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Snow



The only game playable in December - **SNOWBALLS??**

Christmas Lunch

On 12 December 40 members enjoyed the Tennis Club Christmas Lunch. Everyone worked off their lunch tapping feet and singing to the Hayes Secondary School jazz group who played a great selection of Christmas carols and songs. Thanks must go to Fabian and his Social Committee for organising, Nick and his team for the very good food and Sue for booking the Jazz Group.

American Tournament

The final American Tournament of 2010 was held on 8 January 2011 with Clive providing mulled wine (which Kate really enjoyed) and sausage and bacon sandwiches. The year-end winners were Geraldine Pickthall and Tom Sperring.

1st American Tournament of 2011

The American Tournament is being held on 5 February. Please be there at 13.45 sharp. Ollie de Maximy is doing the tea!

Winter Wednesday Club Evenings

Now the weather has "improved" we want to see more players on Wednesday evenings. After missing most of December we all need the practice??

Singles Ladder

Wanted - more players for the Singles Ladder. If you wish to join please put your name on the sheet in the Pavilion before 1 March.

Home Matches during February

Please come and support our teams playing at home during February:

Sun 06	10.30	Mens 3	Sydenham 3
Sat 12	10.30	Mens Vets 1	Hayes 1
Sat 12	10.30	Ladies Vets 1	Sundridge Park 1
Sun 13	10.30	Mixed 4	Bethersden
Sat 19	10.30	Mixed 3	UK Paper 1
Sat 26	10.30	Ladies Vets 2	Brenchley & Matfield

Winter Teams' Tennis Matches

Don't forget to follow all our teams' results on the Tennis Club website: www.beckenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

Clive Best Coaching

Please contact Clive (Mobile 07977 900383) for all your coaching requirements.

Match Results

During December and January our teams have Won 3 matches and Lost 12?? Must try harder!!

Children's Tennis Parties

Please spread the word to family and friends. Children's parties can be held on Sundays from April to September, and any day during the summer holidays, in the Tennis Pavilion with an hour and a half's fun playing tennis with one of our registered tennis coaches. The cost is £90 for members and £115 for non-members. Cost includes the playing tennis, hire of racquets, balls and the hire of the pavilion for one and a half hours for tea, which includes setting up and clearing up time. You will of course need to bring your own food. For further information please contact fixtures@beckenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

Beckenham Cricket Club Website

Please log on to the updated website which has the Club's forthcoming events plus links to all the Sections within the Club - www.beckenhamcricketclub.co.uk.

HELP PLEASE ...

WITH THE NEWSLETTER — YOU AS PLAYERS HAVE THE INSIDE KNOWLEDGE — MATCH REPORTS, CLUB SNIPPETS, PHOTOS (Kate drinking all the mulled wine??), "SCANDAL".

Email: wendy.cole4@ntlworld.com.

Match Reports

Saturday 15 January at 13.00 Mens 4 vs. Bethersden (Away) (Simon Gregory)

Unfortunately I don't have good news of a win last Saturday, but they were a good opposition. What I always thought would be a tricky fixture actually turned out to be even trickier than I imagined!

First of all, we made the hour (plus) trip to their club in the middle of nowhere, with nobody to greet us! It turned out that due to (their) administrative error, they thought it was at an away match for them, so they were at Beckenham! After some thought, we decided to wait for them and give them the benefit of the doubt. I didn't think it would be right to claim a second match, which would have rendered half of all the results in this league redundant, after that Bearstead fiasco!

The courts were terrible, think of our back tarmac courts, but in a worse, slippery state! One of the courts even had netball/basketball hoops and extra markings on the court! It was windy and still wet, the light was dimming, but we soldiered on!

Chris and Peter started off against their pair 2 first (their head coach and his son), as we were waiting for their pair 1 to get back, and beat them 6-2 6-3! John and I got off to a very good start against their first pair, winning the first set 6-2! But unfortunately it all started going downhill from there, we lost an early break in the second set which we never recovered from, and eventually the champions tie break decider 7-10 (three points in it!)

Surprisingly, John and I are probably still mystified by our second rubber, as we didn't get a sniff against the pair that Chris and Peter had just beaten. Under the twilight and floodlights, they didn't make a single mistake and had every piece of luck going. The balls were wet, muddy and soft so it was difficult to get any power in the ball, but you couldn't take anything away from how accurate and quick round the court they were. Whatever John and I threw at them, they always seemed to find a way to get it back, and usually made a perfectly placed return too. The match was over very quickly, and so we were left scratching our heads somewhat.

Meanwhile, Chris and Peter narrowly lost the first set (I think 4-6), and as John and I sat in the sidelines, we saw them go 2-5 down. But then... the fight back began, and we all watched and cheered as they got back to 5-5! We actually calculated that if we won that set and then the champions tiebreak, we would actually be equal on rubbers, sets and games!! Unfortunately it wasn't to be, but it was great to watch such a tense final set, kind of like Davis Cup, but freezing!

They were a good team, but we so nearly could have had a different result, just a couple of points could have swung it for us, and we all did well considering the overall conditions and events of the fixture.

A similar experience - Saturday 20 November 10.30 Ladies 3 v Hartley CC 1

As we arrived ten minutes early for our match on a bitterly cold morning we were not surprised no one was there to greet us so we waited in their little hut in the middle of a field. We waited and waited! Trouble was no one appeared but luckily we discovered their fixture list which confirmed the match was at Hartley! Eventually a very apologetic lady appeared to say Hartley were at Beckenham and were returning. Again we waited and waited with a hot cup of coffee this time but alas the warmth was only temporary and we just wanted to go home.

At this point we decided to claim the first rubber and warm up on court ready for their appearance. Five minutes before the hour was up when we could claim the whole match they appeared. We were now warm and they were cold after their long journey so we started. Having claimed the first round, Maria and Sue beat the second pair whilst Annette and Gill battled against the first pair and lost. Refreshments were non-existent as they thought they were eating at Beckenham but they did manage to scrounge a few sandwiches and crisps from the bar in the main clubhouse.

Nursery

The Montessori School is using the Pavilion during term time. This doesn't stop our members using the Pavilion. The school are only using the lower lounge area and a removable screen has been set up. They will be there between 09.30-10.30, 11.45-12.45, 13.30-14.30 and 15.45-16.15. During the hours when they are not using the lounge area the screen will be left open but if you wish to use the toilets during the above hours please knock on the screen. They have also renewed the toilet area floor.

Forthcoming Events

Ladies Summer Teams Practice / Coaching Sessions.

These will commence on Tuesday, 8 March and every Tuesday until 29 March starting at 7pm. All Ladies who wish to be considered for the Summer teams or as reserve players are welcome to attend.

A date for your diaries. The Beckenham Cricket Club AGM is 15 February.

A Poker Evening in March. Keep looking at the website for the date.

Don't forget the website will keep up-to-date with BCC forthcoming events.