

# The Backhand

Spring 2006

The Newsletter of Worcester Lawn Tennis Club



## Getting bored with the weather!

Last year we had some fantastic weather and the grass courts got plenty of use throughout the summer.

The lawns are looking very lush despite the efforts of the moles. Thankfully they have kept away from the court areas so far. Brian Fieldhouse said that he had a mole hill appear at his home and he was looking into it!

It all seems such a long time ago and playing in the sun again seems so far away but the days are drawing out and summer is fast approaching.

The floodlights are progressing in leaps and bounds, we hope to have them up and running in May so watch out for the advert for the switching on ceremony and celebration to follow.

We are planning to make an evening of it.

This is the first time we are posting the *Backhand* on the website rather than sending it out on e-mail. Please let us know how you get on with it and whether you prefer to receive it in this format.

## **CLUB OPEN DAY**

*Sunday 23rd April 2006*

*10.00am - 5.00pm*

*Please come along and play tennis, we had a good turn out last year with members playing social tennis with prospective new members.*

*Last years events were great, I am hoping to get a speed gun this year so you can test the speed of your serve*

***Come and have a go!***

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John Travolta eat your heart out! Chris was keen to show his moves off the court were as attractive as they were on the court. Keep dancing like this and you may end up IN court.



## Thank you all

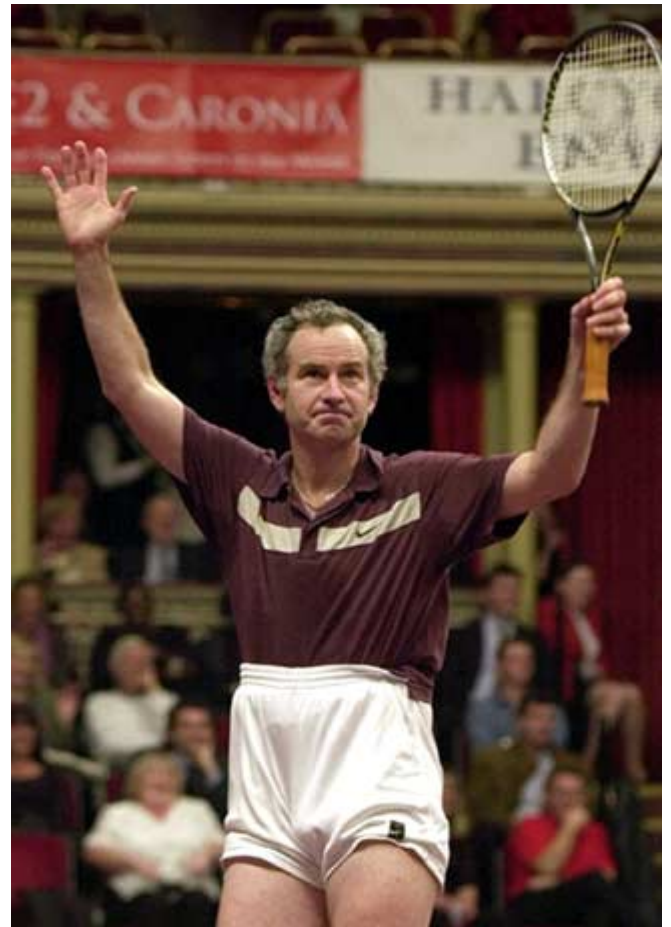
I would like to thank all of the well wishers after my visit to the hospital to have my tired, old worn out discs removed.

The symptoms I had were poor tennis and a pain in the leg. The surgeon said that he could fix the pain in the leg!

After my lay off I have returned to the courts again..... He was right.

Phil.

## YOU CAN NOT BE SERIOUS



SOME EX PROS GROW OLD  
GRACEFULLY..... OTHERS DO NOT

## £300 Donation for Junior Tennis

The committee would like to thank Richard Lewis for approaching his company Exel Foundation who run a community partnership programme.

Exel Foundation donated the sum of £300 to Worcester Lawn Tennis Club to purchase equipment for junior tennis coaching.

