



## Hampton in Arden Sports Club Tennis Section

# The Court Circular March 2014

### Members & prospective members - welcome to the 2014 season

A very warm welcome to the 2014 tennis season to you all. We hope you enjoy your tennis.

#### A brief review of 2013

The bullet point summary is very similar to last year. Superb playing facilities; 13th successive year of membership growth (147 adults & 130 juniors); members per court ratio now higher than it was 5 years ago before the fourth court was built; solid finances; great coaching programme; record attendance at the annual dinner dance at Peel's in early January; more competitions including a successful launch for the singles box league with 8 divisions; a successful Men's 1st team who retained their Coventry League premier division title.

#### Thank you to everyone who helps to make the club successful.....

Thank you to all team captains, committee members and everyone who helps during the year and of course a very big thank you to Ian Poole and his great current coaching team of Sam (Peace), Bel (Chefri), Beth (Starkey) and new in 2013 Matt (Tew), Nate (Wiggin), Sam (Hiskett) and Zach (Jones).

#### .....but we would like to encourage more members to help by doing a little bit each

### Please will you help?

...with these **marketing** jobs:

- Sports Club **sponsors**: Arden9 or other
- Sports Club **marketing collateral**
- Sports Club **posters/leaflets**
- Tennis **twitter and facebook**
- Tennis **publicity** for local press

...with these **social** jobs:

- Being **Quiz MC** on Sat Apr 15
- Organising an **Indoor Olympics** evening
- Organising **Jun 28 finals** day
- Organising **Jul 5 family Wimbledon** trip
- Organising **Friday socials** (BBQ etc)

...with these **neat and tidy** jobs:

- Keeping **stony court surrounds** weeded
- Keeping **hedge** in front of club trimmed
- Keeping **BBQ** clean and tidy
- Sweeping **patio** area twice a month

...with these **administrative** jobs:

- Organising **club clothing**
- Minimising **clubhouse overheads** insurance, electricity, gas, etc
- Bar and clubhouse **accounting**
- Keeping **first aid box** replenished
- Updating **LTA database** of Hampton BTMs
- Helping to **chase late payments**
- Recruiting **Arden9 marshals**
- Hampton rep on **Cov league** committee
- Finally, is anyone **health & safety** trained?

**If you can help please speak to any committee member. Thank you.**

The growth of the tennis section and the consequent need to help to run the clubhouse means we are more than ever in need of help from more members. Please consider volunteering for one of the jobs set out on the left? None of the jobs are onerous on their own, but it will really help us to run the club efficiently if more members could help by volunteering to do a little bit each.

#### Objectives for 2014

More competitions; a second finals day; more socials; more members being coached; more members helping; more court use; more spectators for summer premier division matches.

#### New competitive tennis opportunities for 2014

Two men's AEGON teams; Challenger tournaments with a new finals day on Saturday June 28 for members who don't get an opportunity to play on Open finals day; Box league finals; junior doubles tournaments for all age levels; age limits for junior finals changed from U12 & U16 to U14 & U18.

#### The LTA has renewed our Clubmark status to 2017

Clubmark is the universally acknowledged cross sport accreditation for community sports clubs based on the playing programme; a duty of care and welfare; commitment to fairness and equality; and good club management.

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

Please can you check your membership form, complete any missing information, sign and send it with a cheque payable to "Hampton-in-Arden Sports Club" to Chris Barnes at 68 Meriden Road, Hampton-in-Arden B92 0BT. Note that prompt payment discounts are available only up to **Friday April 4**.

#### Please remember we are a not-for-profit organisation

The club is run by volunteers with only coaches paid. As a result, costs are minimised to give you great value for money.

#### We wish you an enjoyable season

The committee: Chris Barnes (Chairman) 01675 443572, Jo Oswald (Treasurer), Carol Grant, Savio Gaspar, Steve Ray, Wayman Morris & Ian Poole (Coach) 07968 451956.

### Joining as a social member?

If your spouse or children play tennis and you don't, please join as a social member. You can join a boules team or simply enjoy the facilities. The discounted cost is £40 (or £75 for a family).

### Please come to the Quiz & Chilli supper - Saturday April 12

£8 per person. Teams of 4 to 6. Starts 7.30pm. Team captains please register your team with Julie Williamson by Tuesday April 8 at the Corner shop during opening hours. Places are limited to the first 10 teams paid for.

