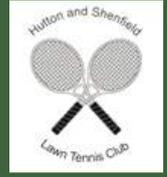




# Hutton & Shenfield U.C. LTC



Spring Newsletter 2019

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## WELCOME TO THE 2019 TENNIS SEASON!

We should first record our appreciation for all the hard work in the 2018 tennis season by the Committee and Volunteers. Thanks also to John Tyler for his excellent work as our Club Groundsman.

This is YOUR Club - please let the Committee have your suggestions on how we can make the Club better for members.

Club Sessions are:

- Tuesday/Thursday mornings from 8:30am; ALSO
- Wed evenings from 7:00pm; Saturday afternoons from 1:00pm
- Mon evenings - Fixed Eights open to full members (7:00pm)

See Club Room BOARD for FULL DAILY schedules

All offers of help much appreciated - get involved!

We are still looking for ideas to revamp the Club Room.

Please let us have any suggestions.

**Chris Rastin, Secretary**

# TENNIS CLUB CONTACT LIST

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Ian Gunn  
 Secretary Chris Rastin  
 Asst Secretary Martin Hastings  
 Treasurer Peter Mayell  
 Asst Treasurer Nigel Malcolm  
 Memb. Sec. Clive Garrod  
 Match Sec. Barbara Holford  
 Men's Capt. Paul Gibson  
 Men's V. Capt. Andrew Nash  
 Ladies Capt. Jenny Fowers  
 Ladies V. Capt. Sarah O'Sullivan  
 Mid Week Capt. Delia Widdows  
 Welfare/ Health & Safety Officer  
 Matt Dyson

Head Coach Christian Allen  
 Junior Sec. Johanne Allen  
 WebMaster Mitch Read  
 Publicity Off. Matt Keeling  
 Social C'ttee Alison Morton  
 Ball Co-ord. Vernon Prior

Ground Co-ord.\* Barry Taylor  
 Ground Co-ord.\* Peter Mayell

Asterisks (\*) = Shared Job Role

## Non-Committee Volunteers:

Indep. Examiner Accts Nigel Davey  
 Friendlies Organiser Debbie King  
 Wimbledon Ticket Organiser Sarah  
 O'Sullivan  
 First Aid Box Organiser Joy Wale  
 Club-Room Organisers Liz Watt,  
 Liz Williams  
 Asst. to Junior Secretary Iraz Keeling

## League Match Team Captains

Mens 1 Mark Nash  
 Mens 2 David Sadler  
 Mens 3 Matt Dyson  
 Mens 4 Paul Gibson (Temp)  
 Mens 5 Barry Taylor  
 Mens 6 Paul Gibson  
 Ladies 1 Elayne Draper  
 Ladies 2 Nikki Singleton  
 Ladies 3 Barbara Holford  
 Mixed 1 Sarah O'S/Matt Keeling  
 Mixed 2 Vernon Prior (Temp)  
 Mixed 3 Nigel Malcolm  
 Mixed 4 Alison Morton  
 Mens Vets 0-45 Ian Gunn  
 Ladies Essex League Sarah O'S.  
 Mens Essex League Andrew Nash

## Coaches

Head Coach Christian Allen  
 Asst Coach Kelly Shipton  
 Asst Coach Rob Heaton  
 Asst Coach Chris Ashton

Groundsman: John Tyler

## PHONE NUMBERS

Struggling to find tennis member telephone number?

It's easy! Log into the 'Booking Website' type on 'Members' and the e-mail and telephone numbers are all there! (if they've been supplied or not blocked.)



# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



As we look forward to another new season it's a good time to share what we're planning to do in 2019.

Our key goal is to continue to make Hutton and Shenfield LTC a great place to enjoy playing tennis. Every December the Committee develop our Operating Plan that highlights the strengths and weaknesses of the Club and identifies actions to build on those strengths and reduce the perceived weaknesses. For example, this year, we'd like to encourage more adult group coaching, try to entice more junior parents to take up tennis, extend the "WhatsApp" group to promote more social tennis and social events, see how we might replace or improve the "bus shelter" and coaching shed, plus develop a publicity video for the website.

We've spent a great deal of time updating our policies to meet the GDPR requirements and the new LTA safeguarding rules and we'll need to undertake compliance checks on these items throughout the year to ensure we're still in good shape.

