

# Club and Coach E – newsletter

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## WELCOME TO YOUR NEWSLETTER

Hello and welcome to the very first Gloucestershire LTA Club and Coach e-newsletter.

The aim of this newsletter is to keep you up to date on all aspects of the game in the county. There will be 6 issues per year and if required extra volumes will be released.

Issues covered in the e-newsletter will include; club development, coaching, tournaments, special events and much more!

Please note this is your newsletter and we want you to play a big part in it! If there is a subject you want covered please email your editor [rob.dearing@lta.org.uk](mailto:rob.dearing@lta.org.uk).

We want this newsletter to be accessed by the whole club so please print out a copy and pin it up where people will see it. Why not forward it around your club by email?

If there are people within the club who would like a copy by email directly from us please email your request to [glos@LTA.org.uk](mailto:glos@LTA.org.uk) and put newsletter in the subject box.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO COMMUNICATING WITH YOU ALL!

## YOUR COUNTY TEAM

For those of you we do not yet know please let us introduce ourselves.

Barry Tugwood, Rob Dearing and Morgana Lovell make up the full time element of the county office. You can contact the county office using the details on the back page of this newsletter.

As well as the full time team we have a fantastic volunteer base who help to keep the game running in our area.

On top of the volunteers, coaches, tournament organisers, referees councillors and many more tennis would not operate without the hard work of everyone involved in running our clubs!

If you would like to play a more involved role in Gloucestershire Tennis why not contact your club committee (help is always gratefully received), train to become a tournament referee or take a course in tennis coaching. If you are interested in any of these please contact Morgana in the office.

Barry Tugwood –  
Tennis Manager



Rob Dearing –  
Club Development  
Officer



Morgana Lovell – County  
Administrator

**SPORT ENGLAND NATIONAL ACCREDITATION - CLUB MARK**

Sport England **Clubmark** is used by national governing bodies of sport (NGBs) as part of their club accreditation programmes for sports clubs with junior sections in recognition of a quality club. Basically the kitemark of sports clubs. **Kitemark** is the world's premier symbol of trust, integrity and quality. Make your club the best it can be!

Please note that Sport England Clubmark is only awarded through national governing bodies of sport in the case of tennis this is the Lawn Tennis Association and is not awarded by Sport England to individual clubs.

By creating a single, national standard, Clubmark helps give all kinds of sports clubs with a junior section a structure and direction that will benefit them in several ways:

**Increasing membership**

Being able to demonstrate that you have addressed issues such as equality and child protection gives confidence to parents choosing a club for their children.

**Developing your club**

The foundation for any club is its youth structure. So, by encouraging and attracting young members, you are building a strong future for your club.

**Developing your coaches and volunteers**

As part of the accreditation scheme, you'll be given help and advice in developing the skills of everyone involved in your club.

**Raising your club's profile**

Once accredited, your club will be listed on the national database and in other sporting directories that will help you attract new members and to grow.

Clubmark complements the LTA's vision for tennis clubs. The accreditation process is a supported one and your local LTA Club Development Officer will walk you through it every step of the way. This includes club visits to assist in the improvement of different aspects of the club. Your club may already be meeting Clubmark standards so why not tell your current and potential membership about how good you are!

**TO KICK START CLUBMARK IN YOUR CLUB PLEASE CALL ROB DEARING ON 01452 396644 OR EMAIL [rob.dearing@lta.org.uk](mailto:rob.dearing@lta.org.uk)**

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Kitemark, the  
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Why be the rest  
when you can be the  
best!*

**TRAIN TO BECOME A REFEREE – HELP YOURSELF TO HELP TENNIS**

**Could you organise a small local tournament? As with most things these days there is a computer programme that does all the paper work for you! As a referee you will be PAID for your work!**

The referee's job at a professional tournament is very different to that at a local grassroots competition, but in both cases the referee organises the draw and order of play and makes decisions on any rules issues that arise.

The first step to becoming a referee is to attend a one-day introductory seminar. These seminars are held around the country throughout the year and are free to attend. **Please see the back page for training sessions in the county.**

At the end of the seminar, you will be invited to join the Association of British Tennis Officials (ABTO) and become a trainee referee, which will enable you to work at club or county-level tournaments with an accredited referee.

The next step is to pass a one-day free to attend LTA accreditation course, which will allow you to referee LTA-sanctioned tournaments.

