

The Barnet Hacker

The Barnet L.T.C. Newsletter

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New Clubhouse Project

Most of you will have noticed the problems we have had recently with the clubhouse floor. Although we have ensured that the damage was repaired in order to make the building safe, we realized the clubhouse only has a few years of use left in it. An e-mail was sent out appealing for people to make up a sub-committee to work towards the goal of a new clubhouse. There was a great response to this and we now have 10 people, all with different skills and experience to offer. Thanks to all of you who replied. A fantastic bonus was that David Tomlinson put his name forward to be Project Co-Ordinator. We really want all club members to feel involved though, so if you have any ideas about anything to do with the project – from the design of the clubhouse to raising funds – please speak to any of the sub-committee, or post your idea in the suggestion box. We have set an ambitious, but hopefully realistic, target for project completion. The sub-committee is: David Tomlinson, Robert Brazier, Jackie Czuprynski, Alex Lake, John Hall, John Littleford, Douglas Morley, George Panayi, Adrian Smith and David Taylor.

Sunday Mixer Session and Teas

Great news for fans of Sunday mixer sessions. Due to popular demand we've extended the time so they now run from 2.00 until 5.00p.m. John Trotter, our Social Tennis Co-Ordinator, will be on hand most weeks to ensure things run smoothly. Teas and cakes will be available if there is demand. Although Sunday mixer sessions continue all year round the first of our summer season will take place on **Sunday 1st May**. Please come and support these mixer sessions as they are much more fun with a good turnout and a variety of games.

Champion of Champions

An exciting new event this year! This will take place on **Sunday 4th September**, and the idea is for clubs across North London to enter their club champions in order to create 'North London Champion of Champions'. Greg Kraushar is organizing this event and all proceeds will go to the North London Hospice. There will most

likely be 2 events from men's doubles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles depending on the response received from other clubs to Greg's initial enquiry.



Men's and Ladies' Nights

Ladies' Night and Men's Night will again be run by John and Doug for a period of 8 weeks. The club will once again be paying for the coaches' services, but we do ask players to contribute £2 per session to cover the cost of the balls. All standards of play are welcome and the coaches will give players a mixture of drills and match-play. Doug and I will be discussing this year's format over the next few weeks, so if you have any ideas and suggestions please let us know.

Ladies' Night starts on Tuesday 3rd May, and Men's Night starts on Wednesday 4th May. Both events run from 6.30-8.30p.m. – please try to be as early as possible. Please note that after the initial 8 week period with the coaches, Men's and Ladies' Nights will continue with players rotating matches via the peg-board system. This will continue until the end of September, so ladies will continue to have priority on Tuesdays and men will have priority on Wednesdays until this time. Please don't arrange private games on these evenings.

Pop and Rock Night with Paul David



This promises to be a great evening, so put **Saturday 9th April** in your diaries! Paul works as a solo artist playing various guitars and banjo, performing covers from the 60's to present with a few originals. He had hit records in the seventies as a member of Guys n' Dolls, and also appeared with Frank Sinatra. Tickets are £5.00 in advance, £6.00 on the door. Starting time is 8.00p.m. There is a sign up list in the clubhouse.

Early Season Events

On **Easter Monday (25th April)** there will be the Barnet Junior Davis Cup Day in the morning, and an Easter American Tournament for adults in the afternoon. The May Day Bank Holiday follows swiftly afterwards on **Monday 2nd May**, where we offer a Junior Matchplay Day in the morning and a Timed Tennis Tournament for adults in the afternoon. On **Monday 30th May** there will be a Junior Team Tournament in the morning and an Adult American Tournament in the afternoon. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the notice-boards for these events. All junior events are free of charge. Adult events cost £3.00 (inclusive of teas and cakes). A diary of tennis and social events is on the reverse of this newsletter.