



HANNEY TENNIS CLUB

SEASON 2017-2018

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AGM

The AGM will be on Monday 27 February 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Olde Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall – Bar applied for! Agenda items to Sarah (Tel. 521182). This is YOUR chance to help the club in the new season, and to put forward your ideas. You can help or stand for committee and we have particular vacancies for Junior rep and Child Protection contact, as well as help with publicity and charity (eg ball-recycling!) and Membership Secretary (Gill has been doing this ex officio). Our coach will be there to help with any questions on coaching and nominate outstanding juniors for awards.

2017-2018 Season Membership Renewal - SIGN UP DAY

Will be held on Sunday 2 April 2017 from 10.00 to 12.30 am. Please bring your OLD KEY, completed membership form, tournament entry form, and a means of payment. If you cannot come then to sign up please contact the membership secretary.

The lock on the gate and light cabinet in the bus shelter will be changed on that day.

It is hoped to run an American Tournament, for all to enter, on that day from 10.00 to about 14.00, replacing the usual club session.

2017 Wimbledon Ticket Ballot OPT-IN is VITALLY IMPORTANT!

You can only enter the Club Wimbledon Ticket Ballot IF you are a British Tennis Member AND if you have registered (Opted-In) your wish to enter on the British Tennis Web site **by 17 February 2017**. Despite repeated warnings last year several members were disappointed, although they won tickets in the club ballot, they had not opted-in with BT.

The Club Ballot will be held in early-May for those who have opted-in with the LTA.

Club Tournament – Finals Day Sunday 23 July 2017

All members are encouraged to enter our friendly club tournament. Finals Day is our biggest social event of the year when we hold our own mini Wimbledon so do put it in your diary – as a potential winner, umpire, lines person, or spectator! Just fill in the application form at sign-up time if you want some competitive fun and give to any committee member. **The final entry date for the tournament is 23 April 2017**. and the draw will be held on Sunday 30 April 2017.

Junior and Adult-Tournament

Thanks to the volunteers Jackie Simpson and Tracey Waite the Junior and Adult Tournament will be held **on Sunday 9 April 13.00 to 16.00**. This is a very enjoyable event for all families and an extra adult is provided if needed! Please sign up on the entry forms displayed.

American Tournament

These are for all players and will replace Sunday Club Session from 10.00 to about 14.00. But one can come along and join in for a shorter period if it fits in. Dates, to be confirmed are Sunday 23 April, and a Sunday in early September. Notification will be sent out nearer the time.

Maintenance

Our courts and clubhouse need constant maintenance. Bob Wilson is in charge with the help of Tom and Karen Bradshaw and Richard Lonnon and they carry our numerous small jobs. But we all have to help with the bigger ones – such as hedge cutting and clubhouse painting – so do please volunteer to help when needed. It is never more true that 'many hands make light work'! Major jobs such as court cleaning, re-surfacing and painting are carried out by professionals, and result in the main cost to the club's finances.

Court cleaning for moss will take place on 16th Feb and ½ day 17th – regular users –please note!

Hedge cutting will be on 25 June 2017 starting around 12.30. The Clubhouse is in need of painting early in the Summer..

Coaching

Andy and Stephen from 'Growing the Game' are our coaches. You can contact Andy on andy.aitken@growingthegame.co.uk

Three junior groups will be coached on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The Mini Red session is for ages 8 and under, the Mini Orange and Green session for nine and ten year olds. A separate session is for the older juniors, 17 and under.

The adult group is coached on Wednesday and evening 8.30 to 9.30 pm. Cardio is Wednesday morning (see below). So no-one has any excuse not to improve their play!

Coaching 'Camps' for Juniors

Junior Spring Tennis Camp 9.00 to 16.30. Tues. 11 April to Thurs. 13 April

Junior Summer Tennis Camp 9.00 to 16.30. Mon. 14 Aug. to Fri. 18 Aug.

Junior Autumn Tennis Camp . 9.00 to 16.30. Tues. 24 Oct. to Fri. 28 Oct.

NB – regular players who play on daytime Mon-Wed, please note that just for these weeks the courts will be booked to support this holiday activity.

Please contact Andy for further details.

Wednesday Cardio Group

Wednesday Cardio-tennis is going well starting at 9.00 am (just after school start) on Wednesday mornings. Matt Williams is excellent at challenging us each week, mixing exercise with tennis strategy. Great fun and very popular. Do try it!