For more info on becoming an accredited referee please visit [www.lta.org.uk](http://www.lta.org.uk) or call the county office.

**LTA REFEREES  
INTRODUCTORY  
SEMINAR  
  
SATURDAY 21ST  
OCTOBER 2006  
OXSTALLS INDOOR  
TENNIS CENTRE,  
GLOUCESTER**

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE PLAYERS TRAINING TO WIN**

Sixteen boy's from clubs around Gloucestershire took to the courts recently in the first of 3 planned Matchplay events being held at Cheltenham Ladies College. These competitive but fun tournament's give youngsters the opportunity to compete against players from other clubs around the county. Each player has a LTA rating and will play a minimum of two matches against players of a similar standard.

The first tournament was a massive success with one match seeing a result of 7-6 6-7 10-7 (champions tiebreak). In nearly 30 degree heat the boys showed that their training had prepared them well.

Rob Dearing LTA Club Development Officer said of the event 'its great to see kids getting the opportunity to compete in the county and putting their training into practice'.

A huge thank you must go to Adam Newton who worked with the county LTA to organise the event and ran the operation on the day! Well done Adam!



Cheltenham  
Matchplay  
Competitors

**SEE THE  
COMPETITIONS  
PAGE FOR THE NEXT  
EVENT AND GET  
INVOLVED EARLY AS  
PLACES ARE GOING  
VERY FAST!**

**CASC – MAKE YOUR CLUBS MONEY WORK HARDER!**

Are you a sports club who can claim money back from the Inland Revenue?

The community amateur sports club (CASC) system, which came into operation in April 1992, is run by the Inland Revenue Sports Clubs Department.

It seeks to recognise the good community work that many sports clubs do by giving them many of the benefits that derive from having charitable status but **without** the hard work and complexity of enrolling as a charity and complying with charitable procedures.

The main benefits are:-

- 80% rate relief is mandatory and clubs already receiving rate relief are likely in many cases to be able to claim 100 per cent rate relief.
- Under the Gift Aid scheme, clubs can claim back the equivalent of 28p for every £1 donated by a tax payer.
- Tax paid on bank interest can be claimed back.
- Various exemptions from Corporation tax.
- No club can be worse off by being a registered CASC.

Registration is easy - you just have to complete two simple forms and submit a set of accounts and your governing documents. You will find these two documents by following the link below. If after you fill out these documents you are not compliant with the CASC system, the Inland Revenue will even advise you what changes need to be made.

To qualify, sport must be one of your club's constitution's main objectives. And usual funding agency stipulations apply, for example, membership must be open to all, club profits must be invested back into club activities, on dissolution of the club etc

RING THE COUNTY OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS OR USE THIS WEBSITE  
LINK: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/casc/index.htm>

*Sport needs  
money! Why  
let tax effect  
our sport.  
Sign up for  
tax relief to-  
day.*



*Keep more of your hard  
earned money!*

**COACH CONTACT TIME**

Due to the nature of our work we spend a lot of time out of the office visiting clubs, coaches, local authorities, tournaments etc.

We don't want this to limit the amount of access you as coaches have to us. We want you to see the county office as a resource which you have access to!

With this in mind we are creating coach contact sessions that will run on a weekly basis. These sessions will be based at the county office – please see the back page for the county office details.

There will be the odd occasion where the specific day is simply not possible for you guys or us and if this is the case then an alternative time slot can be arranged.

**Coach contact time in Gloucestershire will take place every week on a Thursday morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm. You will be able to book a 45 minute session with our Club Development Officer, Rob Dearing or Tennis Manager Barry Tugwood.**

These sessions can then be followed up with visits to clubs / programmes. It gives you the opportunity to kick start an idea or work on a project.

Please call Morgana at the county office to book your slot. Please be quick as there are only 4 sessions per week! Refreshments provided! All sessions must be booked a minimum of 5 days in advance.

**WORKING AS A TEAM – COACH FOCUS GROUPS**

I typed teamwork quotes into Google and picked the cheesy one! Well done Henry!

As all of us know coaching can be a fairly isolated profession and I want to try and change that within Gloucestershire by arranging coach focus groups.

I am looking at the options at the moment and would love some input from you guys on what sort of things you would like to be included in these groups. Some of my thoughts so far are informational sessions on subjects like; funding for coaches or organising trips to the National Centre to work with the coaches there for a day, business aspects including small business grants, idea sharing sessions which would include on and off court work. Just a few ideas please send me some of yours.

