

# HANNEY TENNIS CLUB

## WELCOME TO THE NEW SEASON 2010-2011

### NEWSLETTER No.1

#### Welcome!

Sign-Up day for the 2010 Season is nearly upon us – **Sunday 28 March 2010, 10.00 to 13.00!** Fill in your Membership form, Tournament entry form, Wimbledon Ticket Chance entry, and pay any outstanding fees! If you cannot come then, just drop your forms into Gill Thompson.

We hope that 2010 will not be a 'Barbecue' Summer as last year – but that it will be a proper 'Tennis' Summer! After the coldest Winter for 30 odd years we need some sunshine. Nevertheless the Club continued to function well throughout the Winter, with good daytime team results, Floodlit League Wednesday evenings, and a few stalwarts turning out most Monday evenings for coaching and on Tuesday evenings for Club Session.

The new Season brings several new faces to the committee – including myself as Chair. Unfortunately Lynn has found that her work away has prevented her from taking such a full role in the Club. However, once her knee is better, she will be playing whenever possible. We thank her for her devotion to the Club and wish her a speedy recovery. For me, moving on from Treasurer, she will be a hard act to follow, as they say, but her help will make the transition smooth.

My hope is that we can keep up the tradition of Hanney Tennis Club as a friendly and active Club. With the emphasis on our members' CLUB at the centre, and with all the various activities branching out from this centre. I hope that we can provide tennis opportunities for all to play at the appropriate level as they wish, either in a private game with friends, or as a key player in a top team. I feel that one of our major aims must be to attract more young players to take part, especially teenagers for whom the club offers a cheap way to enjoyable exercise. We have many Juniors undergoing excellent coaching from David Smith, but unlike in many previous years, currently few carry on to challenge the more mature members!

As this is the first newsletter after the AGM, and first meeting of the new committee, it will emphasise important dates in the year, and opportunities for YOU to help in the activities. Indeed one of these is Editor of the Newsletters!! Welcome to the New Season! As this Newsletter will be given to new members as they join – a warm welcome to them!

*Michael Hutchings, Chair.*

#### Your Committee

Besides Lynn's hard work during the past years, we also thank Sarah Gluyas for her work as Membership secretary. Fortunately we have had genuine volunteers for the vacant posts, and we welcome the new committee:-

*Chair* - Michael Hutchings

*Vice Chair* – Tom Bradshaw

*Secretary* – Sarah Kitt

*Treasurer* – Jim Gulliver

*Membership Secretary* – Gill Thompson.

*Maintenance* – Bob Wilson.

*Coach* – David Smith.

*Ladies Matches* – Gina Davis

Committee members also take on other roles, and our wish is to spread the load wider! Trevor Russell, with help from George Spalding, has again agreed to be *Tournament Director* and committee member for the duration (at least!). Roles which still require committee members are- Social Secretary, Newsletter Editor and distributor, Club Membership Promoter/Publicity, Friendly Match Organiser, and possibly a new Mixed League captain. Interested? Let a committee member know!

#### Key Dates – and Why

*Sun. 18 April - American Tournament  
10.00- 14.00*

Once again David Smith has agreed to run this popular tournament, which gives ALL members a chance to participate. A true Club Day and lots of fun. Full details are given on a separate flysheet.

*The Hanney Tennis Club Annual Tournament Draw* will take place during the day.

*Sun. 25 April – Wimbledon Ticket Draw*

The Club has been allocated 10 pairs of tickets for this year's Wimbledon. Including one pair for Men's Final day! All Members of the Club who are also members of British Tennis and who are aged 9 or over may participate. The LTA timescales mean we have had to bring this all forward from last year – so apply now!

*Sun. 2 May – Volunteers Day*  
12.30 – 16.00

Another chance to bring club members together, this time for work! All are again welcome! Hedge trimming is the main activity – but there are many other jobs around the court which need attention. So please come and help.

*Sun. 18 July Tournament Finals Day*

A day to rival Wimbledon when the best of Hanney Tennis is on show – again a fun day for all members!

*Starting Sept. Box League*

A singles Box League with six-week cycle, organised by David Smith, will start in September. Details will be circulated later.

*Tues. 21 December Silly Santa Evening*

A Santa slant on the regular Club Session with mince pies and silly hats!

*Sun. 26 December Boxing Day Detox 10.00 – 12.00*

A special Club Session for those with a hangover to get rid of.

*Social Event*

To be arranged

*AGM Mon. 21 February 2011*

This brings us almost the full circle. But special mention must be made of **Club Sessions** when **all** members (well nearly all - Wednesdays are for Ladies only) can come together and play-

*Tues Evening Club Sessions 19.00- 22.00*

*Sunday Morning Club Sessions 10.00-13.00*

*Wednesday Ladies Club Sessions 14.00-16.00*

### **AGM 2010 Club Prizes**

At the AGM several prizes are awarded annually for the previous Season. For the 2009 Season these were:-

The **Junior Trophy** winner this year was  
Polly Carey.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> place Anna Wilkinson

and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Melissa McAlpine

Besides these special certificates, all Juniors deserved a 'Rising Star' certificate which will be sent out to each.

