

# ASHTEAD TENNIS PLAYERS CLUB

## Christmas Newsletter

**December 2007**

It's that time of year again. The clubhouse is ablaze with Christmas decorations, lights, and our colourful new Certificate of Employment Liability Insurance.

Outside, it has been another eventful year:

### **Our champions**

#### **Adult**

"I'd like to enter, but there doesn't seem much point really, the same people always win".....oh no they don't.

Thanks to our recruitment campaign growing the membership numbers, and the march of time growing our juniors into adults, we had some really exciting contests. And the victors were:

Ladies singles	Sophie Ames
Gentlemens singles	Roberto Simonetti
Ladies doubles	Sophie Ames and Dee Woods
Gentlemens doubles	Dan and Ben Lerpiniere
Mixed doubles	Helen Abbott and James Wilson

Congratulations to all of them, and many thanks to everyone who took part.

#### **Junior**

The juniors always show us the way, with a large and enthusiastic entry to their tournament. And the junior heroes are:

Under 12 Girls	Winner	Alison Hall
	Runner-up	Hannah Thomas
Under 14 Girls	Winner	Becky Johns
	Runner-up	Bridget Edwards
Under 17 Girls	Winner	Lizzie Sherwin
	Runner-up	Sally Hall
Under 12 Boys	Winner	Richard Young
	Runner-up	Luke Adams
Under 14 Boys	Winner	Rob Brown
	Runner-up	Alex Culhane
Under 17 Boys	Winner	Will Culhane
	Runner-up	Simon Dean

Congratulations to all, and to everyone who took part in another famous contest. And a special mention for Andy, Janice, and Les, for arranging another great contest.

### **All that glitters is**

We have a splendid new trophy for the winners of the ladies doubles competition. This was presented by Surrey County Council, thanks to Tim Ashton, who arranged the donation.

We are very grateful to Tim, and to the council, for this gesture - which was much appreciated by this year's winners, and will inspire next year's competitors to seize it from them.

And speaking of the future.....

### **2008 AGM**

Next year's meeting is fixed for 8.00pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

The Marshall Room is the venue - do come if you can. As ever, there will be a lively agenda and a free bar, for this annual event that is guaranteed to take the peace out of the Memorial Hall.

Among the items we shall be looking at are:

### **Refurbishment of courts 1 & 2**

Our two premier courts are looking a bit tired, and the white paint spills don't help. We have investigated ways of cleaning them off, but this would almost certainly mean repainting the entire surface of both courts.

As they will soon be due for refurbishment, the cost seemed unjustified.

The committee intends to present the AGM with recommendations for a new surface, taking account of such factors as durability, price, and playing qualities.

Everyone's views are welcome on this, our most significant investment.

### **British Tennis membership**

Please look at the enclosure, introducing *British Tennis* – the LTA's new membership programme, which will be launched on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

As an incentive, all members who join by 31<sup>st</sup> Dec will be entered into a draw for one of a pair of Wimbledon tickets.

*The LTA has also advised that only members who have joined British Tennis should be eligible for our club Wimbledon tickets ballot.*