

## ASLANTONTENNIS

### THE NEWSLETTER OF STANTON TENNIS CLUB

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#### Contacting me

There is a possibility that we will be selling our bungalow end Sept./ early Oct. and we might not move to our next one for a few weeks after that so if my telephone number becomes unobtainable for a while around that period my mobile number is 07946269067. I will endeavour to keep my contact details up to date on the club website. Of course as with all property sales it may all fall through so bear with me!

#### Club Night from Oct 3rd

The indoor club night starts again on Tuesday October 3rd starting at 7pm. The charge is £2.25 per hour. **If you are interested please contact me by September 17th at the very latest** to book either one hour or two hours and indicate your preferred time slot. I will try and accommodate everyone's preferences if I possibly can. If you can't play on a Tuesday let me know when you could play and I'll see if I can organize something. The courts at the Stute will remain available for members to use until the frosts come. If in doubt about their condition please check with Peter Hodson on 9322974.

#### Some thoughts on Junior and Beginners use of the Indoor Courts

If only children of school age use an indoor court the normal charge is £7.50 per court per hour. If this was a regular booking at the same time each week for four players the tennis club could book it for them at £6.38 per hour (payable a month in advance). This would be £1.60 per hour each, if this is of interest please let me know and I can put you in touch with any other interested juniors/parents. As far as young beginners are concerned the indoor centre have mini tennis nets and if you put these crossways on to a tennis court and play short tennis using plastic line markers to mark out a court I reckon you could fit in 4 mini courts letting 8 children play at the same time (with parents supervising only). This would cost 80p per hour each and even if a few parents played it would cost £1.07 per hour each. Again let me know if this is of interest and I'll put you in touch with other parents.

#### Coaching

The Tuesday sessions start again on September 5th (moving indoors on October 3rd.) and the Thursday sessions on August 31st. Please remember that indoor coaching is payable monthly in advance. We are still in negotiations to expand our coaching provision but the wheels of the L.T.A. grind so slowly!

#### French Tennis

The Ilkeston Town Twinning Association have approached us with a view to having a tennis tournament with Chalons next Easter at the Indoor Centre. It would also involve hosting the visiting tennis players for a couple of nights. I would like to know by **END SEPTEMBER** the level of support there would be from club members and parents for this.

#### Annual "Winos" Tournament Sunday Nov. 12th 2pm at the Indoor Centre in aid of Charity

We ask all adult members and parents of members to come and have a bash and some fun. This year it is in aid of "Fighting Motor Neurone Disease". Children are welcome to come and support or barrack your efforts or act as ball boys and girls. Rackets can be supplied and no particular tennis skills are required. Bottles of wine will be awarded for the luckiest shot, the worst shot, the most spectacular miss and any other shot that takes our fancy as well as for the leading lady and gentleman. Basically we draw names out of a hat for who plays with who and every 15 minutes we draw the names out again. If anyone can obtain sponsorship for some wine or even the hire of the centre please let me know. The entry fee is £2.50 and it would help the organization if you could give me a ring if you hope to be there although don't let that stop you just turning up on the day.

**Xmas Games Morning (with no Tennis!) for all ages including parents.**

It's coming up to that time of year again! It's my opportunity to play games I enjoy. Anyone with a **MENTAL AGE OF 4 TO 14** can join in. It will be on Thursday Dec. 28th at the West Hallam Community Centre from 10 am until 12 noon. Charge of £2 towards hire of hall. **COME ALONG AND RUN OFF THAT XMAS PUD!**

**Annual Awards Evening and Disco**

This will be in the New Year but I need some feedback! The numbers attending the event last year at the Stute didn't justify the cost of room hire and the disco. An alternative would be to present the awards at the relevant coaching sessions. On the other hand maybe our many newcomers are all disco crazy! **PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU OR YOUR CHILD WOULD PREFER.**

Regards

Tony Buck (Club Secretary)