



**Newsletter 20 September 2016**



# Welcome

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**So, the nights are drawing in and our club finals day brought the season to a definitive close. Reflecting back over the summer, and looking forward to the rest of the year, we can see a tennis club in good shape.**

Thanks to everyone who turned out to support the players on finals day. We were rewarded with some great matches to watch, including the 'battle of the coaches' in the mixed doubles! Congratulations to all winners and finalists too.

Recent club events included the President's Men's and Ladies' Tournaments, which had healthy turn-outs and a format that led to lots of competitive mini matches and good fun for all who took part.

In addition to our own club competitions, our teams performed really well in the leagues. Special mentions for the Ladies A team and the Mens B's and D's – all promoted to higher divisions. Commiserations to the Men's C team, the only team to suffer the drop! It's also a healthy sign that we'll see an extra ladies team entered for league tennis next season. There's still time to sign up for the mixed winter league, for those who'd like to push their competitive tennis.

Other club matters of note include our coach getting his Grade 5 coaching qualification, putting him in the highest band of quality coaching in the UK – well done Kevin. The coaching opportunities for players of all ages and abilities continue to go from strength to strength. Whatever aspect of your game you need to work on, Kevin can probably help...

Thanks to our President Tasha and to all our committee members for their continued efforts to keep the club running. We've arranged for the courts to be pressure washed shortly and for the floodlights to be serviced on an ongoing basis, and we've maintained our 'TennisMark' quality standard again this year.

And finally, thanks to you all for your continued membership and support for your local club - membership numbers remain good. Let us know if there's anything else you'd like the committee to address and in the meantime, enjoy your tennis!

**Dan Cooke**  
Chairman, Wells TC



# Competitions update

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Here are our latest team positions and names of winners from the club championships:

## North Somerset Summer League

### Men's

**A team** were in 3rd position and stay in Division 2

**B team** were in 2nd position in Div 5 and now promoted to Div 4

**C team** were in 6th position and relegated to Div 6

**D team** were in 2nd position in Div 7 and promoted to Div 6

### Ladies

**A team** won Div 2 and promoted to Div 1

**B team** were in 4th position in Div 3 so stay

**C team** were in 4th position in Div 4 so stay

In 2017 season we are putting in an extra team in Ladies League.

## North Somerset Winter League

**Wells A** are in Div 3. **Wells B** are in Div 5

Matches start in October.

## Club Championships 2016 results

### Ladies Singles

**Linda Hall** beat Sarah Townsend 6-1 6-1

### Men's Singles

- postponed to later date

### Ladies Doubles

**Linda Hall/ Sarah Townsend** beat

Vicky Flicker/Lorna Jenkins 4-6 6-1 6-3

### Men's Doubles

**Kevin Durney/ Colin Blatchford Brown** beat

Dave Mills/Graham Harvey 6-4 6-3

### Mixed Doubles

**Tomas Simko/Binkie Heather** beat

Kevin Durney/Julia Nest 7-5 4-6 6-3

### Junior Singles and Doubles

- to be played later

## Diary Dates

### October

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1pm:** President vs Chair Shield

**Wed/Thur 26/27<sup>th</sup>:** U 12/14 LTA Junior Tournament

### November

Tuesday evening play for ladies will be back on a rota system.

If you would like to book in please contact:

**Jeannie: 01749 672035** or

**Clare: 01749 870083**

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm:** Presentation of club trophies

### April 2017

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Club Open Day



# Coaching update from Kevin Durney

The timetable for the new season is now online at [www.wellstc.co.uk](http://www.wellstc.co.uk).

As usual we have children and teenager bookable after school sessions by age on Mondays Tuesdays and Wednesdays plus drop in sessions on Saturday mornings from ages 5 to 16. For adults new features are a Rusty Rackets session Monday afternoons 2 – 3.30pm and Cardio Tennis Fridays 6.15 – 7.15pm.

I'm delighted to now be only one of three instructors in Somerset with a Master Coach level five qualification – the highest standard possible from the Lawn Tennis Association. To gain the award I studied for an honors degree course with Northumbria University and traveled across the country to learn from those at the top of the tennis world covering all aspects of the game at the highest level.

For the first time in several years we're hosting an LTA 12 and under and 14 and under boys and girls singles competition. These will be an official local tournament with LTA referee David Greenwood and take place on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October.

If you are interested in taking part and want help registering online please contact me as soon as possible. To register visit:

<https://www3.lta.org.uk/Competitions/Competition/?ctn=1-7X3OEP4>

## Wimbledon 2017

It's not too soon to get ready to help us gain a good allocation of Wimbledon ballot tickets for next year. The LTA have just released the registration for all tennis club members to 'opt in'. Even if you're not intending buy tickets to help us gain a good number for members you can:

- **Register with British Tennis for a membership number. You are entitled to this as a member of an affiliated club.**
- **Opt in to the ballot through the LTA website. This determines how many tickets we have to offer next year through a member's ballot.**
- **If you opted in last year you still need to do this again for the 2017 allocation.**

**Last year we had 13 pairs of ticket pairs ranging from £88 to £290 depending on the day selected**



Kevin Durney

**We're intending to produce a newsletter three times a year.**

If you have any comments or suggestions for it please contact:

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