

HAMBLEDEN TENNIS CLUB SPRING 2018

With Summer around the corner, the tennis club committee would like to congratulate the many members who continued to attend club sessions, played matches and enjoyed coaching sessions throughout a long, cold and wet winter. Well done everyone!

With warmer (!), drier (!!) and longer days, we are looking forward to seeing you all on the courts over the next few months.



Forthcoming Events

- Opening session for summer: 18th April (drinks & nibbles at Pavilion) from 1800
- Great British Tennis Weekend: Sunday 13th May during Sunday social session
- Burrows Farm Cup: Sunday 10th June from 1030

- Strawberries & Cream: Wednesday 4th July from 1830
- Ladies Club tournament: Friday late July (date to be confirmed)
- Bank Holiday Tennis & Brunch Monday 28th August from 1030
- Family Tournament – in September (date to be confirmed)

New Developments

1. Web Site

We have a new website! Do take a look (hambledenltc.org.uk).

Please note several new updates:

- you can book the bottom court on-line (an online booking takes precedence over a non-booking)
- you can complete your annual membership renewal on-line
- member logins will be sent out shortly for access to the Member only area of the website

2. Rebo Wall

The Committee are working on the installation of a practice wall on the bottom court, as approved at the last AGM. Watch out for further details.

Club sessions

All weekly sessions are free to members. Just **turn up and play**. Email reminders are sent out by attendees so keep an eye out for these.

Sunday social sessions:

Sundays from 1030 (with Rusty Rackets & New Members sessions every second Sunday of the month). Watch out for email reminders.

Wednesday Mixed social sessions:

Wednesdays from 1800 (light permitting). All members welcome – particularly those who work during the day.

Ladies sessions:

Fridays from 0930

All standards welcome. Contact Diane King: dianeking.chilterns@gmail.com

Mens sessions:

Thursdays from 1800. Contact Graham Reid if you are interested and want to play – or just want to find out more: jgreid29@btinternet.com

Ladies Fun Tournament:

Held twice yearly in December and March, with the emphasis on fun and informal play. Contact the Committee if you would like to play: hambledenltc@gmail.com



Winter Match Results

Our teams are having a good season so far (it finishes in April):

Our Ladies 1st team are 7th in League 4 of the Bucks Winter Vets League

Our Ladies 2nd team are 2nd in 5th Div of the Oxfordshire League

Our Ladies SuperVets are 4th in the Bucks Winter Vets League

Sadly Helen Turner has resigned as captain of the Ladies 2 team. Thank you so much Helen for all you have done for the team and the Club. We will miss you! We are happy to announce that Heather Symons has volunteered to take over the Ladies 2 team captain's role



Membership fees

Annual membership runs from 1st April to 31st March. The 2018/19 subs are therefore due on the first of April with a £5 discount if payment is received before the 30th April (except for Juniors). Send renewal enquiries to:
heathersymons16@hotmail.com

Coaching

● **Chris Marshall (Head Coach)**

G-Tennis

Tel no: 07801 999230

Email: info@g-tennis.com

Website:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GrassRootsTennis/GTennisVenues/Hambleden>

Chris provides regular coaching sessions for all Junior players (up to 18 years), matchplay coaching sessions for adults and individual coaching sessions.

● **Kate Peel**

Tennis Angels

Tel no: 07980 565636

Email: kate@tennisangels.com

Website: <https://www.tennisangels.com/>

Kate provides weekly coaching sessions on Mondays and Thursdays (other days as required). (Kate returns from maternity leave after Easter.

● **Mandy Nall**

Tel no: 07812 692778

Mandy provides individual & group coaching sessions every Tuesday and Saturday mornings (adults only).

We are also delighted to introduce:

● **Andrew Fish**, our new coach, who is available for group and individual coaching and is starting up an additional junior group on Thursdays for ages 5 and up from 1600 starting on 19th April. To book a session with Andrew:
Email: mrafish@hotmail.com
Tel no: 07961 831302

Wimbledon Ballot

We aim to be allocated as many tickets as possible. We need you to register as British Tennis Members and opt into the 2018 ballot. It's free!

Please register with the LTA as soon as possible, link your membership to Hambleden Tennis Club, and ensure you are opted into the Wimbledon ballot. This needs to be done every year. Visit <http://www.lta.org.uk> for more information.

Our Wimbledon draw, giving you the chance to purchase Wimbledon tickets, takes place on Wednesday 9th May, before the Social session at 1800. Only paid-up members will be eligible for the draw. Do come along and if successful you will be given first choice of dates. Note: new members can still be eligible for the draw on May 9th if they have paid their membership fees and become a BTM and opt in after they join.



Important Information:

The Hambleden Tennis Club AGM took place on 7th November 2017. Minutes can be found on the website.

The Tennis Club Committee is run by a hard working but small team. They are looking for new members to join the Committee to help with arranging events, playing in teams and supporting events. We would particularly welcome a **parent of a youth player** and one of the **men players**. If you are able to spare us some time (a couple of hours per month) please contact Erna Rubens (erna@rubens.org).

Guest Players

If you wish to play tennis with a non-member (a guest), we ask that you follow the guidelines below:

- When using the tennis courts, a guest must be accompanied by a member.
- Playing guests are limited to 3 guest visits per calendar year.
- There is a limit of 3 playing guests per membership per day (unless by prior arrangement with the Club Chairman).
- Guest fees are £2 per hour and payable to the Club prior to play.
- Courts may only be booked by Members (1 ½ hrs per court, unless by prior arrangement with the Club Chairman).

Member Referrals

If you introduce a new full paying adult you will receive £20.00 off your own renewal fee (Juniors will receive a can of new tennis balls). Email the Club Treasurer, Heather Symons, at heathersymons16@hotmail.com for further details.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about the Club or the new website, email hambledenltc@gmail.com

