



# Rudgwick Lawn Tennis Club

Newsletter 2011

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## Chairman's Message

A warm hello to all our members and prospective members. The main focus again this year will be communication to members and prospective members through the website - [www.rsc.org.uk](http://www.rsc.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.

You will see that this year, we have raised the subscriptions by more than the rate of inflation for 2 reasons, the first that RSCC subscriptions have risen (of which we have no control), and secondly we have not increased the tennis club subscriptions for some years and we need to start building a fund to cover necessary future major works and maintenance.

Best wishes for 2011

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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 15 April, **13 May\***, 10 June, 15 July, 12 August, 9 September and 7 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](http://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 Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30pm to 6:30pm and Saturday mornings 9am until 10am. 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.

This year we are also entering a team in the Sussex Mixed Doubles Mid-Week League.

## Club sessions

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

Monday evenings from 6:30pm

Saturday afternoons 4pm until 6:30pm

Thursday evenings from 6pm (organised by James Burden via the website bulletin board)

Sunday mornings from 10am (again organised by James Burden via the bulletin board)

## Club Competitions

We are running a mixed doubles American Tournament for all abilities on Sat 7 May, starting at 11am and finishing by early evening. Cups will be awarded for the top player from both male and female entrants.

The club internal tournament will commence shortly after the start of the summer season. Entries for men's and ladies singles, doubles and mixed doubles should be made via the website bulletin board. Finals Day will be Sat 11 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](http://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.