

YOUR PURLEY BURY NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2019

CLUB TOURNAMENT

The tournament has got off to a good start with lots of matches being played. Drawing your attention to finals weekend which is just 4 weeks away, we will be looking for our fab volunteers as usual for umpiring, bar, bbq and teas. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please let any know at amyfarrin@hotmail.com

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP FOOTBALL

The Lionesses second game is on a Friday 14th June and will be on in the bar, so come down and support the Pride of England.

BREAKPOINT 2019 FRIDAY 21 JUNE 4PM-8PM

PLEASE KEEP FRIDAY 21st JUNE FREE and come along and support BREAKPOINT 2019 at PBLTC which is a nationwide fundraising campaign. Robyn Moore is aiming to hit 200,000 shots in the month of June and is touring the country. She will be with us from 4pm-8pm on this date and we will be putting on lots of activities for the children and some will be involved hitting with her and collecting balls. DETAILS HERE: <https://breakpoint2019.org/>

We need YOUR HELP to HELP Robyn achieve her target. We are asking for members to sign up in the bar to hit with Robyn at the following times in groups of 8 players - You must be able to consistently rally from the baseline. DETAILS BELOW

5pm-5.45pm - YELLOW BALL JUNIORS aged 12yrs and over

5.45pm-6.30pm - CLUB PLAYERS involved in Monday or Thursday Rota / Wednesday or Thursday morning session

6.30pm-7.15pm - TEAM PLAYERS involved in the mens, Ladies or Mixed Teams

7.15pm-7.30pm - Our disability players and coaches (Mark and Danielle)

DINNER DANCE -SAVE THE DATE

Our annual dinner dance will take place at Purley Downs Golf Club on Saturday 14th September. Save the date for this great event! More details to follow soon.

LEASE CELEBRATION EVENT

What a joyous day we had on Sunday 2 June to celebrate our new lease which will run until 2040. Our ladies first team served up a fine display to start the day with a 3-1 win against Old College in Surrey League Division 5 and our U14's concluded the tennis with a great tournament win 5-1 against The Wimbledon Club. Meanwhile, on a beautiful day, Sunday morning social tennis continued, followed by an adult junior competition, and a coaching session with Danielle which

was enjoyed by all who participated. We were delighted to welcome players from the Croquet Club and a few of our neighbours for the Chairmans's toast to the new lease in the middle of the day. No celebratory day at a British tennis club would be complete without a barbecue, tea and cake. And what cakes with had with strawberries, of course, and an amazing tennis scene - court 6 if you like, but not for long!

There are so many people to thank for such a great day, so here we go:

Thanks to the maintenance volunteer team - Dave Winton, Jesus and Martin - who did a fantastic job trimming the hedges and the grass before the Lease Celebration Event. Thanks to all the cake makers, bar volunteers, tournament organisers, helpers and supporters, tea and cake stand helpers and to Nicki England for great work on the cash raffle, which raised £56.50 for the club (and for the winner, Robbie Watt - a very deserving recipient!) Thanks to Sarah for the bunting, and Michael, Phillip Handley and Tom, for putting it up. A special big thank you to our celebrity chef at the barbecue, Colin Benson, who did a great job producing excellent burgers and sausage baps. Thanks to Mark for running the adult and junior event played with low compression balls which had 12 players involved, with some adults who were kids again! Massive thanks to Coach Danielle Hayter for running a most enjoyable group coaching session, which raised funds for our 'Free coaching for the disabled' programme, and for introducing her friend, Liv Harland, who traveled down from Leeds and sang some most amazing songs to finish the day. Finally, thanks to anybody not mentioned above - you're too numerous to add, so sorry if you've not been mentioned by job or name... That's an extraordinary array of volunteers, all of whom made the New Lease Celebration Day such an awesome event, thank you all!

OUR NEW DONATIONS WEBSITE

The Club has now signed up to www.wonderful.org as our new donations web site provider. This is our means of securing Gift Aid when donations are made.

www.wonderful.org/charity/purleyburytennisclub

Wimbledon Ballot

The successful members in the Wimbledon ballot were:

Martin Hopgood, Jeff Goveia, Jack Porter, Raif Hameed Rexha, Shaun Barker, Hector Dracoulis, Sally Lee, Eleanor Rae, David Sawyer, Stewart Wilson, Lynne Dawson, Liam Macdonald, Danielle Hayter, Andy Adams and Charlotte Walker

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Your Board met on Tuesday 28 May. There were two main issues:

Firstly, the club is on the cusp of securing grant funding for a very substantial part of the cost of replacing the lights and the courts. We are in the process of applying for planning permission, and obtaining quotes for like for like replacement of the playing surface as a matter of urgency. We have received very little response from members to our consultation of 13 May 2019

Secondly, the Board will be working with members on a succession plan for the Board. You will recall that we have 5 Trustees and two vacancies for a Social Coordinator and a Maintenance

Manager. Michael and Geoff plan to step down as Chair and Treasurer at the next AGM which will leave us with just 3 Board Members, which is simply not sustainable. The good news is that we have two or three members who have stepped up to take responsibility for specific activities, and more than 70 members have volunteered to help over the year. Now we need two or three more to take on roles. The club is in great shape so it is not an unduly onerous task unless not enough people step up. Feel free to talk to any of the Board about what is involved without obligation! We expect to call a meeting of those interested in July.

Dates for your Diary

Friday afternoon, 21st June - BreakPoint Charity Challenge.

2019 Tournament

Saturday, 6th July - Junior Finals Day

Sunday, 7th July - Senior Finals Day

Saturday, 14th September - Grand Summer Ball at Purley Downs Golf Club.

YOUR PURLEY BURY MANAGEMENT BOARD