



# The Court Circular

## March 2012

### Members & prospective members - welcome to the 2012 season

A very warm welcome to the 2012 tennis season to you all.

#### Here are some dates for your diary

##### Playing opportunities

Sat 28<sup>th</sup>/Sun 29<sup>th</sup> April – Red/Orange/Green qualifying

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>/Sun 13<sup>th</sup> May – Junior qualifying

Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> – Open Day

Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> – Diamond Jubilee Tournament

Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> – Finals day (Adults & Juniors)

##### Social events

Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> – The return of "The Big Racket"

Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> – Details to follow

Friday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 – Annual Dinner Dance

**K&D ASICS Arden 9 Mile Road Race**

Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>

##### Courts closed during the daytime for maintenance

Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>; Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup>

##### Tennis Club Annual General Meeting

Monday November 19<sup>st</sup>

#### Please enter the annual tournament

Please complete the tournament entry form with your membership renewal form (it is on the back) provided you are able to play on Finals Day on **Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you are 16 or over (or under 16 and invited to play by Ian Poole) please enter at least one competition. The mixed plate competition is designed for all standards with pairs drawn so that everyone has a reasonable chance of doing well.

#### Please help us by paying your annual subscription on time

We enclose your annual membership renewal form. Please can you check the details, complete missing information, make relevant corrections and then send the signed form and a cheque payable to "Hampton-in-Arden Sports Club" to Chris Barnes at 68 Meriden Road, Hampton-in-Arden B92 0BT by **Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Subscription rates are shown below with more detail on the membership renewal form. Please note that cheques received after Sunday April 1st do not qualify for the prompt payment discount rate.

- **Age > 65:** £71.
- **Age 26-64:** £165 or weekday daytime rate of £110.
- **Age 19-25:** £38 if you are a student or £71 if you are not.
- **Age 7-18:** £38.
- **Age < 7:** free of charge. Our policy is not to charge for children who are less than 7 on April 1st, but please could you still sign and return the membership form, so that we know our records are correct.

*The subscription rates are all £5 cheaper than advertised if you are a new member or if you pay by **Sunday April 1st**.*

**A family rate of £330** is available for a family living at the same address including students who live away from home. This benefits families with two adults and two or more children playing. **Discounts are also offered if you belong to more than one playing section or if there is more than one tennis member in the family.**

**Social Membership:** If anyone in your family wants to join as a social member please add £38, or £66 if you want to include more than one member of your family living with you including students living away from home.

#### Would you like to find out some more

- **Internet:** Please look at our web site at [www.hamptontennis.org.uk](http://www.hamptontennis.org.uk)
- **Email:** Please let us know your email address on your membership form and we will send you email news.
- **Facebook:** Please join us on Facebook at hamptontennis. **\*NEW THIS SEASON\***
- **Twitter:** Please follow our news on Twitter at @hamptontennis. **\*NEW THIS SEASON\***
- **Tennis notice board:** Information on membership application, social events, tournaments and other news.

#### If you still have some questions left

- **Membership forms:** can be found on the tennis notice board or at [www.hamptontennis.org.uk/joinnus/asp](http://www.hamptontennis.org.uk/joinnus/asp)
- **Members telephone numbers:** can be found at [www.hamptontennis.org.uk/login.asp](http://www.hamptontennis.org.uk/login.asp) in the password protected members section using your user ID/password shown on your membership renewal form.
- **Other FAQ's:** Please read the back page of this Court Circular. If you would like a chat please call Geoff Redfern (Chairman) 01675 442447, Chris Barnes (Secretary) 01675 443572 or Ian Poole (Coach) 07968 451956.

#### And finally—we are a not-for-profit organisation

Please remember that we are a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers, where only the coaches are paid for their work. As a result, running costs are minimised resulting in great value for money for some fantastic newly built facilities. **We wish you all a very enjoyable and successful season. The Committee.**

## New for 2012!

Whatever your standard of tennis we would like to see everyone on court more often and also at social events. So we are piloting a few new ideas. For instance, more social tournaments, a new social tennis night on Thursdays and a music evening courtesy of our own group, The Big Racket, to round off our open day on May 19.

In response to the LTA's call for more girls to play tennis we are running special "Tennis Chicks" sessions for girls of primary school age. Another new initiative, open to both adults and older juniors on Tuesday evenings is cardiac tennis. This is an energetic form of tennis to music to help you get fit in an enjoyable way.

We are creating a list of members who want to be in contact with other members for playing opportunities. Look out for an email asking if you would like to participate, so please make sure you respond if you're interested.

Do you have any ideas about activities and events we should provide? Please do let us know!

