

Dear member,

I am writing to you about the structure of the club's tennis programme. You may be aware that the club has a tennis committee directed by our Head Coach Bob Clark. Recently the committee has made some changes, especially as to our booking policy and the way we structure teams. Please find details of these as follows:

1. **Mens' Thursday evening team practice** – due to high interest during the winter months, this session will alternate between two groups, group 1 playing on the first week and group 2 on the week following. The aim of this is to reduce the non-playing time in each session. During the warmer months the team session will revert to all players playing every week.

To ensure you get the opportunity to play every week, our head Coach Bob Clark will be alternating his Tuesday night team coaching between the two groups, although as always all team players are welcome subject to availability.

2. **Mens' and Ladies' teams** - Although we are restricted to fewer teams this winter, for the summer league the club has submitted four ladies' and four mens' teams along with two mixed teams and one mens' vets team (over 45).
3. **Team Selection** – We want to ensure that all members have an opportunity to play for our teams so the committee have developed a new team selection process which will be overseen by a team selection committee headed by Bob Clark. The selection process will be by way of trials. These, will be held on 23/02/12 for the men and 20/02/12 for the ladies. The trials are open to **ALL MEMBERS**. However you **must** complete a registration form which can be collect from reception or the tennis notice board.
4. **Players not selected** - If you are not selected but still wish to play team tennis, we will be arranging some friendly matches in the same format as a normal match with local clubs, so you can gain experience and have fun in a more competitive way.
5. **Winter Covered Court Policy** - The club intends to build two more indoor courts. We hope you will agree that this is great news, since demand for covered courts is always high. Until then we wish to ensure the most efficient use of the existing covered courts.

Coaching groups and formal social sessions will be given priority. These are open to **all members**. Team practice sessions also have a priority booking. Members may book covered courts for private use for up to 1½ hours as opposed to the 2 hours available on our outdoor courts. Courts may be booked up to two weeks beforehand and bookings are dealt with on a first come first served basis. Members are asked to register at reception before playing and must leave the courts in good time for the next players. Members who persistently book courts and fail to register or turn up for the booking will be restricted from booking courts.

Floodlights Whilst there is no charge to members for using floodlights at Wickwoods, we do ask members to help us conserve energy by telling advising reception when you have finished playing. You may find that, if you play over your booked time, the lights are turned off without notice. To avoid this please make sure your booking covers the entire period you wish to play for.

More Information:

Please visit our website www.wickwoods.co.uk at any time for full details of the tennis programme and all other aspects of the club.

We are very keen to gain feedback from our members, so please email me if you feel we can improve the tennis programme in any way.

Yours Sincerely,

Craig Gaston

Tennis Coaching Newsletter 4

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Introduction

Welcome to the 4th edition of our coaching newsletter which provides members with information about upcoming events, coaching groups and the tennis coaching programme. The clubs website www.wickwoods.co.uk is updated regularly and also provides comprehensive information. If you have any suggestions for improving tennis at Wickwoods or if you require further information, please contact either Bob on 07824 437492 or Karen on 07719 590610.

Upcoming Events:

Australian Open Grand Slam Tournament

The next in our series of Grand Slam Tournaments will take place on Sunday 29th January from 10.00-1.00pm. The tournament may be cancelled or reduced if the weather is looking inclement.

Sign up with Bob or at the Tennis Office.

Tennis Breaks

The club hosts a number of tennis breaks throughout the year. The breaks are for four days and three nights with 12 hours of coaching and 4 hours of social play. **Members** may take advantage of the coaching aspect of these breaks at a cost of £175 for the four days (excluding accommodation & food). Members may also attend individual sessions throughout the week. Prices will be dependant on the length of the session.

For further information and bookings please contact Bob.

New Coaching Clinics for 2012

Ball Machine Clinic
Stroke Production
Biomechanical Stroke Analysis
Match Tactics Clinics

Details of these new clinics will be displayed around the club and on the web site.

Singles Pyramid

The singles pyramid was set up to encourage more singles match play. Although there has been significant interest, match play has been sparse. For the Pyramid to work matches need to be played. We are extending the trial period until late February.

The singles pyramid is located in the hallway opposite the stairs in the reception.

Matches will be 10 game pro sets, ie 10-7, 10-4 etc.
Get Started Today

Inductions

All members at Wickwoods are entitled to a free tennis induction. An induction session takes place every Saturday from 2.00-3.00pm. There is no need to book; just turn up on the day. If you are unable to make these session then alternative arrangements can be made with either myself or Karen

Sunday Hosted Social Sessions

This fun social session is open to members of *all abilities* and is arranged and hosted by one of our tennis team Captains or secretaries. The host arranges players on a rotational basis so members have an opportunity to meet and play with different players of differing abilities. If you wish to play for the teams then let the host know and they will assess you game. If you are not quite ready for this the host will tell you which sessions to attend so as to bring your game up to team standard. If you don't wish to play in team matches the host can arrange friendly inter-club matches and there may well be an opportunity for you to play in these.

Tournaments

The Club hosts a number of one day tournaments throughout the year:

Main One Day Tournaments:

Australian Open 29th January, US style 18th March, French Open 27th May, Wimbledon Open 8th July, US Open 2nd September.

Wickwoods Annual Club Tournament:

Play commences 30th April with the finals being held on the 24th June. Deadline for applications via reception 14th March.

To register for any of the main or annual club tournaments ask reception for a registration form. Once completed, this should be handed into the tennis office or given directly to one of the coaching team along with any entrance fees that may be applicable.

Mini Tournaments:

For Non-Team Players, Ladies Only Non -Team Players and Team Players, as advertised. These will be organised on three Saturdays through February and March. Details will be available soon. Registration for mini tournaments is to be made directly with the coaching the team.

Wimbledon Tickets

Please note that we need as many members as possible to sign up for British Tennis Membership. This is run by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and is free to join. The more BTM members the club has, the greater our Wimbledon ticket allocation will be.

Simply sign up on the sheet by the Tennis Notice board and we will do the rest.

Alternatively you can register on line at www.lta.org.uk/membership

Closing date for 2012 is the end of January, so please do not delay.

Ball Machine availability

This very useful apprentice is available for hire for £7.00 an hour. To be able to hire this great ball machine you must attend one of Bob Clark's ball machine clinics. These show you how to use the ball machine. Also, all attendees will receive a ball machine drills manual to help you improve your game. If you wish to attend one of these clinics please contact Bob Clark either in person, by phone 01273 857567 or by email at tennis@wickwoods.co.uk.

For further information on all aspects of the tennis coaching programme, events and tournaments, please contact Bob on 07824 437492 or Karen on 07719 590610 or email tenniscoach@wickwoods.co.uk .