Booking System

Just log on to the Hanney Tennis Club web site and follow instructions. This appears to be working well but members occasionally have problems logging in. It is important to make sure you are logged into the HTC Calendar and not one associated with your own PC (you may need to log-out of your google identity and log back in as HTC). Please do make sure that you book your slots and report any difficulties in booking to David or Tom. You may book one hour per week a week ahead per member, but of course can play any time the courts are free..

Club Sessions.

A chance for ALL – Seniors, and accomplished Juniors, - to come and play. Just turn up and play in ad hoc 5 game sets.:-

Sunday: Morning Club Session: 10.00-13.00

Tuesday: Evening Club Session: 19.00- 22.00

All standards are welcome. The sessions provide a great opportunity to practise and improve your play and are very friendly.

League Teams

We have Men's A and B Teams and one Ladies Team in the Winter Oxfordshire Leagues. However due to difficulty in making up teams in the summer we shall only be entering a Men's A team and a Mixed Team in the Summer Oxfordshire Leagues.

Friendly Matches

We shall attempt to arrange more Friendly Matches against local clubs during this summer, especially as we have fewer regular teams in the league. If you wish to play in these please note on your membership form or contact us. The aim is to give opportunity to non-regular team players to play, as well as a few team players! Budding Juniors are especially welcome. We do need more ladies to come forward and enjoy these social matches, with sandwiches or a pub snack afterwards.

USEFUL INFO! - Reminders of Important Points

Club Web-Site

This can be found at www.hanneytennisclub.org.uk. It is maintained by Tom Bradshaw.

Court Bookings – see above concerning internet booking (Tournament)

Each member may book only one hour per week, and each family two hours per week, and only one week ahead. Of course anytime the courts are free, any member can play. Any regular booking (Coaching, Matches, Club Sessions) have absolute priority for the full allotted time, but if a court is free it can be used as long as there is no interference with the booked activity.

Ball Sales

David Corps (Tel. 01235 867454) looks after the club balls for matches and the Tournament. He has tubes of 4 balls for sale at £5 per tube.

Light Tokens

In 2016-7 Season each light token gives 20 min. of play and costs £1. They may now be obtained from six members:- Bob Wilson (868389), Clive Fewins (868378), Mike Hutchings (868256), Jim Gulliver (764996), David Gahan (868933) and Gill Thompson (868261). Please phone first before collecting tokens to save a fruitless journey.

Help the Treasurer

When paying in money or requesting payment of a bill, please give full details to the treasurer. Keep each transaction separate, and state in a note or on an envelope exactly what it is for, and whether cash or a cheque is involved.

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 (LTA imperative). Each member should pay the fees directly to the Treasurer once a few guests have been signed in. They should then write 'Paid' on the Guest Sheet. Otherwise the treasurer will chase up the fee.

First Aid Kit and Accidents

A First Aid Kit is in the Clubhouse above the sink. Please note all on-court accidents, however minor, in the Accident Log Book kept near the First Aid Kit. This is also an LTA imperative, as it could lead to a compensation claim.

Current Key Diary 2017 Dates

AGM Monday 27 February

Sign-up Day Sunday 2 April.

Club Tournament:-

Entry deadline 23 April

Draw 30 April

Finals Day - Sunday 23rd July

Hedge Cutting Sunday 25 June

Junior Coaching Camps:-

Tues. 11 April to Thurs. 13 April

Mon. 14 Aug. to Fri. 18 Aug.

Tues. 24 Oct. to Fri. 28 Oct.

Festive Club Night 19 December

Detox Club Session 26 December

2018 AGM 19 February 2018 (tbc)

Maintenance – Bob Wilson and Richard Lonnon

Social and Junior Activities – Open

Child Protection – Helen Cavendish

Coach – Andy Aitken andy.aitken@growingthegame.co.uk

Men's A Team – John Culley

Men's B Team – David Corps

Ladies' Team – Karen Bradshaw

Mixed Team – Oliver Cornish

Your current (pre 2017 AGM) Committee, and other roles

Chair – David Gahan

Vice Chair & Friendly co-ordinator - Michael Hutchings

Tournament Director, Web Manager – Tom Bradshaw

Secretary – Sarah Kitt

Treasurer – Tim Bullen

Membership Secretary (ex officio) – Gillian Thompson