

## HAMBLEDEN TENNIS CLUB WINTER NEWSLETTER

We are now well into wet and cold weather – happily members are still playing!

### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Court re-surfacing

The relaying of the court surfaces has been completed and they are fantastic! Even better than before! The gate to Court 1 and the net ties for Courts 1 and 2 still need sorting.

#### Car parking

The upper field accessed either through the top gate or from the lower car park is now open all year for members to use. The gate is unlocked and locked by the parking warden. Hurray!

#### AGM 2022

The AGM took place on Tuesday November 15 November. The Minutes can be found on the Club website.

#### Coaching

Chris Marshall continues his brilliant work coaching several childrens' groups, as well as three ladies match play sessions. He is available for a small number of private sessions.

Chris Roberts is also available for private lessons.

See the website for how to contact them [www.hambledenltc.org.uk](http://www.hambledenltc.org.uk)

#### Ladies Fun Tournament

The usual requirements of Christmas outfits inspired a large group of Players to compete fiendishly on Friday 9 December. The winner was Lizzie Hasslacher with runner up Nikki Yate. Well played girls!



#### Facebook

We aim to develop our Facebook site in the next few months. We will use this to raise awareness of Club events, match results and general tennis news. Please follow us and like our posts.



#### Club sessions

Club sessions continue during the Winter:

Sundays: starting 1030 – all welcome

Wednesdays: starting 1400 – all welcome

Fridays: starting 0930 – ladies only

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Race night

The Sports & Social Club is hosting a Horse Race Night on 17 February. Doors open at 7pm with the first race at 7.30pm. See their Facebook page for more details.

#### Wednesday Club sessions

These will move to a 6pm start from Wednesday **19 April**, with drinks and nibbles afterwards.....if you need more reasons to come along!

#### Burrows Farm Cup 2023

Lets start the session with our popular Burrows Farm Cup mixed doubles tournament. This year it will be held on Sunday 30 April and will involve croissants & pastries. Spouses, partners, family, good friends and even your dogs are very welcome – to come and cheer you on. Details to follow.



Have you been watching Break Point on Netflix? Its a behind-the-scenes look at the lives of top tennis players as they travel across the globe for all four Grand Slams and the ATP and WTA tours.

### Matches

For the Oxfordshire Tennis mid-week summer 2022 ladies league Division 1, we came last of 9 clubs in the league. We are currently participating in the mid-week winter 2023 ladies league Division 2.

We are also entered in the Bucks Ladies Vets League, although the weather conspires against us and we have only managed one match so far.

We also plan to participate in the same summer mid-week ladies league for 2023 in Division 2.

For the Buckinghamshire Babolat Summer Shield 2022 mixed medley Division 4, we came last of 7 clubs in the league. For summer 2023, we plan to enter the same competition in Division 5.

**We always welcome approaches from members – ladies and gentlemen - who are interested in playing in matches. Matches occur during the week as well as on weekends. Commitment is 2-3 matches per season. Please contact the Committee if you are interested.**

### Fees

The Committee strives to run the Club prudently, and for the last 5 years wholesale increases to membership rates have not been implemented. After careful review and discussion, it was agreed at the Club’s AGM in November 2022 to increase membership rates with effect from 1 April 2023 by 10%, and to increase junior rates by £5.00.

The table below shows the new rates for all membership types offered by the Club:

Membership Rates		
From 1 April 2023		
Membership Level	Description	Annual Fee
Junior	Up to 18 yrs	30.00
Student	18 and over in full time education	41.00
Young adult	18 - 25 yrs not in education	61.00
Family	2 adults + any no of children under 18	262.00
Adult	26 – 65 yrs	130.00
Senior	Over 65 yrs	115.00
Out of County Adult	26 yrs - 65 yrs living outside 30 mile radius	77.00
Out of County Young Adult	18-25 yrs not in education living outside 30 mile radius	33.00

The increase in rates will help towards re-building the Club’s reserves after significant capital outlay relating to court resurfacing, and on-going maintenance.

You don’t need to act just yet. At the end of March, you will receive an email inviting you to renew your membership, and you can make your payment then.

Membership queries, please email [hambledenlta@gmail.com](mailto:hambledenlta@gmail.com).



### LTA Advantage

Advantage is the LTA's membership scheme. By signing up, you will enjoy a range of enhanced benefits including:

- Entry into the LTA Advantage Wimbledon Ballot.
- An ITF World Tennis Number, the rating for recreational tennis players, similar to a golf handicap, based on a range of data from previous matches.
- Discounts on tickets for tennis events, such as the Davis Cup and access to exclusive member’s area.
- Discounts on top brands, win prizes, watch and read exclusive content.

### LTA ADVANTAGE WIMBLEDON BALLOT

LTA Advantage Wimbledon Ballot is a centralised ballot for members who are registered with LTA Advantage and over the age of 13 yrs, offering them the chance to attend the Wimbledon Championships.

In order to access the LTA Advantage Wimbledon Ballot, members must hold an eligible Advantage membership and annually opt-in to the ballot through their online LTA Advantage area. Opting-in can only be done during the opt-in window. Visit [www.lta.org.uk](http://www.lta.org.uk) for more information.