The **Classic Trophy**, donated by Angela Cousins for a member over a certain age [50] who has contributed much to the Club during the year, was presented to Delia Blomley

The **Ted Carter Cup**, donated by Lynn Carter and awarded to the most improved player of the year, was awarded to Jim Gulliver.

### **Club Team Performance**

The Club relies on some dedicated players to turn out regularly throughout the Season to increase the profile of the Club in the OLTA Leagues. Their fortunes in 2009 were reported at the AGM.

#### **Men's A Team**

Captain John Culley.

The Men's A Team have moved up to the tough Division One in the Winter League after becoming runners up in Division 2 last year. In the Summer League they finished fourth in Division 2.

#### **Ladies Team**

Captain Gina Davis

The ladies went up to Division 4 at the end of the last season and are currently at seventh. They gained promotion to Division 4 in the Summer League as well last year.

#### **Men's B Team**

David Corps reported that the Men's B Team managed to survive in Division 5 last year, and they are doing reasonably well this season. They are confident of retaining their place in this Division.

#### **Floodlit League**

Paul Dyer has continued to organise the Floodlit League for local teams – played at Hanney.

#### **Ladies Morning League**

Chris Nokes has been captaining a Ladies Team playing in a small local League on Wednesday mornings.

### **2010 Summer Leagues**

Besides the **Men's A** and **Ladies**, a new **Men's B** Team will be entering the Summer League, and Hanney are also fielding a **Mixed Doubles Team**. There is also the possibility of entering a **mixed team** in a new evening League.

**Friendly Mixed Matches** with local Clubs will continue BUT only if a volunteer to co-ordinate these comes forth – Interested?? We thank Gillan Dyer for taking on this role for the past two years.

Any member wishing to participate in Club matches should contact the captain of the appropriate team, or tick the box on the Membership Form.

#### **2010 Floodlit League**

Paul Dyer will end his role as organiser this winter. We are very grateful for his role in a rather time-consuming job. The committee feels that Hanney has served local clubs well in organising this league for

many years, and wishes to hand the baton on to another club. Southmoor will be approached to see if they will take over the organisation.

### **Club Sessions**

These are an occasion for **all** members to join in and play, usually a 5 game set before mixing players on an *ad hoc* basis. Times are given above. During the winter token costs are shared - about £1 per evening. Good balls from recent matches are replenished once a week. Come along it's warmer now – especially you young members who want to give your elders a run around!

### **Coaching**

Our Club Coach, David Smith, runs adult and junior coaching sessions during the year, and is always available for individual coaching. Full details are given in his notices.

### **Maintenance**

Bob Wilson is continuing to do an excellent job in looking after our courts. We are putting in a big effort to get water and drainage connections to the Clubhouse this year, now that we have full approval from West Hanney Parish Council. We are awaiting quotations for the work and are pursuing possible sources of help towards funding the project.

It is becoming apparent that due to moss growth we must have the courts cleaned every year. However the committee agreed that this year this should be done in September along with complete repainting of the courts.

### **Guests**

Each member can bring guests to play on his/her booking. Costs are £2 per adult, £1 per Junior/Youth. All guests **MUST** be signed in on the Guest Sheet for insurance purposes. Each member should pay the fees to the treasurer directly once a few guests have been signed in. Then note as 'Paid' on the Guest Sheet.

### **British Tennis**

Is free to join – see British Tennis web site. Membership entitles you to enter the Wimbledon Ticket ballot. The LTA is keen for all Club Members to join British Tennis.

### **Ball Sales**

Gina Davis looks after the club balls for matches and the Tournament. She has tubes of 4 balls for sale at £5 per tube.

### **Light Tokens**

Each light token gives 20 min. of play and costs £1. They may be obtained from Bob Wilson (868389), Clive Fewins (868378), or Michael Hutchings. (868256). Please call first before collecting tokens to save a fruitless journey.

### **Accidents**

All on court accidents must be reported in the book provided in the Clubhouse.

First Aid kits are available in the Clubhouse. We are insured through the LTA – provided all guests are signed in. We have had very few accidents which have incapacitated members for up to a few weeks, usually twisted ankles or knees, so let's keep it that way! Be particularly careful on frosty evenings – salt is usually provided in deep winter. Report all slippery moss to a committee member.

### **Lost Property**

If you've left some item on the courts – you'll probably find it in the Lost Property Box in the Clubhouse, next to the ball safe.

### **Volunteers Needed**

This is your club, run by a keen committee. As hinted above we need more of you to help share the load. Just to mention again the urgent need for someone to co-ordinate the Friendly Matches, and the Evening League mixed team if we enter.

### **Finally**

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please mention these to a Committee Member. All contributions to the Club Newsletters are welcome.