## Team Tennis – Coventry league

2011 saw one promotion and two relegations. The highlight of the season was a **the return of the mens first team to the Premier League after two seasons in division 1. Well done guys; we look forward to some great Monday evening entertainment this year.** The 2011 playing records and 2012 contacts are as follows:

Team	Captain		Division	2011 final league positions
Mens 1 <sup>st</sup> team	Tony Eccleston	07970 499142	1	2nd (of 8) - 35 points – <b>promoted to the Prem!</b>
Mens 2 <sup>nd</sup> team	Mark Joannides	07909 697718	1	3rd (of 8) - 29 points – great first season in Div 1
Mens 3 <sup>rd</sup> team	Steve Ray	01676 535220	4	8th (of 8) - 18 points – relegated
Mens 4 <sup>th</sup> team	Geoff Redfern	01675 442447	6	4th (of 8) - 22 points – continued steady progress
Ladies 1 <sup>st</sup> team	Terri Mason	01675 442325	3	6th (of 8) - 24 points – maintained status
Ladies 2 <sup>nd</sup> team	Chris Durbin	01564 783976	4	6th (of 7) - 21 points – relegated (but only just)
Ladies 3 <sup>rd</sup> team	Emma Shalley	07900 683741	6	4th (of 7) - 27 points – mid table

If you want to play team tennis please call one of the contacts listed above. Practice sessions are held from 8pm to 10pm on Mondays (Men) and from 6.30pm to 8pm on Thursdays (Ladies). The last practice nights will be in the week beginning Monday April 16th. Selection, which will be based on merit, is the captain's responsibility.

## Social Tennis 2012

We are pleased to announce a new Thursday social tennis session for Improvers/Rusty Rackets. The full programme is set up to ensure a social tennis evening session is available for all playing levels:

- **Monday 8pm:** Team players (men)
- **Tuesday 8pm:** Intermediates (mixed)
- **Thursday 6.30pm:** Team players (ladies)
- **Thursday 8pm:** Improvers/rusty rackets (mixed)
- **Friday 8pm:** Intermediates (mixed)
- **Sunday 10.30am:** Intermediates (mixed)

Please can you make sure that you play to the standard intended for the evening? If you would like help to decide which session to attend please call Ian Poole on 07968 451956 for advice.

## Sports Club AGM January 2012

The Sports Club AGM was held on January 25th. Thanks to John Eccleston and his team for their hard work to improve club facilities. The main points arising were:

- **Accounts:** The accounts for the year to April 2011 show a profit of £1k after breaking even last year. Club assets (ie cash less amounts payable) increased by £1k to £66k. £16k of the LTA loan for the tennis courts has been paid so that the balance left to repay is £59k.
- **Directors:** John Eccleston (Chairman), Joe Bates (Treasurer), John Pearson (Secretary), Andy Woolford (Hockey), Graham Hollway (Squash), Chris Barnes (Tennis), Andy Minton (House) and Graham Kelly (Bar).
- **President's Plate:** Congratulations to Jayne Barnes who was awarded the Presidents Plate this year for her services to junior tennis over the last 12 years.

## K&D ASICS Arden 9 Mile Road Race – Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30am

The ninth Arden9 road race will be run on Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>, once again sponsored by ASICS and Hunters Estate Agents. This year we have partnered with Knowle & Dorridge RC, meaning the race can now be part of the Warwickshire Road Race league. The route passes through Catherine de Barnes, Eastcote, Barston and Bradnocks Marsh, returning to the Sports Club via the lakes. 2011 winners of the Hampton Sports Club trophy were Richard McKenna in 68:13 and Catherine Eley in 74:03. The Hampton Sports Club mens record is held by Gavin Davies who clocked 60:16 in 2009 while the ladies course record is held by Susan Lawrence who clocked 63:56 in 2008. **Online entries only** please at [www.runnersworld.co.uk](http://www.runnersworld.co.uk) at a cost of £12 including credit card costs. See [www.arden9.org.uk](http://www.arden9.org.uk) for more information. If you would like to help or you know of any company prepared to join the list of sponsors for the race please could you let Chris Barnes (01675 443572) know?

## Tennis Club AGM - Monday November 19<sup>th</sup>

The Annual General Meeting of the tennis section will be held on Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> commencing at 7.30pm in the clubhouse. Details will be sent out by email and displayed on the tennis notice board in early November.

