

Newsletter-January 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen

There can only be one way to start the first newsletter of the year and that is to wish you all a very happy New Year

Annual General Meeting

The time is fast approaching for us to hold our AGM. The club's Constitution stipulates it is held in February each year and a brief call to West Worthing Tennis Club informed me that the meeting will have to be held on a Wednesday evening as that is the only night their conference room is available. There is a Committee meeting next week when we'll decide the actual date but in the meantime if you have any suggestions or proposals you want to raise at the AGM please feel free to get in touch. This is particularly important if you want to recommend any changes to the Constitution as these can only be made at the AGM (or a Special General Meeting called to deal with such a matter).

Membership Renewals

At last year's AGM the Constitution was amended so that our membership year now runs from the 1st March until the last day of February so your membership renewal isn't due for some time yet. Membership fees for the year ahead are decided at the AGM so please don't make any payments until we circulate something after the meeting.

Club kit

The revised club kit and the offer of a 50% discount to purchase it proved to be a great success with some 42 members placing orders.

For those who want to purchase a one piece racing suit we have arranged with Nopinz to supply these in our new colours to any interested members. How to do so has already been

circulated so rather than repeat the process here if anyone doesn't know what to do please get in touch.

And finally I still have one Kalas short sleeved jersey in the 'old' colours. This is a size 3, which Kalas say is suitable for those with a chest measurement of between 92 & 96 cm although I think if you are at the upper end of that scale it might be too tight? Anyway you are more than welcome to try before buying and as it is the last one I reckon we can let this go at half price, which is just £28.20. First come, first served!

New Webmaster

I am really pleased to announce that Alastair (Ali) Weinberg has agreed to take on the role of Webmaster from Mike O'Gorman and is currently 'learning' how our website functions. Thank you Ali as it's only by members stepping forward and volunteering that the club can function.

Eastbourne 2024

The date of our annual ride to the metropolis of Eastbourne has now been changed to the 24th/25th February. I understand there has been a good take up of members intending to ride but there is always room for more! If you would like to join us drop Dave Wilbor an email at Davewilbor@outlook.com for instructions!

West Worthing Tennis Club cycle racks

For those that don't do Facebook I am pleased to report that we have arranged for a number of cycle racks to be installed at the West Worthing Tennis Clubs. Thanks must go to Dave Wilbor for organising this and to Brynwell Southern Building Contractors for installing them.



Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony

A date for your diary to ensure you don't miss the event of the year; our Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony will be held on the 22nd November at The Fox at Patching.

Cycle industry in crisis?

If you follow the cycling press you will have no doubt read about some of the problems that the cycling industry is currently facing with even the mighty Wiggle CRC online shop going to the wall. Sadly news reaches me today that South Downs Bikes have shut the shop they opened not that long ago at Broadwater Green; I am hoping that their branches at Goring and Storrington don't suffer the same fate?

That's all for this month folks,

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