



# HANNEY TENNIS CLUB

## SEASON 2019-2020

### Newsletter No. 1. March 2019

#### AGM

The AGM was held on **Monday 18 February 2019 at 19.30** in the Olde Hanney Room, Hanney War Memorial Hall.

Three longstanding committee members stood down; David Gahan – Chair, Bob Wilson - Club Maintenance, Tim Bullen – Treasurer.

Tom Bradshaw relinquished his role running the Club Tournament but continues in his role supporting the Club Website and ClubSpark.

David Corps was elected as Chair, Jackie Simpson was elected as Treasurer in addition to her current roles of Membership Secretary and Welfare Officer, and Richard Lonnon was elected as Club Maintenance and Club Tournament.

We have vacancies on the committee and would very much welcome new committee members.

Key items from the AGM are highlighted in this Newsletter and full minutes of the AGM which include reports from the team captains and tournament director are posted on the Club Website [www.hanneytennisclub.org.uk](http://www.hanneytennisclub.org.uk)

#### Welfare Officer

It is an LTA requirement that all LTA registered venues have a nominated Welfare Officer. **Jackie Simpson** has attended the necessary LTA courses in safeguarding to qualify as our Welfare Officer. If anyone has any concerns or queries please speak to Jackie Simpson 867378.

#### 2019-2020 Season Membership Renewal - SIGN UP DAY

Will be held on **Sunday 24 March 2019 from 10.00 to 12.30** Please bring your completed **membership form**, tournament entry form, and a means of payment. If you cannot attend Sign Up Day please contact the membership secretary, Jackie Simpson 867378.

We do need the membership form fully filled in, to help our membership secretary keep our records up to date. All personal data is held securely and its use is compliant with GDPR.

There has been no increase in membership fees for the new season.

The lock code on the gates will be changed on Sign Up Day.

If you have registered with ClubSpark it should be possible to pay your membership fee via ClubSpark, but tournament fees and lighting fees will need to be paid separately to the Club Treasurer.

#### ClubSpark

The **court booking system** is now via **ClubSpark** accessed through the Club Website.

To use this, you first need to register with ClubSpark, this is in response to an invitation emailed to you from the club inviting you to register.

You need to accept this and follow the link otherwise you will not be able to use ClubSpark to book a court.

You may book one hour per week, one week ahead, per member, but of course you can play at any other time the courts are not booked.

Please check the club website for existing court bookings.

Full instructions are on the club website – please let Tom Bradshaw know if you need another invitation to join ClubSpark or are experiencing any problems booking a court.

#### 2019 Wimbledon Club Ticket Ballot

You can only enter the LTA Wimbledon Ticket Ballot if you are a British Tennis Member with your membership linked to Hanney Tennis Club, an Adult (18+) or a Junior (11-17) and have **Opted In** to the British Tennis Membership Venue Ballot, with the LTA, by the deadline of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019. The tickets are then allocated to the club by the LTA according to the number of British Tennis Members who have opted-in to the LTA Wimbledon Ballot.

The Wimbledon Club Ticket Ballot will be held on **Sunday 21 April 2019** for members who have opted-in to the LTA Wimbledon Ticket Ballot.

#### Club Tournament – Finals Day Sunday 8 September 2019

At the club AGM we decided to try a later date in the year for our Club Finals Day. All club members are encouraged to enter our friendly club tournament. Please give your completed tournament entry form together with your tournament fee to Richard Lonnon or any committee member.

The closing date for entries to the club tournament is **Friday 19 April 2019** the draw will be held on **Sunday 21 April 2019**.

Our Club Finals Day is a great social event for all; there is an opportunity to participate in or watch some competitive tennis, be an umpire or a line judge, and enjoy a bring and share lunch with refreshments available throughout the day.

#### Adult-Junior Tournament

Thanks to the volunteers, Jackie Simpson and Tracey Waite, following last year's successful Adult-Junior Tournament, a repeat of this great fun day will be held on **Sunday 7 April 2019 13.00 to 16.00**. This is a very enjoyable event for all families and extra adults if needed! Please let Jackie or Tracey know if you'd like to take part, or sign up on the entry forms in the clubhouse.

#### American Tournament

Dates are **Sunday 5 May**, and **Sunday 15 September** (to be confirmed).

These are for all players, and will replace Sunday Club Session, starting 10.00 to about 14.00. Just come along, no prior entry necessary. You can join in for a shorter period if it fits in (but you won't win!).

## Maintenance

Our courts and clubhouse need constant maintenance. Richard Lonnon is now in charge, with the help of Tom Bradshaw and Bob Wilson. They carry our numerous jobs and we can all help with the smaller ones – keeping the clubhouse clean and tidy, and the bigger ones – such as hedge cutting and clubhouse painting – so do please volunteer to help when needed. The Clubhouse is still in need of a few more repairs and painting early in the Summer.

