

# Hartswood Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Spring/Summer 2022



Dear Member

The sun's out and summer is just around the corner. We hope you've been able to enjoy some of the lovely weather. Here are some Club updates from the past few months and information about forthcoming activities.

### **Membership: Adults**

As we have reported many times our Membership is now full with over 200 on the waiting list. Having just completed the renewals we now have 420 members (vs 447 last year). Consequently we have invited an initial 12 from the waiting list to join. A further 15 from the waiting list have been invited for weekday membership ( i.e. Monday to Friday before 5pm).

We know some of you might be concerned this might create challenges in booking courts and so we've completed some analysis on court use and this has shown that during weekdays on average around 50% of courts are free during this time. We will continue to monitor court bookings to see if we're able to allow any more weekday members.

### **Juniors (under 10)**

We hope to be able to allow more younger children of existing members to join over the next few months as we appreciate this is frustrating. We will be updating you soon.

### **Clubhouse and Grounds**

#### **Court Maintenance**

The Spring moss treatment was completed in January and all courts are in good condition.



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The slip issue reported by some members last winter appears to have been resolved by chemical spraying and pressure washing 10-14 days later.

Branch Tree surgeons have completed the works to reduce the 2 large lime trees by the shed and the ash tree in the car park. The trees around the perimeter of courts 4-6 and court 3 were trimmed in autumn last year.

The broken floodlight bulb on court 4 will be replaced over the summer months. We are also progressing with a replacement LED floodlight project. This process will require planning permission and we'll update you on progress in due course.

Blank replacement windbreakers have arrived and we are waiting for Hartswood logo windbreakers. As soon as they arrive we will replace existing windbreakers and cut back ivy.

## Clubhouse

We're pursuing the installation of solar glass double glazed doors for both upstairs and downstairs. In addition, new fast heating/cooling units have now been installed and are awaiting the electrician to connect them, which should happen in the next few days.

## Tournaments and Dates

The Handicap Tournament is now underway with finals day on July 2nd.

Entries for the Summer tournament are now closed. Finals day is the 17<sup>th</sup> September.

The Committee has agreed that one court can be booked for matches during social tennis weekends (from August onwards).

The next American doubles tournament will be on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please sign up on Eventbrite if you're interested.

Congratulations to Manita Khuller and Tony Marsh (in matching clothing!) for winning the March event.



## Updates from Women's Club Captain

All five women's teams have played their first summer matches in the Middlesex League. The Firsts and the Fourths got off to a roaring start, both winning 22 points to 2. The Third Team had an excellent win 14-10 away on grass (with no floodlights!) at The Lensbury Club, the



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Seconds had a close match on artificial clay at David Lloyd Acton, losing 10-14 and the Fifts had a very tough battle again a strong side from Lammas Park but did well to get 4 points.

## Update from Men's Club Captain

The magic number 16-8 has been all the rage so far. All the men's 5 teams have played one match. The 5<sup>th</sup> team, captained by the infamous Alan Cameron are in the lead having secured a fantastic 16-8 win of the first time as a new team. The other four teams all narrowly lost by the now famous 8-16. Can only go upwards. Coaching sessions are hopefully to be expanded. Watch this space for news.

Matt Schottler is looking after the national leagues on Sunday mornings. Any spectators very welcome.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the home matches. Here are the dates of the next home matches and do come along to support the teams. It really does make a difference!

Date	Division	Team	Opposition
Tuesday 17 May	Men's Doubles - West Division 8	Men's 5	Twickenham 4
Thursday 19 May	Women's Doubles - West Division 2	Women's 2	Parsons Green 1
Tuesday 24 May	Men's Doubles - West Division 3	Men's 2	Brentham 2
Wednesday 25 May	Men's Doubles - West Division 5	Men's 3	Campden Hill 5
Thursday 26 May	Men's Doubles - West Division 1	Men's 1	Queens Club 3
Monday 6 June	Men's Doubles - West Division 6	Men's 4	WW Lamas Park
Tuesday 7 June	Women's Doubles - West Division 1	Women's 1	Brentham 1
Wednesday 8 June	Women's Doubles - West Division 7	Women's 4	DL Acton Park 4
Thursday 9 June	Women's Doubles - West Division 4	Women's 3	West Middlesex 1

## Wednesday Club Tennis

Wednesday Club tennis sessions have recommenced will be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month from 6.30-8.30 pm. The next Wednesday Club tennis sessions will take place this Wednesday 18 May, Wednesday 1 June and Wednesday 15 June

Players need to be weekend club tennis standard.



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## New Club Access Control System

Well done to those of you who've downloaded the Paxton Key app and have confirmed your access control is operational. We've installed this system to modernise access and facilitate security with the system gradually being turned on, door by door.

On the weekend of the 21/22nd May Roland Hanbury - our IT expert - will be manning the entry gate at the beginning of social tennis to facilitate entry and support anyone who has still to download and activate the app

Please email [it.officer@hartswoodtennis.co.uk](mailto:it.officer@hartswoodtennis.co.uk) if you do not use a smartphone and need a key fob instead.

As part of this work a new webcam was fitted; you can see a live view of the courts in the members area of the website.

## Coaching Tip

Try not to make a big deal of your mistakes, because mistakes will happen. The sooner you accept this concept, the better your overall performance and results will be. It is much better to accept a double fault and let it go, than to be hard on yourself and get upset and irritated. No top player has zero double faults. Just accept it and refocus on the next point rather than overanalysing why you double faulted.

## Committee News

### Treasurer

As many of you know Alan Strong is stepping down as Treasurer after 10 years on the Committee. We all owe him huge thanks for his financial management of the Club which is in great shape. We're delighted that Anna Bhandari is stepping into the Treasurer's role and are incredibly grateful to her for all the various roles she has undertaken in recent years.

As we have mentioned before, we urgently need a Clubhouse Officer. We're even now considering paying for someone to support this role on an ad hoc basis. So, if anyone is interested, please contact [chair@hartswoodtennis.co.uk](mailto:chair@hartswoodtennis.co.uk).

### Bar Officer and Social Secretary

Donna Hart (our Bar officer) has kindly agreed to take on the role of Social Secretary.



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## Welfare Officer: Brenda Thacker



I have just taken over the role as Welfare Officer at Hartswood Tennis Club, I hope I have got to know many of the members since I joined 5 years ago, but I also think there are many that I have yet to meet. I currently play in the Ladies IV team and generally play throughout the week, occasionally at weekend socials.

My role as a Welfare Officer is to ensure we are safeguarding our young players and providing a supportive role to help deal with any issues or conflicts which may occur. Our aim is to ensure that Hartswood is a safe and welcoming place, and you are able to come to me with any issues about welfare, which may include discrimination, poor practice, abuse or bullying.

**Please do contact me and I will do everything I can to help.**

Email: [Welfare.officer@hartswoodtennis.co.uk](mailto:Welfare.officer@hartswoodtennis.co.uk)

Phone: 07766 332703.

## And finally: Tea Rota

We are a club run by volunteers and need more people to volunteer for the tea rota.

You can sign up on the website or through this link

<https://doodle.com/poll/dkhhbu323366n6rn>. Simply add your name and choose one (or more) dates.