# Club Tournaments – Finals Day Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2012

The entry form for the 2012 club tournaments is enclosed with the Court Circular. Unless you are away on finals day please enter some of the competitions whatever your standard of play. Don't forget that the Mixed Plate is for all standards of play and a partner will be found for you so that all pairs have a reasonable chance of reaching the final. The 2011 winners are shown in the table below.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Winner(s)</b>	<b>Runner(s) Up</b>
<b>Open</b>		
Mens Singles	<b>Daniel Eccleston</b>	Tony Eccleston
Ladies Singles	<b>Jane Hodge</b>	Maria Barnes
Mens Doubles	<b>Sam Peace &amp; Craig Gordon</b>	Ian Poole & Mark Joannides
Ladies Doubles	<b>Jane Hodge &amp; Carol Grant</b>	Kathy Hunt & Terri Mason
Mixed Doubles	<b>Savio Gaspar &amp; Terri Mason</b>	Catherine Eley & Mark Joannides
<b>Plate</b>		
Mens Singles Plate	<b>Phil Turpin</b>	Campbell Oswald
Ladies Singles Plate	<b>Gill Lewis</b>	Jo Oswald
Mixed Plate	<b>Karen Vithanage &amp; Mark Joannides</b>	Jane Hodge & David Betts
<b>Veterans</b>		
Mens Veterans Doubles	<b>Mark Walker &amp; Savio Gaspar</b>	Steve Ray & Chris Barnes
Mens Super Veterans	<b>Graham Hollway &amp; Malcolm Brumwell</b>	Wayman Morris & Ray Barnett
Ladies Veterans Doubles	<b>Carol Grant &amp; Terri Mason</b>	Kathy Hunt & Chris Durbin
<b>Junior</b>		
Boys Singles under 16	<b>Sam Hiskett</b>	James Middleton
Girls Singles under 16	<b>Emily White</b>	Jessica Betts
Boys Singles under 12	<b>Harry Goodworth</b>	Matthew Middleton
Girls Singles under 12	<b>No competition</b>	No competition
Green	<b>Matthew Middleton</b>	Jonathan Bartlett
Orange	<b>Jack Bensley</b>	Sam Smith
Red	<b>Miles Allibone</b>	Jasmine Thongsab



**Head Coach—Ian Poole**

## Tennis coaching

Ian Poole and his team of Sam Peace, Rich Westman, Tim Jones and Jane Hodge offer a full programme of high quality group and individual lessons to both adult and junior members. They also deliver tennis coaching and PE to local schools. Ian is an LTA coach tutor. The team believes that sport plays a vital role in the development of individuals and is committed to delivering programmes to meet the needs of every player. Coaching supports and encourages competitive play. At present there are over 150 children and 60 adults taking part in regular coaching sessions. The coaching programme works alongside the LTA's coaching initiatives progressing from Mini Tennis for the very young, through to full court adult tennis as follows:



**Coach—Sam Peace**

**Group junior coaching** - Full details can be found at [www.hamptontennis.org.uk/coaching\\_schedule.asp](http://www.hamptontennis.org.uk/coaching_schedule.asp)

- Tots Tennis (ages 3 to 5) - Coordination fun based activities introducing racket skills to develop the basic fundamentals.
- Mini Tennis Red (ages 5-8) - Small court/rackets and soft balls. Begin to learn basic technical shapes and tactics.
- Mini Tennis Orange (ages 8/9) - Less than full-length court and transition balls to allow more time and lower bounce. Beginning to introduce more shape and spin technique and a wider choice of tactics. A performance programme is offered.
- Mini Tennis Green (age 10) - Full court and slightly soft balls to allow more time and lower bounce.
- Under 14 - Full court, normal balls. Technical and tactical techniques appropriate to the group.
- Under 18 and Invitation only squads.

Social events are organised for all age levels. Girls only groups are offered for primary school children.

**Junior competitive opportunities** - All age groups from mini red through to Under 18's are given a chance to play in regular internal leagues and friendly or competitive matches against other local clubs.

**Adult coaching** - Coaching sessions for all abilities are held during school terms on Monday, Thursday and Friday morning and from March to September on Saturday morning and Thursday evening. Cardio tennis sessions are held on Tuesday evening.



**Coach—Tim Jones**  
Congratulations on  
passing Level 2



**Tennis Chicks Assistants**  
Maria Barnes & Emily Hodge

**Individual development** - Individual development plans can be designed around playing and coaching needs. Tournament schedules can be provided for performance players. Help can also be given with other areas of development, for example, Duke of Edinburgh awards and work experience.

**Mentoring/coach development** - Ian works with Warwickshire LTA to tutor young coaches to give them the knowledge and experience needed to further their coaching careers. Obtaining a level 1 coaching certificate is great experience for anyone, especially a teenager. If you are interested please speak to Ian.