The club will spend the money where it is needed most and after consulting Jonathan Bradshaw more expensive mini tennis equipment will be bought.

Once again Richard and Exel Foundation  
THANKYOU!

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## Worcester Academy Update

We're heading into our busy time of the year now..... The clocks have gone forward, the nights are getting lighter, and the weather a bit warmer..... Everyone starts dusting off their tennis rackets and starts to get back out on court again!!!

Our coaching programme is continuing to grow and develop. After Easter we will be adding another junior squad to our programme. This is being labelled as our "U10 Development Squad" and is designed to develop our promising players currently having coaching at the club under the ages of 10 years old. This squad is being run in close connection with the County LTA, and our aim is that this group of players will compete on a regular basis both inside and outside the club apart from this additional coaching that they will be getting from us.

With regard to forthcoming junior events at the club we have the following competitions available to junior members:

<b>Junior National Club League</b>	A team event played against other clubs in the area
<b>Road to Wimbledon</b>	An under 14 event where the regional winners get the chance to play at Wimbledon
<b>Mini Tennis League</b>	A similar event to the Junior NCL but aimed at our mini tennis players
<b>Club Closed Tournament</b>	This will be run towards the end of the summer, we hope to run a competition at every age this year – U10's, U12's, U14's, U16's & U18's
<b>Junior Box Leagues</b>	Internal Competition open to all junior members

As can be seen from the list above, there are a wide range of opportunities available to all junior members that are looking to compete – which we hope is every junior member!!!! Details of all events can be found on the coaching notice board. Alternatively, if you have any questions contact either Jonathan or Nick for more information.

With regards to the adult side, we continue to run the adult coaching on Wednesday evenings. There are the following adult events to look forward to:

<b>Social Tournament</b>	Exactly what it implies!!! A tournament aimed at all our social members with the emphasis on fun!
<b>American Doubles Tournament</b>	A popular event from last year – playing with and against your partner!
<b>Club Closed Tournament</b>	The annual club championships – this year we hope to run plate competitions in many of the events.

Our group coaching programme essentially remains unchanged and we will be beginning new **6 week courses** the week commencing **24<sup>th</sup> April 2006**. Anyone wishing to book a place on a course can contact Jon or Nick on 07968469995 or 07831718775 respectively.

We wish you all a successful and tennis filled summer – and look forward to seeing you all on court at some point soon!!!

*The Coaching Team*

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Not much response to last months caption my effort Was “oops”

## INFORMATION SOUGHT

I have been given a trophy (well it's not likely that I will win one!) the men's senior doubles which was won by Anthony Duggan and Simon Rose in 2005. However there has been an oversight and previous winners have not been engraved on it.

I need to identify the winners of that club trophy in 2004, 2003 and 2002.

If you are a past winner from those years or if you know who was can you please let me know so that I can get the engraving done.

The usual address [phil.hawkins99@tesco.net](mailto:phil.hawkins99@tesco.net)

## Dates for your diary

April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Club Open Day
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Men's Open Tournament
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Club Open Day
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Presidents Cup
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Junior Tournament & Disco
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Club Finals Day
Date in October	Social Event TBA
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party

## ANOTHER QUIZZICAL EVENING

COME AND HAVE A GO IF YOU THINK YOU'RE SMART ENOUGH. MUSIC, FILM, SPORT, TV AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.

THE DATE... SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> April 2006

THE TIME... 7.30PM PROMPT !!!!

THE COST... STILL ONLY £10 PER TEAM (4MAX) OR £2.50 EACH

ANOTHER DELICIOUS BUFFET

A FUN AND FROLICK-PACKED EVENING GUARANTEED FOR ALL.

## OCTOBER EVENT

We presently have no plans for an event in October. We are looking into organising an evening at The Whitehouse in town on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets would be £20 per head with a sit down meal and disco. Maybe we could ask other local tennis clubs to join us. What do you think? Let Phil Hawkins or Sally Kelly know if you are interested or have any ideas.