

# The Barnet Hacker

The Barnet L.T.C. Newsletter

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## Sunday Mixer Session and Teas



A new look to Sunday afternoon tennis this year. We've moved the starting time back to 3.00p.m.(until 5p.m.) responding to feedback by club members. Also, teas and cakes will be available with each session. The first 5 sessions will be run by Doug, starting Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> April. They will then continue with members using the pegboard system to mix in. Please come and support these mixer sessions as they are much more fun with a good turnout and a variety of games.

## Early Season Events

On **Easter Monday (5<sup>th</sup> April)** there will be separate Junior and Adult American Tournaments, the junior event in the morning and the adult one in the afternoon. On **Monday 3rd May** there will similarly be Timed Tennis Tournaments for juniors and adults – each round is timed rather than being up to a particular number of games. On **Monday 31st 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. A diary of tennis and social events is on the reverse of this newsletter.

## 'Elvis' Night



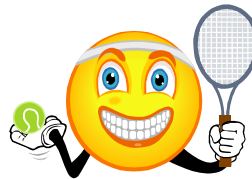
By popular demand 'Elvis' will once again be entering the building. I'm sure those of you who attended last year will agree it was a brilliant evening of entertainment. It's a mix of singing and comedy, hosted by Alvin Printwhistle, one of the country's premier Elvis impersonators. So, set aside the evening of Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – you'll be all shook up if you miss it. More details nearer the time. I'll see you there – you might spot me somewhere near the back!

## Barnet L.T.C. Gets Clubmarked!

We've recently been awarded Clubmark status by the L.T.A. Clubmark is awarded by governing bodies in sport as recognition of good practice being demonstrated in many different areas. It is now also essential for clubs to access L.T.A. funding. A vast amount of work went into preparing our Clubmark folder so thanks to everyone who contributed. We all owe a big debt to Jackie on this as she took on the lion's share of the work, and made sure the rest of us involved did our bits too.

## Men's and Ladies' Nights

Ladies' Night and Men's Night will 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.



**Ladies' Night starts on Tuesday 13th April, and Men's Night starts on Wednesday 14th April.** 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.

It would be particularly good to see more team players turning up this year, and not arranging private singles matches. Please reserve these for other days as it makes the evening so much more enjoyable if everyone is joining in. Where possible we'll try to give you matches with your team partners. We're also planning on some really challenging drills to get you sweating (or glowing if it's Ladies' Night). There will also be an on-going competition for the players who do best in the match-play.

## O2 Finals Prize Draw

I'm sure any of you who went to last year's ATP Tour Finals at the O2 Arena would agree what a great event it was. Well, this year you could be going to the finals courtesy of our prize draw. Every time you turn up to Men's or Ladies' Night or Sunday Mixer sessions it will be recorded by John or Doug, and every appearance equals one ticket for the draw. So, the more times you turn up the more chance you have. There will be one pair of tickets for the lucky person who wins the draw.

## Court Rules

Thankfully the club is thriving and very busy. However, this means court space is sometimes at a premium at certain times. Please make sure you are acquainted with the club rules regarding court usage. Copies of 'Court Etiquette' will be sent with membership confirmations.