

To The Point

CASC (aid)

I am pleased to tell you that the Club has been granted **Community Amateur Sports Club** status by H.M. Revenue and Customs. CASC status is similar to charitable status. The main advantages are:-

1. The club now qualifies for mandatory 80% rates relief, instead of having to apply to the Borough Council for discretionary relief.
2. Tax can be reclaimed on any gifts made to the club under the Gift Aid Scheme.
3. No Inheritance Tax is payable on any gift made to the club in a person's will.

A CASC is not allowed to pay anyone for playing in any of its teams.

We are always keen to gauge our member's opinions so you will find in this issue a brief questionnaire; here's an opportunity for you to get "To The Point"

Peter Collinson—Chairman

Girl Power - West Bridgford style.

The West Bridgford "Spice Girls" or shall we say "Girls Aloud" leave their work, ironing, shopping and other domestic responsibilities every Wednesdays and Fridays to grace our courts with their own brand of highly competitive tennis. This happy band of sisters have been enjoying their tennis and their gossip at the club since 2004 and certainly add feminine charm. No alcohol is imbibed but strong caffeine intake helps with their fitness regime.



Glenys Storer—Renee Palmer—Helen Drummond
Belinda Brown—Jennie Woollard
Verna Crowther—Mo Davies—Ann Pullan
Missing from the line-up - Gill Reynolds & Sue Dexter

New Gym or Posers Paradise!

The club has recently given our gym a complete makeover; all new equipment for your fitness regimes complimented by new décor and a huge wall mirror for posing and reflection.

It is hoped that this major investment will be rewarded by an increase in gym membership. The fee, which includes a full induction, represents fantastic value for money and those wanting to join should contact Suzanne Cooper at reception for more information.



Team up for Team Spirit

We now are approaching the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness; we are approaching yet another winter league match season. We put out over 30 teams during the summer past and we compete in all the major leagues in Nottinghamshire and nationally all year round. Teams are entered at most junior age group levels, senior levels and super aged senior levels, so if you don't already represent the club, there is a team for you.

One group of match players we must recognize are the team captains but they come and go; some have led the same team for several years, others are new to the job. If you would like to consider yourself as a leader, if you think you've got what it takes, then let us know. The rewards are immeasurable!

Having said that, whoever plays in what or with whom or under which captain, we wish all our teams' good luck for the coming season and seasons to come.

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Club Together



Walks



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Skittles



Themes



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Quizzes

The Ceilidh held to celebrate the "invasion" of 15 Irish Evergreen players over the weekend June 28th /29th went off very well and was much enjoyed by all. This followed some enjoyable competitive matches much punctuated by wit and banter.

The Spring Walk

On Sunday 25th May, five stoic club members took tea with the gracious invitation of the Duke and Duchess of Rutland. Well, at least they own the Manners Arms at Knipton where we finished up due to very heavy afternoon rain, but where we will return on the 9th November for our autumn walk.

Winter Walk – (venue yet unknown) Sunday 8th February

Cycle Ride

On Sunday 22nd June, five intrepid cyclists battled through and conquered a gale force wind along the Tissington Trail. Afterwards they found solace and shelter at the Waterloo Inn at Biggin.

Skittles Evening

Friday 17th October – Always fun and well attended. Last year the ladies got the better of the men's team – so watch out ladies this year!!

Thank you for all your continued support and of course we welcome new members to join in our activities.

Derek Bolton



Yoko Ozaki & Paul Smith
Spring Cup Champions



Dancing the night away at the Ceilidh to the renowned group **Beggars Belief**

News

Congratulations to Laura Cooper on the birth of a son Alfie John on the 14th August.

Farewell to Meg and her family who have now returned to Japan, we wish them all well

We all wish Gerry Radford a very speedy recovery from his serious injury sustained whilst in the "Senior" mixed team against Hallamshire, Sheffield, he will be sadly missed in the semi-finals. Gerry, see card below!!

Who's who on the committee

Jill Shelvey has been a member of the club for 20 years, a committee member for 15 years and club secretary for 3 years.

(Jill stresses that her appointment was not due her typing skills but more to do with the dearth of women on the committee!)

Jill's passion is sport, so after her education at Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet she attended Brighton Sports College before taking up P.E. teaching posts in, Buckinghamshire and London. She has representative honours in both Netball and Lacrosse.

After moving to Nottingham in 1978 she taught at The Becket and then Nottingham Bluecoat where she is now acts as Sports Co-ordinator working with primary schools increasing the amount of high quality P.E. & sport for young people.

She has represented Nottinghamshire at tennis at veteran age levels and now captains the over 50 Ladies team.

