

TARVIN TENNIS CLUB

SUMMER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members

I trust all members are enjoying their tennis this summer despite the weather. Let's hope for an improvement for late summer and autumn.

Can I say a very warm welcome to the new members who have joined us this year. I've managed to meet a number of new members and hope to meet all during the next month or so. I hope you have found Tarvin to be a friendly and welcoming place to play tennis and that your experience to date has vindicated your decision to join us.

Club nights for adults is one of the cornerstones of the Club and they have generally been well attended. This has given rise to some issues and the committee is currently addressing these in order to ensure that the evenings match the needs of all members attending. It is our intention to put the following statement on the Club's website:

'Club Evenings

There are two Club evenings a week when adult players, and juniors by invitation, drop in and make up fours on an ad hoc basis. The purpose of the sessions is for players of all standards to get to know one another and to play entertaining and challenging tennis. Fours may be mixed or same-sex. Better players are encouraged to mix with others, but may also on occasions play amongst themselves in order to get practice for matches.'

The Club tournament is well underway and with Finals' Day on Sunday, 13 September, not far off. I hope that everyone will endeavour to play their matches on time. Finals' Day is invariably blessed with good weather and is an enjoyable afternoon so I hope as many members as possible will try to get along to support the event.

The Sport England Project to provide a new Clubhouse and floodlighting is proceeding. Planning consent has been granted for the Clubhouse and construction work is expected to start in the autumn. However floodlighting is a bit more problematic owing to the problems encountered in the planning process. As soon as we have more positive news I will ensure members are informed.

Once summer Club evenings cease in mid-September owing to lack of daylight we have for the last few years switched to Saturday afternoons which unfortunately have not been very well supported. The committee has discussed Saturday sessions and the consensus was that we should move from Saturday afternoon to Saturday mornings, at

least for a trial period. We will be interested to learn of members' views as to how this might affect their participation.

One little reminder to members is that we do require visitors to the club to pay a visitor fee which is only £2 for adults and £1 for juniors. We rely on members to collect this and pass to committee members and I hope that everyone will cooperate in this small task in the future.

Enjoy your tennis.

Rob Millar
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