

Oxford Lawn Tennis Club

Newsletter – February 2010

Annual General Meeting and Cheese & Wine – 1 March

The AGM will be held on Monday 1 March from 8.00pm, followed afterwards by cheese & wine, in the Hope Room of the Village Hall. It is always good to meet members whom you might not normally see, and the committee like to see lots of people so that we get good feedback on what we are doing. Any members, please come along!

The agenda has been sent out with this newsletter, and the minutes of last year's AGM can be seen on the club website.

Also we're always keen for other members to join the club committee, to ensure that it remains representative. The officer posts are Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary and there are up to 7 ordinary committee members. We have about 4 or 5 meetings during the year, beyond that you can choose to do as much or as little as you like – it's not much of an obligation. Speak to one of the current committee to find out more. Nomination forms are available on the club website www.OxfordTennis.org.uk and must be returned before 1 March or at the AGM itself.

To help planning the catering for the AGM, please let us know if you will be coming by contacting Alison Dykes (01959 – 522050 / AlisonD@OxfordTennis.org.uk).

Wimbledon tickets

As a member of Oxford LTC you have a chance to buy a pair of tickets for the Wimbledon championships, 21 June – 4 July 2010.

Fortunately Oxford usually has a generous allocation of tickets from the LTA to sell on to members. We hold a ballot at the end of April (exact date not yet fixed) but there is a good chance of success. The ballot is open to any club member, provided you are at least 9 years old on the day of the ballot and also a member of British Tennis (you can join *free* very easily at www.lta.org.uk/britishtennismembership or by phone 0845 873 7202; make sure you select "Oxford Lawn Tennis Club" as your "Affiliated Club"). We don't yet know exactly what tickets will be available; entering the ballot does not oblige you to buy.

To enter the ballot please e-mail me (Julian@OxfordTennis.org.uk) by 24 April, with your British Tennis number (juniors, please get your parent/guardian to do this and also include your date of birth). Alternatively return the reply slip below. Also make sure you renew your club membership by then; new subscriptions will be agreed at the AGM. You'll get an acknowledgement of entry into the ballot – if you don't get one then please chase me up – I don't want to miss anyone out!



Oxford Lawn Tennis Club - Wimbledon Tickets 2010

Please enter the following Oxford LTC members into the ballot to buy a pair of Wimbledon 2010 tickets:

Name(s)	British Tennis membership no.	Date of Birth (juniors only)
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Contact e-mail telephone

E-mail this information to Julian@OxfordTennis.org.uk or return this slip by 24 April to: Julian Ward, 5 The Charne, Oxford, TN14 5LR

Winter club sessions

Tuesday and Thursday evening senior club sessions have been running throughout the winter whenever the weather has permitted. At this time of year we are starting at 7.30pm, and we often go for a quick drink afterwards. Drop me an e-mail if you're thinking of coming one evening, and I'll confirm that it's on as usual. If you don't usually come then why not give it a try?

Court re-surfacing & new gate

The top courts were re-surfaced in the autumn. Full colour markings will be painted at Easter, in the meantime the temporary white lines on the unpainted surface allow for normal use.

A temporary gate has been installed at the entrance to the club grounds, meaning that a separate key is no longer required for the top/bottom courts. At the time of writing, the old padlock is in use; shortly a new permanent gate and lock will be installed and new keys will be issued. We will let you know the arrangements for exchanging your key at that time.

Men's team

We have entered a men's doubles team into the North Kent league for the summer again this year. We're always looking for extra players so if you are interested in taking part, either on a regular basis or to make up numbers when needed, contact team captain David Fordyce (David@OxfordTennis.org.uk). Most matches will be at weekends.

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