I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to our new three Committee Members with Matt Dyson taking over as Welfare Officer, Martin Hastings as Assistant Secretary and Nigel Malcolm as Assistant Treasurer/Compliance Officer. Also thank you to Liz Williams and Liz Watts for volunteering to look after the clubroom.

I also want to touch on our Club's 100-year anniversary. There's been some debate around the exact formation of the Club and it's ranged from 1919 to 1922! We've now found documentation to suggest 1920 was the first year so that's what we're sticking to! We need to start planning how to celebrate and we'd like to set up a small group to suggest ideas and co-ordinate activities so please let me know off you'd like to help.

Finally, Jon Dyson is retiring in February and moving north to join his wife in the Midlands. He's captained several teams in the last few years and we'd like to wish him well in his new adventure!

Have a great season and enjoy your tennis!

**Ian Gunn**



## GROUNDS REPORT

Courts 1,2 and 3 are playing well and in generally good condition for their age. We expect to get at least a couple of extra years life out of them before replacement. We are asking our maintenance contact to look at courts 4 and 5 to see if we should put more sand on the surface.

We will be looking to get a working party together to undertake various work around the club, so watch out for Barry's e-mail and see if you can find an hour or two to help. There may be a bacon butty from the BBQ in it for volunteers!

**Peter Mayell / Barry Taylor**



### **Tennis Court Bookings**

**All courts can only be booked online.**

Captains & Friendly Match Organisers must enter cancellations & re-arrangements for **all** events.

Court bookings have **PRIORITY** if problems arise.

# CAPTAINS' REPORT

The 2018 Summer Season brought about some excellent results for our teams across the board, with both Mixed 2 and Mixed 4 winning promotion into divisions 1 and 3 respectively.



Men's 4 and 5 also won promotion into divisions 2 and 4 respectively and our Men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively in Division 1 which says a lot about the strength of our Men's teams.

Our newly formed Men's 6 team had a great season finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in their division and were only 1 point away from promotion. It was great to see the team's success especially as this was the first experience of match tennis for the majority of the players.

All 3 Ladies' teams managed to retain their places in divisions 1, 2 and 3, with our Ladies' 2 team coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 2, narrowly missing out on promotion to Division 1.

Also, huge thanks to Nikki for leading the Ladies 2nd team this season to an almost certain promotion back into the 2nd division. Nikki will be joining the 1st team next season and will be very much missed by all members of the Ladies 2nd team. We wish her luck in the 1st team.

In the Essex League, Ian Gunn led the Men's Vets Team to a very solid season and the team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their Division.

Andrew Nash captained the Mens Team in the Essex League & Cup competition. In the Essex Cup they had a fantastic run this year managing to get to the final for the first time ever, and only narrowly losing by 1 set (on count-back) for what was a nail biting final. It was a challenging season for them in Essex Men's Division 2, however under tense competition they finished 6 out of 8 teams, successfully retaining their place in Division 2.

Unfortunately, we had to withdraw our Ladies' Vets Team for 2018 due to lack of interest (all these matches are played at weekends so it has been difficult to field a team). However, we have managed to keep our Ladies' Essex team which continues to perform well in division 3.

## Club Tournament

The Club tournament was once again a great success and the format of it being held over a weekend rather than just one day continues to work well.

The Men's Singles Final was, once again, superb tennis between Charlie and Mark Nash with Charlie winning over 3 nail-biting sets.



Also, for the first time since 2014, we were treated to an excellent Ladies' Singles Final between Elayne and Isabella, with

Isabella winning over two closely fought sets.

Our favourite is always the mixed handicap tournament and this year's final was between Amanda & Mitch and Sharon & Craig (always great to see new members in this Final). Amanda & Mitch won in two straight sets, proving too strong for the opposition.



## CAPTAINS' REPORT (Contd.)



Amanda then went on to be awarded the Most Improved Female Player at the club during 2018, with Martin Hastings picking up the Most Improved Male Player Award. This is particularly pleasing, as Amanda has come through the club's coaching system so congratulations should go to Christian and his team.

Both Ladies' and Men's match practices continue to be well supported and these will continue throughout 2019 with the men's practice being in the morning of the first Saturday of the month and the ladies' being on the second Saturday. There will be occasions where tournaments and matches may dictate changes but we would encourage all of our members that wish to be selected for our teams to try to attend these sessions.

We are both encouraged by the healthy influx of new members that we are currently seeing join our club and also the former coaching category members that have moved into full membership.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of our team captains, as the

competitive play is a big part of our tennis at Hutton & Shenfield, and without them we would not be able to run the 13 local league teams, 1 Vets Team and 3 Essex Teams so successfully.