One other idea was for us to hold a coaches BBQ. A chance to get to know your fellow coaches in a social environment. Send ideas to [Rob.dearing@lta.org.uk](mailto:Rob.dearing@lta.org.uk).

'Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success'.  
Henry Ford

**COACHING JOBS****NEW HEAD COACH REQUIRED**

We are currently recruiting for a motivated, business minded, self starter to take on the role of **Head Coach**.

- ⇒ Are you a highly self-motivated tennis coach with a proven track record of delivering innovative coaching sessions?
- ⇒ Do you have experience of coaching different groups of players in a club environment?
- ⇒ Can you effectively manage a club coaching programme?

If 'YES' is the answer to these questions then we want to hear from you!

For more information please follow this link: <http://www.lta.org.uk/Grassroots/Coaches/JobsForCoaches/>.

Closing Date for applications is August 14th 2006.

**WHY COMPETE?**

Competition is one of the most important parts of being a good tennis player. Whether you are a budding Andy Murray or a local league player competition gives you the opportunity to test out skills you have developed when training.

Competition is great fun and enables you to meet up with players from many different areas. Why not try out one of the tournaments below and see how competition can improve your game.

[www.lta.org.uk](http://www.lta.org.uk). All you need to know so you can get competing - from your very first junior tournament all the way to the Grand Slams.

**COMPETITION DATES**

- ⇒ **Gloucestershire Junior County Closed:** 28th Aug – 1st Sep. Please contact the county office for details. The closing date for this event is Monday August 14th 2006.
- ⇒ **Cheltenham Junior Matchplay:** Saturday 19th August and Saturday 23rd September, 1 - 6pm at Cheltenham Ladies College. These events are lots of fun and are for junior players (boys & girls) with a rating of 10.2, 10.1, 9.2 or 9.1. For more information or to obtain an entry form for this event please contact Adam Newton (07961154269).
- ⇒ **Gloucestershire's Mini Orange Junior League:** The Mini Orange league will run again this year. All the league matches will be held at Oxstalls indoor tennis centre so there is no chance of the weather getting in the way. Last year 10 clubs entered a team which consisted of 4 children, ideally 2 boys and 2 girls. We are looking for even more teams this year and hope that all the clubs will support this great event. It is lots of fun for the players and give children the opportunity to compete in a safe and friendly environment. Details will be winding there way to you very soon. If you want more information about this great junior league please contact the county office.
- ⇒ **Oxstalls Indoor Tennis Centre:** The Indoor Tennis Centre put on a host of different tournaments throughout the year. Follow this link and view the masses of competitive opportunities there are - <http://www.gloucester.gov.uk/Content.aspx?URN=2179>.
- ⇒ **East Glos Club:** Mini Green Series: Events still left on the East Glos Mini Green schedule on August 11th and August 18th. These events are suitable for U10 boys & U11 girls. They run 1pm-3.30pm. For more details please contact Simon Wheatley on 07980 560055.
- ⇒ **Cirencester Junior Open:** 31.07.06 - 04.07.06 (entries now closed). Good luck to all of you playing next week and stick this one in the diary for next year if your not playing this year.

**If you are running a tournament and it is not on this list then please email the details to [rob.dearing@lta.org.uk](mailto:rob.dearing@lta.org.uk)**

The full listing of summer results will be out with the next edition of the Gloucestershire e-newsletter...!

**LTA RATINGS - ONE FOR THE PARENTS!**

An LTA Player Rating is a way of measuring your tennis ability, so you can see how you are improving. It also means you can make sure you are entering the right standard of competitions. It's a bit like a golf handicap.

Having a rating does not mean everything has to get scary and serious! Many players around the country play for fun and enjoy seeing their rating rise. Other players look to improve their rating so they can enter bigger and better tournaments!

**If you don't have a rating go to [www.lta.org.uk](http://www.lta.org.uk), click Play and Compete then Membership then Join and then Junior Player or Adult Player it costs £3 for a junior and £6 for an adult. IT'S EASY!**

**MORE TOURNAMENTS NEEDED**

As you can see from the previous page we need to **create more competitive opportunities** for players in Gloucestershire.

We want our players to **train to compete and not train to train** and the only way to do this is to provide them with the opportunity to play in tournaments in our local area.

As a county we will be organising a **series of Winter Matchplay events** along with other events being planned at the moment. Our goal is to provide regular competitive opportunities for our players across the county.