## Court Resurfacing

We plan to have both our courts resurfaced this year, our courts will be unavailable for several days whilst the new surface is laid. Temporary white lines will be applied whilst the new porous Macadam surface dries, before the courts are repainted.

## Hedge cutting

Annual hedge cutting will be on **Sunday 16 June 2019** (30 June if wet on 16 June) starting around **12.30**. Last year's record time is up to be beaten – if you come along. It is never more true that 'many hands make light work'!

## Coaching

Ed Isard from Premier Tennis is our contact for all coaching.

You can contact Ed on [ed.isard@premiertennis.co.uk](mailto:ed.isard@premiertennis.co.uk) or T: 01865 689754 | M: 07813 817336

### Junior Coaching

Mondays	16.00 to 17.00	Age 8 and under
	17.00 to 18.00	9-10 year olds
	18.00 to 19.00	11Year Plus
Tuesdays	16.00 to 17.00	Age 8 and under
	17.00 to 18.00	9-10 year olds
Wednesdays	15.45 to 16.45	Age 8 and under
	16.45 to 17.45	9-10 year olds
	17.30 to 20.30	Individual Lessons

Premier Tennis is holding two **Junior Coaching Camps at Wantage** which are open for HTC Juniors:-

Easter  
Summer

### Adult and Intermediates Coaching

Wednesdays      20.30 to 21.30

## Cardio Tennis

Cardio Tennis is well established on Wednesday mornings from 09.00 – 10.00 during school terms. Our Cardio Tennis Coach, Matt Williams, is excellent at challenging us each week, mixing exercise with tennis strategy. It is invigorating and never boring and well worth the £5/£7.50 per session for members/non-members. Please do give it a try if you are free on a Wednesday morning and see how your fitness, agility and tennis ability all improve!

## Club Sessions.

A chance for ALL members – Seniors, and accomplished Juniors, - to come and play. Everyone is guaranteed some games! 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.

## Oxfordshire Babolat Summer League

This summer we will have Men's A and B Teams, a Ladies Team, a Mixed Team and a Men's Midweek League Team. If you would like to play for any of these teams please let David Corps or Jenny Corps know.

## Friendly Matches

If there is demand we shall attempt to arrange Friendly Matches against local clubs during this summer. If you wish to play in these please note on your membership form or contact Mike Hutchings. 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 INFORMATION

### **Club Website**

This can be found at [www.hanneytennisclub.org.uk](http://www.hanneytennisclub.org.uk). It is maintained by Tom Bradshaw.

### **Court Bookings – see above re ClubSpark**

Each member may book only one hour per week, and each family two hours per week, and only one week ahead. Any member can of course play at any time the courts are not booked. Any Junior age 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult (Club rules). 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 (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**

Each light token gives 20 mins 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 into the box provided, or to the Treasurer. They should then write 'Paid' on the Guest Sheet.

### **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 a **LTA imperative**, as it could lead to a compensation claim.

### **Current Key 2019 Diary Dates**

Membership Sign-Up Day – Sun 24 March 2019  
Adult-Junior Tournament. Sun 7 April 2019 13.00 to 16.00.  
Club Tournament Entry Deadline – Fri 19 April 2019  
Club Tournament Draw – Sun 21 April 2019  
Club Wimbledon Ticket Draw - Sun 21 April 2019  
American Tournament - Sun 5 May 2019  
Great British Tennis Day – Sun 2 June 2019  
Hedge Cutting - Sun 16 (30 if wet) June 2019  
Junior Coaching Camps at Wantage  
Easter -  
Summer -  
Club Tournament Finals Day – Sun 8 September 2019  
American Tournament – Sun 15 Sept. 2019 (tbc)  
Silly Hats Festive Christmas Club Session – Tue 17 December 2019  
Detox Club Session - Thu 26 December 2109.  
AGM - Mon 17 Feb 2020

### **Your current Committee, and other roles**

Chair – David Corps  
Vice Chair & Friendly co-ordinator - Michael Hutchings  
Secretary – Sarah Kitt  
Treasurer – Jackie Simpson  
Membership Secretary - Jackie Simpson  
Welfare Officer – Jackie Simpson  
Web Manager and ClubSpark - Tom Bradshaw  
Maintenance – Richard Lonnon (assisted by Tom Bradshaw & Bob Wilson)  
Tournament Director - Richard Lonnon  
Social and Junior Activities – Open  
Team Captains  
Men's A Team – John Culley  
Men's B Team – David Corps  
Ladies Team – Jenny Corps  
Mixed Team – David Corps  
Men's Midweek League – David Corps