We would also like to encourage all members to try to support our social tennis sessions on Saturday afternoons and Wednesday evenings whenever possible.

And finally, we have to say goodbye to one of our long-standing Captains, Jon Dyson. Jon has been captain of the 4th team (and occasionally the 5th) for many years and has lead them through numerous promotions taking the 4th team in to Division 2 for the summer season 2019. Jon is retiring and will be moving up to what has until now been his weekend retreat in Greatham near Rutland Water. Jenny and I will miss having Jon as both a team player but also an excellent Captain and we would like to thank him for all of his help in running his team. We wish both Jon and his wife Cathy a very long and happy retirement and hope to see him come back to visit us when he is down in Essex.

**Paul Gibson and Jenny Fowers**

# JUNIOR COACHING

Firstly we welcome Rob Heaton to our coaching team. Rob has worked at David Lloyd Basildon and is already popular with adults and juniors at Hutton and Shenfield. Welcome Rob!

Our junior membership is at the highest it has been for over 10 years. The success of our juniors is not just down to one area. We have a developed schools programme, hold well-attended tennis camps, have a strong junior programme running every day and have many of our juniors competing in tournaments both in and out of Essex.

Usually we would see less of our juniors over the winter months however due to the year round tennis tournaments and the choice of tournaments available it has meant that many of our juniors have continued their 1:1 and group sessions throughout the winter term.

We have added a further performance group this year taking performance to three sessions per week. They are Red, Orange and Green groups where our top performers train with their peers who are all playing at a high performance level.

We have one Tots group starting up again after the February half term. These are very popular and often encourage parents who haven't played for a while to consider playing again.



Boys won the Green Division

October and December tennis camps were very well attended. The next camps are during February Half Term 19th-22nd Feb and Easter Break dates will be advised in due course.

Our 8, 9, and this year 10-and-under teams will be competing in the Team Tennis this Spring, we have very strong teams this year and are hoping for good results.



'Road To Wimbledon' starts in the Spring and we hope we can send two of our junior players to the county finals.

Once again, after a successful tournament last year we will be holding the Quorn Parent and Child tournament. This sends our winning pair to regional finals in various locations across the country. Last year our winners went to Nottingham University.

We have more of our juniors playing in the Essex Teams. Oscar Bischoff, Oliver Brooks and Thomas Taylor-Widgery are all training at Redbridge as well as their coaching at Hutton.

Benjamin Versey, Leo Gibson, Brandon Pugh and James Holland were all invited to county talent identification and all the boys are now training hard to be invited back next year to hopefully make the county



Boys celebrating winning the Orange Division

squads.

# COACHING (Contd.)

## Adult Coaching

Coaching groups are on:

- Wednesday 9.15am
- Thursday 9.30am
- Thursday 7pm and
- Friday 9.30am.

Please contact Christian if you would like to try the groups.



Thanks to the club and members for your continued support.

Our junior finals day will be 6th July 2019. Make sure this goes in your calendar - the tennis and of course the barbecue are not to be missed!

Our next Breast Cancer Tournament is 8th June 2019. 9am-1pm, please register early as it is always full! If you cannot play please come and support there are always lovely cakes.

**Christian Allen and Johanne Allen**



## Tennis Coaching Rates

- Christian Allen Head Coach: 1 hour £30; Half hour £15; Group Coaching variable.
- Kelly Shipton, Asst Coach: 1 hour £25; Half hour £15; Group Coaching variable.
- Chris Ashton Asst Coach 1 hour £25; Half hour £12.50; Group coaching variable
- Rob Heaton Asst Coach 1 hour £25; Half hour £15; Group coaching variable

# SOCIAL EVENTS

Last year was busy on the social side of our tennis club. Events included wine-tasting at Licorice in Shenfield, a curry in Brentwood, and of course the always-popular Quiz Night. See the photos on this page!

The Social Events committee will be putting together some events for 2019. A list will be published once available.

**Alison Morton,  
Social Committee**



# MEMBERSHIP REPORT



The senior membership of the club is currently 192 and although slightly lower than this time last year when it was 201 the membership of the club remains strong. The number of full members has increased over the past year from 115 to 118 and each week we get a number of enquiries from people wanting to join the club.

