

# Bloomfield Lawn Tennis Club

## Newsletter May 2008

### Hello from the Chairman

Such a lot has happened in the last month or two that I haven't got my e-pen to paper beyond all those updates on progress with the new courts. My thanks for your patience and now back to the normal Newsletter format.

### Development Project

As you will all know the new courts are in play and last weekend Don Foster came along to the club to preside over the Official Opening ceremony. Don was full of praise for the new facility and was particularly impressed with our friendly approach to making tennis available to the community as a whole.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed in one way or another to the project – without your help we could not have done it. And by the way, it finished on time and just under the £45k budget!

Over the next few weeks we will be attending to the completion works, which include locks, a main gate notice, benches, improving the north side access and the paving around the club hut. If there is any thing else you think needs to be done please let me know so we can include it in the plans.

### Norwich Union Community Sports funding

We are moving on to look at the scope and affordability of Phase 2, which could include a new club house and a full length access along the north side. Thanks to Nicola Hyman we have put in a successful application to take part in the 2008 Norwich Union Community Sports Fund campaign. To support our application **we need you and all your contacts to vote for our project on line** at the following website address [www.joinourteam.com/index/vote?id=406](http://www.joinourteam.com/index/vote?id=406)

If we get enough votes we could win up to £50,000 – realistically a lot less, but unless you and your contacts vote we won't get any thing!

### Subscriptions

Just a reminder that if you haven't got your subscription to Wilf yet you may have to pay the extra £10 for a late payment – knowing Wilf he will give you a couple of days grace from now but

I suspect no more! Subscriptions for the new season are £125 for seniors and £200 for families.

### Open Days

After a virtual washout at the first Open Day we were kept very busy at the second with a constant stream of new interest. Some visitors have already signed up and membership is again looking healthy for the new year. Please make new members welcome and help them to find their feet at the club.

### Junior Coaching

The first Junior Coaching sessions for are up and running with 6 session programmes operating on Monday evenings and the ever popular pay as you play sessions on Saturday morning. There are opportunities for Adult Coaching on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings. If you are interested please contact Mark Richardson at [mrichardson@compuserve.com](mailto:mrichardson@compuserve.com)

### Competitions

Provisional dates for the doubles competitions and finals Day this year are as follows:

#### Dates for your diary:

**Saturday 12 July - Mixed Doubles**

**Saturday 19 July - Mens doubles**

**Sunday 20 July - Ladies doubles**

**Saturday 13 September - Finals day**

### Committee Members

Just a reminder that this year's Committee members are: –

Pete Try	Chairman
Ruth Furlonger	Secretary (temporary)
Wilf Oatley	Treasurer/A team capt
Jason Pegg	B team captain
Andrew Wright	C team captain

Other members are Tim Kingham, Christina Sandford, Clive Willcox and Mark Richardson.