A life long West Ham United fan, Jill not only attended the 1980 FA Cup Final (1-0 Brooking) but also the 1966 World Cup Final against Germany. *(Moore: Peters: Hurst)*

Jill's tennis playing is now interspersed with some work, tennis refereeing, cinema going, travelling, cycling, walking, swimming, reading and cat care!

(Clearly not a lot of time for ironing then? Ed)



My Hobby

How often does a chance meeting result in a change of lifestyle. In my case chatting to friends at a coffee morning then being shown some cards bought in a local market fired my imagination.

All the designs had been constructed from leaves and petals.

Having pressed flowers as a child I started again and through trial and error reached a solution whereby I did not end up with lots of brown flowers!!

Using simple images from children's books I began to create familiar animals and birds using the basic shapes of the materials available then adding tails, eyes and whiskers. I became a member of the Notts. County Crafts which opened a much wider window for selling and spent many weekends at craft fairs around the region. I still love creating the cards and sell to shops and garden centres in the area however if a game of tennis was on offer then there is no question which option I would choose— after all it is a hobby and that's the way I like it.



Jennie Woollard

Tennis Matters

Junior Grand Prix July 2008

Another hugely successful tournament, blessed this year with excellent weather, much to the relief of the tournament organisers, Kay Wakefield,

Jill Shelvey and Penny Richardson.

This ever popular, prestigious and financially rewarding tournament attracted over 200 competitors. The event goes from strength to strength; so many competitors come back each year, for instance Billy Harris from the Isle of Man has been competing since the age of 9 and this year played in the Under 16 final. Everyone involved over these 8 days ought to give themselves a huge pat on the back.

A pat on the back also to 9



Livvy Tomkins
Junior Grand Prix
Under 10 Winner

year old High School girl Livvy Tomkins

During the tournament a charity raffle was held in aid of raising funds for the East Midlands Special Olympics Tennis Team who will be representing the region in the National Special Olympic Games in Leicester in July 2009. The games will bring together over 2700 athletes with learning disabilities from 18 UK regions, competing in 21 sports. The team, who all train at the club need to raise a total of £4000 to take part. The raffle made a fantastic £200 thanks to the generosity of the players and their families. If any member has links with an organization that would like to help fund the team then please contact Lesley Whitehead.

Veterans Success

This year has seen three of the club's teams reach the semi-final stage of the National Inter-Club Competitions. The men's over 55 team are drawn against Westcliffe (Southend), the "junior" mixed are against Edgbaston Priory and the ladies over 50 team will be playing the Wimbledon Club. (Illustrious company!!)

This is a great achievement for West Bridgford Tennis Club and the question "Where exactly is West Bridgford?" will hopefully not be asked quite so frequently from those living south of the Watford Gap!

Senior Club Championship

The Senior Club Championships which started way back in January culminated with finals day on Sunday 13th July. The results were as follows:

Mens Singles:	Winner:	Callum Chivers	Runners up:	Ali Wakefield
Ladies Singles:	Winner:	Rachel Wood	Runner up:	Mel Whitehead
Mens Singles Over 40:	Winner:	Peter Whitehead	Runner up:	Nick Lodge
Mens Doubles:	Winners:	Ali Wakefield & Jeremy Fowler	Runners up:	W/O
Ladies Doubles:	Winners:	Lesley Whitehead & Kathryn Hales	Runners up:	Sheila Eustace & Sue Reesby
Ladies Singles Over 40:	Winner:	Sue Reesby	Runner up:	Suzy Woods
Mixed Doubles: (Sunday 20th September)	Winners:	Mel & Matt Whitehead	Runners up:	Yuko Ozaki & Ryan Williams



Mixed Doubles
Winners 2008



Fridays Friends (and Friendly Foes!)

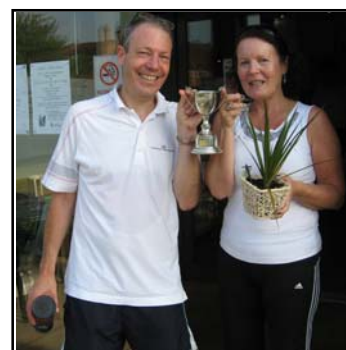
Dave : Jean : Mike
Sonia : Janet : Barbara : Pam

LTA Veterans Tournament

The club will once again host the LTA Indoor Veterans Tournament from 9th to 11th January 2009. This is for men 50 & over and 60 & over competing in singles and doubles events. This year saw a record entry from across the country and it is hoped that next year's tournament will be equally successful. Entry forms available from October

Canterburys Cup

This new trophy, resplendent in the trophy cabinet, has been donated to the club by Canteburys Delicatessen, thanks for their generosity. We have decided it will be awarded annually to the 'Team of the Year' and it was decided the inaugural winners would be the Vets Mixed 50/55 team, who became National Champions in 2007 – Jill Shelvey, Margaret Fincham, David Carter and Gerry Radford. Congratulations!