- Contact me if you are over 80 years and are therefore eligible for the over 80 years reduction.
- Coaching category and parental category members may now bring guests to the club – all guests must be signed in and a fee of £3 is to be paid
- Coaching category and parental category members are now eligible for the Wimbledon ballot but must also be British tennis members – simply click on the link to join ([www.lta.org.uk/member/login/](http://www.lta.org.uk/member/login/))
- Coaching category members who have been successfully “played in” must join as full members either immediately or at the start of the next tennis season
- Coaching category members who have reached an Intermediate standard of tennis will be offered the chance to upgrade to Intermediate membership that will allow attendance at Tuesday/Thursday morning social tennis

- All subscription information for the 2019/2020 season will be sent by email in early March although those members without an email address will be sent renewal information in the post, early February
- All subscriptions will need to be paid by 31st March to avoid the £25 penalty and payments can be made either by cheque or directly into the club account.

Please note that the tennis club has a **new bank account** and all tennis payments must now be paid into the UNITY TRUST BANK. Full information will be given with the renewal email.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding membership.

**Clive Garrod,  
Membership**



# WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

<b>Tue.19-22 Feb.</b>	Half Term Junior Tennis Camps
<b>Sun.31 Mar</b>	Deadline for paying subscriptions
<b>Sat.am 13 Apr.</b>	Ladies Tournament (Jenny)
<b>Mon.22 Apr.</b>	Easter American Tournament ** (tbd)
<b>Thur. 25 Apr.</b>	Flight Night (Darts)
<b>Sat/Sun.4/5 May</b>	Tennis weekend away in Norfolk
<b>Mon.pm 6 May</b>	Church Open Day (tbd)
<b>Sat/Sun.18/19 May</b>	LTA Open Days (Mitch/ Christian)
<b>Mon. 27 May</b>	St Francis Hospice Tournament (Ian)
<b>Sat. 8 June</b>	Breast Cancer Tournament (Johanne)
<b>Sat. 29 June</b>	Wimbledon Theme Handicap Tournament
<b>Sat. 6 July</b>	Junior Finals Day (Christian/Johanne)
<b>Mon. 26 Aug</b>	American Tournament**
<b>Sat/Sun.14/15 Sep</b>	Finals Weekend (Entry Lists 31/3; entries May 1)
<b>Sat. 21 Sep.</b>	Reserve Finals Day
<b>Sat.16 Nov.</b>	Club AGM - 3:30pm (Chris)
<b>Sat. 7 Dec.</b>	Men's Christmas Lunch (Paul G)
<b>Sat.14 Dec.</b>	Ladies Christmas Tournament (Jenny)
<b>TBD</b>	Wine tasting and Curry night



## PUBLICITY & WEBSITE

The PR and Media team have had a busy year. Activities included:

- another successful Club LTA Open Day with help from many new volunteers
- copious photos and news uploaded onto the website
- policies, rules and membership forms for GDPR regulations now on the website.

Now these important tasks from the committee have subsided, work is being planned for an "Archive" of photos and stories accessible via the website, plus a promotional video. Any content the membership may have for either of these projects would be appreciated.

**Mitchell Read and Matt Keeling**

# DEFIBRILLATOR AND FIRST AID

## Defibrillator

- Located on the wall in the Church corridor where the toilets are located.
- Instructions for its use are in a booklet hanging by the Defibrillator Storage case.
- In addition, when using the Defibrillator and the start button on it is pressed, then voice instructions are given to users.
- The contact phone number for Paramedics is also displayed by the Defibrillator case.



## First Aid Kit

- Located in the tennis clubroom in the cupboard located on the right as you exit the clubroom to go to the courts.
- Should any of the contents of the Kit be used, please advise Joy Wale (our First Aid Co-ordinator) so that she might replenish the Kit.

## Accident Book

- Stored in the same cupboard
- Details of all accidents **must** be recorded on the accident sheets
- The Club Welfare/Health & Safety Officer Matt Dyson will regularly inspect the Accident Book.

# NOTICEBOARD



## Want to play more social tennis?

Then contact Barry Taylor on [taylorbc88@gmail.com](mailto:taylorbc88@gmail.com) or 07510 982603 and he will add you to the WhatsApp group



# VOUCHER

## 1 HOUR PRIVATE TENNIS LESSON

- At Hutton and Shenfield UC Lawn Tennis Club, Brockley Grove Hutton Mount
- Subject to an agreed time and date
- Please call Christian on **07880 728570** to book