## Subscription rates 2014 season

Rates **before discounts** are as below. They are **£10** cheaper if paid by **Friday April 4** & for new members

- **Age < 7 on April 1:** free of charge. Please could you still sign and return the membership form.
- **Age 7-18:** £45.
- **Age 19-25:** £45 if you are a student or £80 if not.
- **Age 26-64:** £180 or weekday daytime rate £123.
- **Age > 65:** £80.
- **A family rate of** £360 (no discount) 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.
- **Social Members:** £50 or £85 for two or more social members of your family living at the same address.

Discounts available if also a squash, hockey or cricket member or have another tennis member in the house.

## Diary dates - more to follow.

- Sat Mar 15: Blues evening "Free At Last"
- Sat Apr 12: Quiz - with Chilli
- Sat Jun 28: Challenger & Junior tournament finals
- Sat Jul 5: Family trip to Wimbledon
- Sat Sep 27: Open & Vets tournament finals
- Fri Jan 16 2015: Annual Dinner Dance at Peels

**Courts closed for maintenance Thurs Apr 10/Oct 30**

## AEGON team tennis

Matches are played at weekends from April 5 to June 22. Red, Orange, Green on Sundays, all others on Saturdays. Teams of 4 players play both singles and doubles except mini red which is singles only. Following the promotion of our men's 1's last year, we have entered two men's teams plus 5 teams at various junior age groups.

## Coventry league team tennis

**Mens 1st team - Champions again!** Following their 2012 success Hampton once again took the Coventry League premier division by storm to win the premier league trophy for the second time in our history, once again with an 8 point winning margin. They were less successful than last year in the Warwickshire Inter District final against Birmingham League winners Four Oaks, this time losing a close match 1-3. Nevertheless it was another great season and a tremendous achievement for a small club. Well done to captain Tony Eccleston and his team of Daniel Eccleston, Josh Crisp-Jones, Rich Allen, Rich Westman, Ollie Plaskett & Lloyd Glasspool. Five of the squad were in the top six performers in the premier league, while Dan Eccleston won 22 rubbers and was awarded the Coventry League player of the season award.

**Ladies 3rd team - Champions!** Congratulations to Emma Shalley and her squad who won division 6. Nice one! **Promotion congratulations too for the Men's 2's & Ladies 1's.** After the promotion of the Mens 2's there will be a double dose of Monday/Wednesday premier league tennis in 2014 as both teams will be in the Prem.

Team	2014 Captains	Division 2013 final league positions and top points scorers			
Mens 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tony Eccleston	07970 499142	Prem	<b>Champions</b> - 45 points	Daniel Eccleston - 22 points
Mens 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark Joannides	07909 697718	1	<b>2nd</b> (of 8) - 40 points	Mark Joannides - 20 points
Mens 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Andy Frith	07878 008589	4	4th (of 8) - 31 points	Matt Hunt - 15 points
Mens 4 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Ray	07799 582098	5	5th (of 8) - 24 points	Chris Barnes/Paul Thomas 11
Mens 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Durkin	07787 421623	7	7th (of 8) - 12 points	Sam Hiskett - 6 points
Ladies 1 <sup>st</sup>	Carol Grant	07736 601295	3	<b>2nd</b> (of 8) - 34 points	Natalie Hardy - 18 points
Ladies 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Durbin	01564 783976	4	5th (of 7) - 21 points	Kathy Hunt/Charlotte Ray 8
Ladies 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emma Shalley	07900 683741	6	<b>Champions</b> - 32 points	Emma Shalley - 9 points

Team practices for league players are held from 7-30pm to 9pm on Mondays (Men's 3rd, 4th and 5th teams) & 6.30pm to 8pm on Thursdays (Ladies teams). For the three weeks from Monday April 7 these will be coached.

## Tennis AGM 2014 - November 17

The AGM will be held on Monday November 17 starting at 7.30pm in the clubhouse.

## Social Tennis 2014

The programme is set up to ensure a social tennis session is available for all playing levels:

- **Monday 7.30pm:** Team players (men)
- **Tuesday 8pm:** Intermediates (mixed)
- **Thursday 6.30pm:** Team players (ladies)
- **Friday 8pm:** Intermediates (mixed)
- **Saturdays 3pm:** Families (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.

