delighted that we will now be trialling a Tuesday morning session enthusiastically led by Tracey and Bob- two of our newest members. Do come down, and encourage friends and neighbours, whatever their standard.

The Tuesday evening club night has also thrived with the Foreshew BBQ expanding into monthly steak nights and various other highly impressive offerings.

The Future:

Our finances continue to be solid as far as day to day running of the club is concerned and our idyllic setting continues to be the envy of visiting teams.

But our ability to maintain the club depends on gaining enough members so please do your bit to bring members in. We have better facilities than the current membership numbers can support in the long term. Six courts mean that no one ever has to book a court or wait to play but clubs our size across the county usually have only 2 or 3 courts and this is where the financial strain hits. We need to resurface the 3 pair court soon- ideally this year, but this is currently beyond us.

To help bridge the gap in funding we will have a modest increase in our subs this year and will repeat the very successful quiz evening. We will also experiment with a social tournament and evening in the spring to attract new members and guests and raise funds- please come and join in and bring guests. We will mix all entrants to achieve pairs where anyone can win so come and join in.

Gareth Tridgell.

Diary Dates



Sunday 28th April 2019

Club Clean Up Morning
10.00am

Saturday 11th May 2019

Fun tournament- equal pairings
chosen on the day.
4.30 pm
BBQ and social evening.

Sunday 15th September 2019

Club Doubles Tournament
Ladies'/Mixed/Men's

Saturday 16th November 2019

Colston Quiz and Curry Night
Langford Village Hall
7.30pm

THE WELFARE OF ALL AT COLSTON LTC

The welfare of all members is crucially important to us all and British Tennis rightly insist that every club has a designated welfare officer- You may not know that ours is Helen Daft. As Helen says on our website, "I am fully committed to promoting the well-being of everyone associated with Colston LTC. I believe it is important that everyone at the club, should at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others."

Helen can be contacted on 07739 160299 or via email robhelendaft@aol.com.

All of our policies are available on the club's website.

COMPETITIVE PLAY:

Colston Summer Singles Championship:

After the success of last year's singles championship we will start again in the spring. Look out for the invite email with more details or just drop Gareth an email now to sign up. Men's and Ladies' competitions- Can Henry Fyson and Ann Cadogan defend their titles successfully?

As in previous years - the club tournament day will be for the doubles titles.

Colston Teams:

If you're interested in playing please contact the team captains:

Men's A: Gareth Tridgell 07831 645171

Men's B: Ray Gibbons 07775 792188

Ladies: Emma Horner 07880 997683



Membership 2019

The new Colston LTC 2019 Membership form is enclosed with this newsletter. We welcome new and old members alike and wish you a successful 2019 season.

Club Sessions 2019

Adult club night

Tuesday evenings from 5pm - All welcome
Followed by BBQ

Adult club morning

Sunday mornings from 10am - All welcome

Social tennis

Monday 7.30pm

For more info contact Emma Horner
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Tuesday 10.00am

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