



Chairman's Message

A warm hello to all our members and prospective members. The main focus this coming year will be communication to members and prospective members through the website - www.rsgcc.org.uk This Newsletter is deliberately short and is designed to give you brief details, with further information being available on the website. If you do not have access to the internet, do not despair - simply give me or Chris Blizard (Membership Secretary - 01403 823371) a call, say what you are particularly interested in and we will arrange for details to get to you.

Best wishes for 2010

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PS please do not keep us a secret - tell your friends to come and join us!

The Facilities

We have four courts - two acrylic and two tarmac, all with top quality floodlights. The club has spent a very large amount of money on the facilities in recent years. In particular all four courts have been upgraded.

The club is currently experimenting with a policy of providing floodlighting at no extra cost- simply flick the switch in the relevant light box in the tennis hut. However, please respect this policy by not wasting electricity (e.g. light one acrylic court not two, if only one court is in use) and please ensure the lights are switched off after use!

The clubhouse was opened in November 2006 and is fabulous. Whether or not you have come off the courts why not enjoy a relaxing drink and the other facilities such as snooker, pool, darts and Sky TV. Come and take part in the various events organised by the Rudgwick Social Club - please see the notice boards for details. Access to the clubhouse requires an electronic key, for which a £5 deposit is payable - see the subscription form. Electronic keys of existing members will be deactivated on 30 April if, by then, you have not renewed your subscription.



Tennis Social Evenings



This year the Friday tennis supper evenings will be held on 16 April, **14 May***, 11 June, 9 July, 6 August, 3 September and 1 October. They will all formally start at 7:30pm but there is no reason why you cannot arrive earlier and start playing immediately. The cost will be £7 per member, £10 for playing non-members & £5 for non playing non members, the fee includes lights, balls and supper (but not drinks). To assist with catering it is essential that you confirm you will be coming, no later than two days before the relevant day. You can do this by signing up on the website or contacting Jane Gillam on 01403 752088

*** NB Wimbledon draw evening**



The Website

Logon to www.rsc.org.uk for more details on everything set out in this Newsletter plus information on RSCC and re-stringing and retail services. All these details are in the public pages, visible to all who enter the site. Once you have paid your subscription you will receive a unique membership number which will enable you to access the private, members' area of the website where you will be able to enjoy other features of the club.

If you do not have access to the internet simply give Chris Blizard a call (01403 823371)

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Tennis Coaching

Kelly Slater, is a qualified LTA coach (DCA level 1) who offers coaching at all levels of age and experience. Junior sessions are held most Saturday mornings from 9.30am until noon. Junior age groups are generally under 8 years (beginners), 8 to 13 (intermediate) and over 13 (advanced).

For full details, particularly junior coaching, please contact Kelly directly on 01403 751981 or 077727 133157



Club league matches

We have two ladies and two men's teams that play in the Sussex inter-club leagues. Let us know if you are interested in match tennis and join us for match practice on Wednesday evenings from around 7.00pm.

Club sessions

We hold turn up & play for all adult members of all abilities on:-

Monday evening from 7pm

Monday morning from 9am (ladies only)

Thursday evenings (organised by James Burden via the bulletin board)

Sunday mornings (organised by James Burden via the bulletin board)



New for 2010!

For the first time we are planning to run an American mixed doubles tournament on Sunday 9th May. This will be for all abilities (handicaps may be used). Further details will follow on timing and catering etc, but if you are interested in principle, please sign up on the bulletin board.

In addition, like most tennis clubs, we feel it is time we had our own inter-club tournament for all disciplines i.e. men's & ladies singles, men's, ladies & mixed doubles, and similar for our junior section. Provided numbers are sufficient, this will run from May throughout the summer, with a grand finals day in September.

Court Matters

Inter-club matches, coaching and club events come first but, subject to these priorities, you may book courts up to 7 days in advance via the members' area of the website. Please remember we are a members' club and therefore guest fees (£3 per session) should be paid by non-members. You can pay guest fees to any committee member. For more details see our website www.rsc.org.uk

Please ensure that the courts and hut are locked when not in use and please keep the combination lock number secret. We would also mention that court bookings made on the website are subject to booking conditions, details of which can be seen on the website. Lastly could any members please report any damage or maintenance matters to a committee member.

Wimbledon Tickets

We are affiliated to the Sussex LTA and enjoy a much prized batch of Wimbledon tickets. Tickets are allocated to fully paid up club members (who must also be members of British Tennis) by ballot. This year's ballot will be held at the tennis supper evening in May. Sign up for the draw via the members' area of the website or, if you do not have access to the internet, contact Chris Blizard (01403 823371) who will gladly put your name on the list.



Your Committee

Full contact details for the Rudgwick Lawn Tennis Club 2010 Committee are set out on the website.

Data protection: Members should be aware that their contact details will be stored in the private, tennis members' area of the website. A tick-box on the subscription form enables you to opt out if you wish so that your details will not be visible to other members. The Club undertakes not to give permission to any person to use the contact list for anything other than RSCC and tennis club business.