

MILTON KEYNES TENNIS CLUB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SPRING 2009

Welcome to returning and prospective members for the 2009 season. Those of

you who attended the EGM in January will be aware a new committee was voted in with me as Chairman. Just in case you do not know who your committee members are, a picture gallery has been put together in the club house, so please approach us for advice, complaints, ideas, concerns etc.

We have set to work immediately and hope to put new ideas together with the older tested ones in order to provide an exciting programme that everyone feels they can participate in. This is a central part of my Chairmanship, we need you all to take part, particularly with social activities, tournaments, help and ideas, welcoming new members, in addition to playing tennis. MKTC should not be a club run by the few for the many. We also need you to start using the Sports Club, particularly the bar which has recently been refurbished. It is now much more user friendly, we hope to put together a bar food menu soon. Any ideas of the type of food you might wish to have would be gratefully received, please talk to me or leave a message. The long term viability of the Sports Club depends on increasing revenue.

Margaret Wolfendale, our new grounds Officer has thrown herself into action getting the broken window and dripping tap mended, the new fridge hooked up, sorting out gate locks, trying to get the flood lights mended and generally improving club house tidiness. Margaret is now looking at the supply of good tennis balls for club sessions as this has been a source of complaints in the past. It is important to remember that if you come down for a private game we expect you to supply your own tennis balls. Lis Errington, our new Social secretary is working hard to link up with hockey section events, since they have a busy programme. Please look at our notice board. We shall be getting our own events in the future. Please help by supporting them.

We continue to move towards Club Mark with the LTA, this involves a lot of paperwork.. We are also reviewing the Constitution, club house and publicity. We need lots of new members so will be looking at a range of ideas. Our website needs updating with information and all the appropriate links to MK Tennis, LTA etc. In order to encourage new members to try us out, we shall be giving a month of free tennis in April at club sessions only. Anyone with publicity ideas please talk to a committee member.

We should like to involve our Juniors more in the club by setting up a forum for discussion and ideas, these can be presented to the committee for consideration. Anyone who would like to participate who is under 18, please talk to Gary Wakefield.

We hope to run our club championships through July / August, with finals earlier in September, so that they do not clash with the League championships and wider participation in both is possible. Various tournaments will be arranged throughout the summer, watch the notice boards and your e-mails.

So, enjoy 2009 season, I look forward to meeting and greeting you on court.