

Newsletter 21 February 2021

# TUBBS TURF

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Hello lovely members. We hope you are staying safe and well and are very much keenly awaiting the government announcement as to when the courts can reopen. We will be in touch as soon as we know. In the meantime please see below for important updates.

# **Committee changes**

Simon Wood who was our Secretary and also this year took on the Treasurer's role has now moved away. We would like to thank him for all he has done for Tubbs which has also included: steward, bookings sheet monitor, gardening, caterer for events and also hosted many committee meetings when the pavilion was out of action. We wish him and Trish well in their new life hopefully eventually finding their dream home in Norfolk.

We are delighted to say that Chris Davies has been co-opted onto the committee as Treasurer and will formally stand for the role at the AGM in the spring.

# Secretary needed—could you help us please?

We still require a secretary though and need this role to be filled to continue operating Tubbs Turf. The role requires minutes to be taken at the committee meetings (about 6 per year), and answering correspondence (minimal). The membership secretary manages correspondence from members.

We really are a very friendly bunch—Keith chairs the committee and manages the gardening programme, Sally-Anne is membership secretary and newsletter producer, Helen is the school rep, Nigel in charge of maintenance, Jeremy in charge of the American Tournaments and Gillie and Dave committee members.

If you could join us as secretary we would be delighted and promise to make the induction very easy and welcome you with open arms. We can't continue without a secretary so really do need someone to volunteer please to help keep us operating. It would be such a shame if we have to return the facility to the Parish Council to manage.

For further information about the role please email: membership@tubbsturf.co.uk or contact Keith (01453 843301) or Sally-Anne (01453 843069) for further details.

In addition, as Simon was a steward we would also like to add a new volunteer to the stewards' rota. This requires opening and locking the courts on a daily basis, weekdays only and with the current number of stewards probably happens every 8 weeks. If you are interested please contact Nigel Aldridge (07961 508696)

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Important Dates

Committee meeting

Remote AGM tbc

Gardening mornings

TBC when starting

American Tournaments

TBC when starting

Club nights tennis 2021

TBC when starting

Tues: Ladies' Tennis

Thurs: competitive tennis

Garden Party & Finals
Day 2021

September 11 2021

Stewards Evening 2020

TBC



### Membership renewal 1 April 2021

Membership renews as usual 1 April this year. We hope you will renew your membership and look forward to using the facility. Membership forms are attached to the email, please

complete the form and email back. Ideally, due to Covid, emailed membership forms and online payment would be much appreciated.

We are aware that we weren't able to use the courts as much as normal due to Covid 19 but were relieved that for the main part of the season the courts were open. It was great to see them so well used.

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We were also sad not to be able to host our finals day tournament which is not only a super family fun day out, but also our only fundraiser of the year. As you know the maintenance of the courts is a costly exercise and we are predicting the repainting of the lower court will cost about £3,000 and is due now but cannot be done until weather conditions permit, probably April time. In addition, a future resurface will be about £20,000. Fortunately this is not due for a few years yet.

With all of this in mind we would normally put membership fees up this year as they haven't increased for a few years. However, due to Covid 19 we have decided to keep them at their current level which is good value for the facility provided as this is a charity run facility.

If you have any queries about membership renewal please contact Keith or Sally-Anne.

To allow time for fees to be paid the codes to the courts and pavilion will remain the same until 1 May. You will be notified of the new codes once your fees have been received.

#### **Future events**

We are a positive bunch and have therefore decided on the 11 September for Finals Day. Let's all put it in our diaries and hope this year we can have another great Finals Day tournament and garden party.

#### Tennis coaching

Haydn Benney will continue to coach on the courts once we are open. If you are interested in lessons please contact: benneyhaydn@gmail.com, or tel: 07550 075284.

In addition if Haydn cannot fit you in then Stephen Johnson is a local coach also available. Both are professional coaches. Stephen is also interested in setting up some junior coaching so if you would like further details please contact him on: 07967188057 or his email is westonbirttennis@outlook.com

So stay safe everyone and as promised we will be in touch as soon as we hear about reopening timings and rules.