

NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP FEE DEADLINES

This is to remind all members intending to renew that fees for season 2009/2010 are due by May 31 2009 latest.

Current fees are attached

Please note, the committee tries to balance flexibility with good financial management, but we do require fees in promptly as we always have heavy expenditure at the start of each season. Unfortunately some members both senior and junior, have in previous years not paid fees for several months AFTER the deadline date and only after several reminders.

In addition , we would like to discourage the payment of fees by cheque where possible because -

a) This process ultimately delays the fees reaching the clubs bank accounts often by weeks
b) There is a significant risk of cheques being mislaid because many members do not mail cheques direct to membership secretary as requested, and instead leave them with other members or leave them in the club house.

c) The administrative burden for committee members is significant and time would best be used for other club matters

**** Please note we fully appreciate and respect that payment by cheque is the only / preferred method for some members, but we would like those members who CAN pay electronically to do so**

Therefore we are taking the following steps to try and improve of this situation -

REFUND DRAW - CASH PRIZES - A CHANCE TO REDUCE YOUR FEES !

Members paying fees by by close May 1, will be entered into a REFUND DRAW draw with cash prizes. The prizes will be as follows -

Adult prizes of £25 (£30 if fee paid by bank transfer or credit card through the club website) x 2
Junior prizes of £10 (£15 if fee paid by bank transfer or credit card through the club website) x 2
Mini prize of £3

Draw will be done in May committee meeting

Refunds will be made by bank transfer

New members paying full fees by May 1 , will also be eligible for this draw

Payments by cheque only eligible if cheques received by membership secretary before deadline date.

REMINDER EMAILS TO BE SENT - RIGHT TO PLAY STOPPED FOR NON PAYMENT

Reminders will be be sent mid May and also end May to those members who have not yet paid.

Committee members will then be provided with a list of non payers and anyone who has not paid , will be politely requested to leave the courts and will not be eligible to play OR for selection for club teams until payment has been made.

FACILITY TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD VIA CLUB WEBSITE

Members can now pay fees via credit card through the club website www.blaydontennisclub.org.uk.

There is a small additional charge for using this service which the club has to pay. This fee may be reduced in future depending on numbers who use the service.

** the 3 cheque payment facility offered last year is no longer available

HOW TO PAY YOUR FEES

Check out the list of fees below and pay with one of the following options

- 1 Transfer fee direct to club bank account BLAYDON TENNIS CLUB , SORT CODE 30-19-54, ACCOUNT 00829391, provide full member name and membership number or post code as reference
- 2 Pay by credit/debit card through club website www.blaydontennisclub.org.uk (note fee include small handling charge which club has to pay for this service)
- 3 Pay by cheque , made payable to Blaydon Tennis Club and sent to Membership Secretary , 23 The Sycamores, Burnopfield , Newcastle NE16 6PH. With name and membership number or post code on the reverse

Thank you for your co-operation in the above - have a great season

Phil Robson -

Membership Secretary

