



# Fulwood Lawn Tennis Club

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[www.fulwoodtennis.com](http://www.fulwoodtennis.com)

## NEWSLETTER March 2009

Dear Member(s)

Welcome to the start of the 2009/10 season

### Change of Captain

At the AGM Mike Catlow stood down as captain after seven years service. He was thanked for his great contribution over that period during which we have had our excellent carpeted courts laid, thriving social tennis, a fifth men's team added and much greater use of the clubhouse and bar. A presentation was made by the president.

Christine has now taken over and I'm sure that everyone will support her and wish her every success.

### Membership

In addition Sue Shirley has become the new Membership Secretary succeeding Mike Williams after his countless years of service that have included Captain and President. We express our deep gratitude to Mike who will also continue to help this year transferring the membership records to a secure website.

### Subscriptions

At the AGM it was decided that there should be no increase in subscription charges this year. These are now due. A summary of the levels is shown below

<b>Full Playing Member</b>	<b>£141</b>
<b>Weekday Member</b>	<b>£60</b>
This restricts play to <b>Mondays to Fridays</b> until <b>6.30 pm</b>	
<b>Country Member</b>	<b>£70</b>
A member who lives more than ten miles away from the tennis club	
<b>Student Member</b>	<b>£68</b>
Any adult in full time education	
<b>Intermediate Member</b>	<b>£60</b>
Members aged 16-18	
<b>Junior Members (Aged 11 – 16)</b>	<b>£48</b>
<b>Junior Members (Aged 10 and Under)</b>	<b>£25</b>
<b>House/Social Member</b>	<b>£5</b>
Anyone who wishes to be associated with the club but who does not play tennis here.	

Family membership is available, with discounts, when three or more members live in the same household.

These fees represent fantastic value. To put it into perspective 1½ hours community tennis at Bamber Bridge costs £6 (payable in advance). To book a court for an hour is more. If you just played once a fortnight it would set you back over £150 for the year with no opportunity to play in tournaments or for a team.

To help maintain subs at these levels it is important that you pay as early as possible and encourage others to join.

Cheques should be made payable to **Fulwood LTC** and given to Sue or posted to her at

**9 Greenacres, Fulwood, Preston PR2 7DA** telephone **07858 993685**

Any juniors attending the Friday evening coaching sessions will have to be members of the club this year.

### Tennis for Everyone

This is an inclusive club. There is a variety of play for everyone:

- People who may just want to play with a friend or members of their family at quiet times
- Social Play, taking place on Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons and Veterans tennis on Wednesday and Sunday mornings.
- Team Play - home matches are on Tuesday and Wednesday evening and at weekends for the juniors. Practice sessions have already started.
- Trophies and National Leagues, for the strongest players take place during some weekends

To complement this there are tournaments and social events during the year open to all. These are shown on our website [www.fulwoodtennis.com](http://www.fulwoodtennis.com) and on the green card that all members will be issued with, as soon as match details have been finalised and when they have paid their subscriptions.

By supporting these activities it will ensure that the club continues to flourish and that the bar makes enough money to help keep subscriptions down.

Maintaining the courts, surrounding areas, boundaries, the clubhouse and car park and ensuring that everywhere is safe is expensive.

The NHS has erected its own railings behind the hedge at the rear of the car park. These are the same type as those that we put in place last year and have much improved security. However if you do see any vandalism please do not hesitate to ring Fulwood Police Station on 01772 203203.

Another facility, available free of charge to members, is to hire the clubhouse for their parties. The photograph below shows a recent 60th birthday celebration with the "Trouble at Mill" band that was held here. We were most grateful to those volunteers who helped with the festivity.



### **Making a Contribution**

Running a club of this size is no easy job. To be successful it is dependent on everyone assisting in whatever way that they can. That could be running a team or helping to serve on the bar when there is a party or social.

Another important way to help is to transport a junior team to an away game. We have a boys and a girls team in the Fylde League and for the first time mixed Under 14 and Under 16 teams in the Ribble League.

If you wish to help or have any suggestions please let us know.

### **Reducing Costs**

In the effort to continually make savings we have removed the telephone from the clubhouse. Recently this has only been used by a few individuals enquiring about the club. People are now requested to ring committee members to ask for information. The overwhelming majority of people playing at or visiting the club have a mobile if they need to contact anyone whilst they are there.

In the last few years most members have obtained an email address. This provides an excellent method to send

newsletters and other information. Savings on stationery costs and the time and effort in sending details is terrific.

Whilst we appreciate that not everyone can use this option – and we will continue to send information to them in the post – if anyone does have an email address or have changed it and they have not previously supplied details I would be grateful if they could they provide them to [pmkandcjk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pmkandcjk@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Dominoes Evening**

To coincide with Red Nose Day we held a Dominoes Drive at the clubhouse. It was enjoyed by all and the £1 entry for Adults and 50p for the Under 18s with the sale of cakes raised £32.40 for Derian House. Thankyou to Jim for organising it and to everyone who was able to support the occasion.

### **Opening Tournament**

Last September we ran an excellent tournament with 5 open and 5 handicapped events – men's and ladies' singles and doubles and mixed doubles.

Because of the difficulty in fitting in so many matches it has been decided that this year an Open Tournament and a Junior Tournament will run in September and a handicapped one during April and early May.

This spring tournament will be run by Steve Reynolds and Charles Gayle although they will be asking members to help steward the matches.

An entry form for the handicapped tournament is on the notice board. Alternatively members can email Steve on [stephen.reynolds@baesystems.co.uk](mailto:stephen.reynolds@baesystems.co.uk) stating in which events that they wish to take part, their telephone number and dates when they cannot play.

All courts will be needed for these matches on Tuesdays and Wednesdays evenings and some courts on Mondays and Thursdays.

A presentation night with supper will be held on **Saturday, 9th May**.

This will also be our next social evening that will include a **table tennis tournament** – free to all adults and children – and a **Jacobs Join**. Please bring any food that you want to eat and share. Drinks can be bought at the bar.

Have a great year!

**Peter M Kitchen Hon Secretary**

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