President's Cup Winners
Josyane Twist & Trevor Wright

Junior's Corner

Club players shine in Italy

Four players who train at West Bridgford Tennis Club represented Great Britain in a 3 Nations Tennis Tournament organized by Special Olympics Italy in Milan from 23rd to 25th May. The event saw 12 players from Italy, 4 from Holland and 4 from Great Britain compete over the 3 days in singles and doubles matches.

For the West Bridgford players this was the first time they have been selected by the Tennis Foundation to represent Great Britain and it was the first time they had competed on European clay courts. The team of Patrick Cox, Michael Clarke, Joseph Eccles and Alex Eustace won 3 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze and 1 fourth medal between them. Patrick and Alex won gold in their respective singles groups and Joseph with his Dutch partner won gold in the doubles.

Lesley Whitehead, who trains the players at West Bridgford Tennis Club travelled with male coach Matt Whitehead and the team. Lesley says, "I am so proud of the way these players performed. It is a big step for them to compete for their country in an International tournament but they all rose to the occasion".

Junior Tournaments

The Autumn/Winter Mini Tennis and Tennis competitions are now available from the club. The mini tennis events will provide match play for players in red, orange and green levels. From September all players entering the mini competitions must have British Tennis membership. This is free and can be obtained by visiting www.lta.org.uk
The tennis tournaments are run for the 12, 14 & 16 age groups and form part of the Notts Grade 5 circuit. All players must have an LTA rating. Results will count towards rating and ranking points.

Junior Club Championships 2008

The Junior Club Championship finals took place on Saturday 7th June.

Winners were as follows:

Boys singles 16 & under: Josh Bexon

Boys singles 14 & under: James Defusto

Boys singles 12 & under: Daniel Wright

Girls singles 14 & under: Rachel Wood

The 14 & under winners qualified for the Road to Wimbledon County finals. At this event James Defusto won the county final and has now won a trip to Wimbledon to play in the national finals.

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Competition & Social Calendar

October 2008 - March 2009

Friday	17-Oct	Skittles Evening at the Wheatsheaf in Cropwell Bishop		Indoors
Sunday	19-Oct	Red Grade 5	10.00 - 2.00	Indoors
Tuesday	28-Oct	Green Grade 5	1.00 - 5.00	Indoors
Sunday	02-Nov	Orange Grade 4	10.00 - 2.00	Indoors
Sunday	09-Nov	Autumn Walk - Knipton, Vale of Belvoir		Outdoors
Sunday	16-Nov	Orange Grade 5	10.00 - 2.00	Indoors
Sunday	07-Dec	Orange Grade 4	10.00 - 2.00	Indoors
Saturday	03-Dec	Ariel Tournament Grade 4 Green 10 & Under Boys & Girls	10.00 - 6.00	Indoors
Wednesday	10-Dec	Christmas Ladies Social Doubles	10.00 - 3.00	Indoors
Sunday	21-Dec	Red Grade 5	10.00 - 2.00	Indoors
Saturday	27-Dec	Christmas American Mixed Doubles	1.30 - 4.30	Indoors
Sunday	28-Dec	Green Grade 5	10.00 - 2.00	Indoors
Sunday	04-Jan	Christmas Adult & Child Tournament	2.00 - 5.00	Indoors
Sunday	18-Jan	Orange Grade 4	10.00 - 2.00	Indoors
Sunday	01-Feb	Orange Grade 5	10.00 - 2.00	Indoors
Sunday	08-Feb	Winter Walk - (Venue yet unknown)		Outdoors
Saturday	14-Feb	Ariel Tournament Grade 4 12 & Under Boys & Girls	10.00 - 6.00	Indoors
Sunday	15-Feb	Red Grade 5	10.00 - 2.00	Indoors
Sunday	22-Feb	Orange Grade 4	10.00 - 2.00	Indoors
Sunday	08-Mar	Green Grade 5	10.00 - 2.00	Indoors
Wednesday	11-Mar	Ladies Social Doubles	10.00 - 3.00	Indoors
Saturday	14-Mar	Ariel Tournament Grade 4 12 & Under Boys & Girls	10.00 - 6.00	Indoors
Sunday	22-Mar	Orange Grade 5	10.00 - 2.00	Indoors