

Glan Aber Tennis Club Newsletter

April 2020

As I look back over previous Newsletters, this edition is proving slightly more challenging. Normally we would be welcoming the start of the tennis season and hoping for good weather. We've certainly had the good weather. The courts have been shut for a month now but basic maintenance has still been going on behind the scenes. The grass has been cut, a bit of weeding undertaken and the clubhouse has been checked. You will see the tulips are blooming.....



COACHING PROGRAMME

Jo and Aidan continue to keep in touch with players via their FaceBook page. There have been various tennis skills to undertake along with fun activities to keep you occupied.

Coaching courses stopped in week 4 and the remaining 2 sessions will resume once we are back playing. Plans are being put in place with the possibility of courses running through the summer. We will keep you updated.

MEMBERSHIP 2020-21

Thank you to those members that have already renewed their subscriptions for 2020-21. Everyone needs to renew via Clubspark as last year the system was set up for annual renewal. We would encourage you to do this now so that once the Club reopens, you can get out there and play.

If you renew by **monthly direct debit** you will not be charged until play resumes as we have a new facility to pause subscriptions whilst the Club is closed. We will also pause existing monthly renewals. We have changed to a rolling membership which means membership will continue until cancelled.

If you are renewing in a **single payment**, this will continue to be an annual renewal and we will make a pro rata adjustment for this year. It would be best to opt for 'other' payment as we don't yet know what the amount will be.

Both options are available on our Clubspark page. If you have any issues, please contact glanaberadmin@btinternet.com.

FAST 4s & CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Unfortunately, the Fast 4s tournament which was proving popular was a casualty of the lockdown. We are now considering whether the Club Championships will happen this year – perhaps in a different format depending on the timescale. If not, perhaps a one-day tournament so that we can celebrate our return to tennis. It is difficult to plan too much until we know how long before we are back on court and whether there will be any number restrictions in place.

TEAM TENNIS

The LTA are optimistic that Junior Team Tennis will be played when courts re-open. The adult tournament has been cancelled. CADSTL have communicated with team captains and are hopeful that summer tennis matches will still be played with a later start date. And of course, we haven't finished the Wirral Winter League yet! There are still one or two matches outstanding.

OPEN DAY

Our planned date in March had to be postponed but we are hoping that a date in June or July will be a possibility. Watch this space.....

YOUR COMMITTEE

Will Grattan – President & Safeguarding

Colin Barnard – Vice President

Sue Britton – Secretary

Ken Wither – Treasurer

Sophie LeBrocq – Membership Secretary

Andrea Hopkinson – Safeguarding

Jacqueline Owens

Jo Trataris – Head Coach

We are sure that you were disappointed that the AGM was cancelled but if anyone would like to join the Committee, please let us know. We usually meet monthly on a Monday evening. We held a virtual meeting in April with another planned in May.

We continue to follow Government policy on social distancing as well as LTA guidelines. We do hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well during this time. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Club as soon as we are able.