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New membership year... *the locks they are a changing and the keys they be a cutting.* Anon

April 1 marks April Fools Day and as always Burnham Tennis Association will be changing the lock on the courts.

Membership applications and subscriptions should be submitted in good time to ensure you get your key early.

If you have not received a membership form with this Newsletter, one can be obtained from the clubhouse or via our website at

www.burnhamtennis.org.uk.

Junior subscriptions have been held at 2009 levels to make them even better value.

This is the opportunity for those with the competitive spirit to enter one or more of the **Club Championships**.

Singles, or doubles, mixed or otherwise.

Cash prizes can be won every month by contributors to the **"100 Club"**, entry to which can be found on the membership form. Please support it.

The **singles ladder** continues throughout the year and can be joined at any time by emailing Richard at familyfox@aol.com

Skittles Night

On Friday 12th March from 7.00pm we are running a pub Skittles Night at The Greyhound, 16 Common Road, Eton Wick, SL4 6JE. £20 per head includes skittles, basket meal and a prize draw. Any questions or queries, and to book your place, please email Keith at keith@kpaskins.plus.com

Wimbledon 2010

Following the rules of LTA/British Tennis, to enter the ballot for Wimbledon tickets, you must tick the YES/NO box on the membership application form, be a member of British Tennis and pay your 2010 subs before March 31st.

BTA Website

www.burnhamtennis.org.uk

As you may have noticed, we now have a new website. It is very easy to update so we should be able to keep you up to date on the latest developments at the club. Any news you would like to appear on the site can be forwarded to committee members.

Please give us feedback so that we can be sure to provide you with a site you find useful.

As before, you can use the website to book floodlit courts. Bookings are not available for daytime use. We use a google calendar and there are full instructions on booking a court on the website.

Members can learn how to use the leaf sweeper by speaking to Keith
Tel: 01628 604565 email: keith@kpaskins.plus.com

3 Phase Power

Responding to the contention surrounding the generator solution to the 3 phase power project has resulted in its delay and in order to keep faith with Mars their grant has had to be returned to them for use elsewhere. The 3 phase power project will need to continue but without the pressure to complete it immediately. Hopefully during the summer another solution can be found which will satisfy both financial and technical criteria and bring a secure supply of power, the benefit of Pavilion heating and the possibility in due course of a floodlit third court.

CASC's

In 2004 Burnham Tennis Association became one of the first **Community Amateur Sports Clubs**. It suits our "open door", low-cost, community-focused approach to membership and our surpluses have always been reinvested for the benefit of the club. As a CASC we enjoy tax free deposit interest, Gift Aid tax recovery on donations and 80% mandatory relief on Council rates. Not a bad arrangement! It is now reported that the LTA are proposing to promote CASC status nationally using Burnham Tennis as the model.

Burnham Bowls Club

Do you ever fancy a drink with your partner or opponents after a long match? After gradually getting closer over

the years to our neighbours, Burnham Bowls Club, we are hopeful of obtaining social membership of Burnham Bowls Club for all senior members of Burnham Tennis Association from April 1. Burnham Bowls Club offers a comfortable bar with drinks at fantastic prices. Members will be free to join in any social activities at the club and on a summer's evening encouraged to enjoy some refreshments whilst watching top quality bowls. Out of consideration for their protocol they request that when bowling is in play we approach the club house with thought for the bowlers.

Confirmation of this facility will be notified to members asap.

Pavilion Painting

The interior of the pavilion needs to be redecorated and cleaned up and work will commence on Friday 26th February. Members are requested to forgive any inconvenience while works are in progress.

British Tennis

The LTA has approved our affiliation to the LTA until at least 2012. This means that we will continue to enjoy the benefits of Civil Liability Protection and Directors and Officers insurance, Wimbledon ticket allocation, facility guidance, Baseline scheme and free British Tennis Membership for our members.

Members are reminded to ensure that the courts and pavilion are locked at all times after use to prevent trespass

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Please make sure that any changes of address, telephone numbers or e-mail are passed on to Richard Fox in order to keep the Membership List up to date.

Prizes wanted

Sue Gray regularly runs tournaments and fun days for the juniors for which she likes to be able to award prizes. If anyone has any freebies they would like to donate by way of prizes (t-shirts, mugs, pens, etc) please let Sue know.
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