To make this a success we need the help of many of you around the county. You are the marketing team of Gloucestershire Tennis and all you have to do to keep this status is **print out tournament schedules** and forms when they are sent through to you, **promote all the events to your club members and players** on your coaching programmes. We need your help!

A quality tournament schedule in Gloucestershire will only succeed if we have players entering the tournaments regularly. This is where the Clubs and Coaches come in. **Please promote new tournaments when they are sent through to you.**

We will also be developing a simple piece of literature to help you make sense of the competitive structure in the UK. Watch this space for more info!

**As a Club, Coach or Parent you can organise very simple competitions** that can last from a few hours to a week but the simplest ones to run do not last longer than a half a day to a day.

All you have to do is provide a venue. Then you decide whether you want to run it yourselves, a great way to make money for the club / coach or let someone else run it, for example the county or an independent tournament organiser.

The qualified referee who operates the event on the day takes care of everything to do with the tournament.

**16 players paying £8.50 = £136 less £20 balls less £70 referee = £46 profit for club or coach before any drinks or snacks you might sell on the day.** To find out more about running tournaments at your club or venue please contact the county office.

**Watch out soon for the Under 10 Masters Series and the Winter County Matchplay schedule coming soon...!**

**COACHES AND CLUBS – TRAINING COURSES COMING SOON!**

Both as a coach or a club volunteer it is vital to keep up to date in your field. Please see below for training and informational sessions coming to the South West.

- ⇒ **LTA Referees Introductory Seminar:** Saturday 21st October at Oxstalls Tennis Centre, Gloucester. Please phone the county office for more details. Its FREE! Remember as an accredited referee you will be paid for your work. This is step 1 out of 2 to becoming accredited!
- ⇒ **LTA Certificate in Tutoring Skills:** September 18-20th 2006 at David Lloyd, Bristol. This is a 3 day course for coaches interested in tutoring. There are strict entry requirements including 4 years as a CCA coach and at least 5 years practical coaching experience. For more information please contact Rob, Barry or Morgana in the county office.
- ⇒ **LTA Talent ID and Talent Development Course:** September 13th at David Lloyd, Bristol. This course would be great for club coaches and coaches working in schools. For more information please contact email [isabel.beesley@lta.org.uk](mailto:isabel.beesley@lta.org.uk). **6 Credits**
- ⇒ NB: For more information about the content of each session please don't hesitate to contact the county office.



**TRAINING TO WIN!**

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## **‘MORE PLAYERS BETTER PLAYERS’**

**TEAMWORK – TOGETHER WE CAN  
 CREATE CHAMPIONS**

*Gloucestershire LTA are the local branch of the National Governing Body. As a county association we are an independent body affiliated to the LTA and our aim is to support Gloucestershire’s clubs and tennis providers to help achieve the national goal of ‘more players better players’.*

*The relationship between the county association and local clubs and tennis providers is vital to the future development of the game both at a grass roots level as well as at the top end of our sport.*

*Please feel free to contact your county team on all issues relating to tennis. We can’t promise to have all the answers all the time but if we don’t know we will probably know someone who does!*

## **COMPETITION TIME – WHERE’S MORGANA**

That’s right you have all seen at some point the books ‘Where’s Wally’ well this is the Gloucestershire LTA e-newsletter version!

For those of you who don’t know Morgana, she is the super efficient administrator in the county office. And now she is also the celebrity star of ‘Where’s Morgana’. Please do not mob her for autographs in the street!

Where’s Morgana gives someone the chance to win an hours free tennis coaching with Club Development Officer Rob Dearing. All you have to do to win this priceless prize (or so he said) is guess which of Gloucestershire’s tennis venues Morgana is posing in front of. Each issue will see Morgana in a different location. The first person to email glos@LTA.org.uk with the correct answer will win. The winner will be notified by email and a lesson can be arranged.

The first one is dead easy to get you in the swing of things, but next time don’t expect us to be so kind! Coaches if you win the prize please feel free to pass it on to someone in your club unless you feel an hour with Rob on the backhand is what you need.

*Please note the tennis lesson will have to fit in around Oxstalls Indoor Centre court hours and Rob’s availability.*



**THAT’S TOO EASY  
 SURELY.  
 REMEMBER IT’S  
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**SEE YOU NEXT TIME....! THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE LTA TEAM.**

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