**Private lessons** - Individual lessons can be booked. Discounts are available if you book a block of lessons.

**Please contact Ian for more information**  
[ianpoole23@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ianpoole23@yahoo.co.uk) or 07968 451956

# Would you like to watch live professional tennis in 2012?

## Wimbledon – June 25<sup>th</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup>

If you are at least 10 years old and you want to be in the ticket draw please **email us by Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> at [wimbledontickets@hamptontennis.org.uk](mailto:wimbledontickets@hamptontennis.org.uk)**. You must be a tennis member and also a BTM member. Draw winners will receive a pair of tickets and are free to choose any guest to take with them, although under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. In 2011 the tickets cost between £64 and £220 a pair. Under LTA rules, **tickets are not transferable** so if you cannot go you should let us know quickly so that we can reallocate the tickets to a member on the reserve list. Please note that if you do not follow this rule, you may jeopardise our future ticket allocation, so under no circumstances should you sell your tickets. Further information on the timing of the draw and the deadline for payment will be sent to you by email once we know the timetable.

## Other Events

For more information go to [www.lta.org.uk/](http://www.lta.org.uk/) and do ask if there are ticket discounts for BTM members.

### AEGON Classic: WTA Ladies event at Edgbaston Priory Club - June 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>

Edgbaston's £5m investment will be only partially complete, with the new centre court not due to open until 2013. Last year's winner was Sabine Lisicki, who was also a losing singles semi finalist and a losing doubles finalist at Wimbledon. Daniella Hanchuchova, Anna Ivanovic and Shui Peng were the other semi finalists.

### AEGON Championships: ATP Mens 250 event at Queens Club, London - June 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>

The 2011 event was won by Andy Murray who beat Jo-Wilfred Tsonga in the final.

### Barclays ATP Mens World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena: November 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>

Why not go to the O2 arena to see the top 8 mens singles and doubles players in the Barclays ATP Mens World Tour Finals? [www.atpworldtour.com/Finals/2012.aspx](http://www.atpworldtour.com/Finals/2012.aspx).

## On Line Court Booking

To book a court or check court availability go to the home page at [www.hamptontennis.org.uk](http://www.hamptontennis.org.uk) and click the "Book A Court" button, or access the system from the terminal in the corridor by the squash court door. If you forget your password please email [support@hamptontennis.org.uk](mailto:support@hamptontennis.org.uk) for help.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How can I take care of our courts?

- Tennis shoes must be worn - running shoes, studs, blades, grooves or heels may damage the courts.
- When you finish brush the court, clean the lines, pick up litter, slacken the net and lock the courts if you are last to leave.

### What are the guidelines for using the courts?

- Wear tennis shoes and sports clothing of any colour.
- Use plastic bottles or cups to avoid broken glass or china.
- Wait until the point in play is complete before walking close to a court where a game is in progress.
- Turn your mobile phones off when league or tournament matches are in progress.
- Avoid using foul or abusive language or abusing equipment.

### How do the floodlights work?

- You can buy a 30 minute floodlight token at the bar for £2. Feed the token into the appropriate meter in the clubhouse.
- You will get 5 minutes warning from the coloured lights on the floodlight posts before the lights turn off.
- Once the lights have gone out they should not be switched back on for 10 minutes.
- Please note that the floodlights automatically turn off at 10pm.

### What is the priority for court usage?

- Adult members take priority on weekdays after 6pm, except for coaching courses.
- Junior members take priority on the mini tennis court before 8pm.

**Can I bring a guest to play?** – You are welcome to bring guests three times each season per guest without charge.

**How do I book a court?** – You can book up to 2 hours (no charge) via the home page [www.hamptontennis.org.uk](http://www.hamptontennis.org.uk)

**Am I allowed to undertake paid coaching?** – Ian Poole is responsible for the delivery of the coaching programme which he organises in conjunction with the committee. If you wish to coach another member, as a matter of courtesy we request that you discuss your proposal with Ian first. Ian has the right under reasonable circumstances to refuse your request. Also please remember that if you are coaching a non-member that person can only be your guest three times per season.

**Where do I find the telephone numbers of other members?** – A list of adult members can be found in the password-protected section of [www.hamptontennis.org.uk](http://www.hamptontennis.org.uk). A password can be obtained by emailing [support@hamptontennis.org.uk](mailto:support@hamptontennis.org.uk).

**What is the policy on use of the courts by children?** – Children at Senior School may use the courts with no requirement for adult supervision. Children of Primary School age may only play under the supervision of an adult.

**What is the policy on use of the clubhouse by children?** – Parents are asked to take responsibility for their children in the clubhouse and on the sports field and ensure that they abide by the licensing laws. Children of 14 or over may use the clubhouse without supervision. Children under 14 can use the clubhouse under supervision if they are well behaved.

**How do I get into the clubhouse?** – If you are a member aged 14 or over you can buy a key fob from the bar between 6pm and 9pm on Tuesdays for £5 or have a faulty key fob replaced free of charge.

**When is the bar open?** – Normally 6pm to 11pm in the week and 12.30pm to 11pm at weekends.