## Sports Club 2014 AGM - January 29

- **Accounts to April 2013:** showed a loss of £14k after a £4k profit last year. Assets (cash less amounts payable) decreased by £14k to £56k. £38k of the LTA loan for the tennis courts has been paid so that the balance left to repay is £37k.
- **Directors 2014:** The directors are Chris Barnes (Chairman), Joe Bates (Treasurer), John Eccleston (Secretary), John Pearson, Andy Woolford (Hockey) and Graham Hollway (House & Bar). Thank you to John Pearson who stood down as Chairman after one year and to Andy Minton (House) and Graham Kelly (Bar) who have resigned as Directors.
- **President's Plate 2013:** Congratulations to Jon Doherty who received the Plate for services to hockey coaching over many years. It was Jon's second gong of 2013 following his award of the England Hockey coach of the year. Nice one.

## 2013 tournament results - congratulations to the winners

Title	Winner(s)	Runner(s) Up
<b>Open</b>		
Mens Singles	<b>Daniel Eccleston</b>	<b>6-1, 3-6, 1-0</b>
Ladies Singles	<b>Jane Hodge</b>	<b>6-3, 6-4</b>
Mens Doubles	<b>Daniel Eccleston &amp; Richard Allen</b>	<b>7-5, 6-2</b>
Ladies Doubles	<b>Jane Hodge &amp; Carol Grant</b>	<b>6-3, 6-7, 6-3</b>
Mixed Doubles	<b>Terri Mason &amp; Savio Gaspar</b>	<b>7-6, 4-6, 6-1</b>
<b>Veterans doubles</b>		
Mens	<b>Graham Hollway &amp; Paul Thomas</b>	<b>6-0, 7-5</b>
Ladies	<b>Carol Grant &amp; Terri Mason</b>	<b>6-3, 6-0</b>
Mens Super Vets	<b>John Cable &amp; Malcolm Brumwell</b>	<b>4-6, 6-1, 6-2</b>
<b>Plate</b>		
Mens Singles	<b>Rob Yates (jnr)</b>	<b>6-3, 6-3</b>
Ladies Singles	<b>Sally Leach</b>	<b>6-4, 1-6, 7-5</b>
Mens Doubles	<b>Mike Durkin &amp; Wayman Morris</b>	
Ladies Doubles	<b>Jane Hodge &amp; Bonita Bryant</b>	
Mixed Doubles	<b>Deborah Jones &amp; Steve Ray</b>	<b>6-4, 3-6, 6-1</b>
<b>Junior</b>		
Boys Singles <16	<b>Theo Lawrence</b>	
Girls Singles <16	No competition	
Boys Singles <12	<b>Matthew Middleton</b>	
Girls Singles <12	<b>Amy Minshull</b>	
Green	<b>Noah Trueman</b>	
Orange	<b>Harry Leach</b>	
Red	<b>Sid Albrighton</b>	
Starter Red	<b>Reuben Jolley</b>	

## 2014 finals days

### Challenger and Junior Finals Day - Saturday June 28 (new this year):

- **Challenger:** Singles, Singles Plate and Men's, Ladies and Mixed Doubles plate. The objective of these tournaments is to give as many members as possible the chance to play in a final. The top 4 men's and top 2 ladies Coventry League squads are therefore NOT eligible, as will be some other members who in the reasonable opinion of the tournament committee should be excluded on the basis of playing ability. The draw will include everyone else apart from those who opt out.
- **Box league:** for the top two players in all 8 box leagues who are available to play on June 28.
- **Junior:** singles and doubles finals for Starter Red, Red, Orange, Green, Under 14 and Under 18. The junior tournaments are to be extended to include doubles tournaments and all juniors up to the age of 18.

### Open and Veterans Finals Day - Saturday September 27 (note - the Mixed Plate moves to the June 28 finals day):

- **Open:** Singles, Singles Plate and the Men's, Ladies and Mixed Doubles tournaments.
- **Veterans:** Over 40 and Over 55 age groups, including for the first time a ladies Over 55 tournament.



Head Coach—Ian Poole

## Tennis coaching

Ian Poole and his team of Sam Peace, Bel Chefri, Matt Tew, Nathan Wiggin, Beth Starkey, Sam Hiskett & Zach Jones offer a full programme of high quality group and individual lessons to adult and junior members. They also deliver tennis coaching and PE to local schools. The team believe that sport plays a vital role in the development of individuals and is committed to delivering programmes to meet the needs of every player. At present there are over 150 children and 60 adults taking part in regular coaching sessions. The coaching programme supports and encourages competitive play and works alongside the LTA's coaching initiatives Mini Tennis for the very young to full court tennis.



Coach—Sam Peace

**Group and individual junior coaching** - Full details can be found at [www.hamtontennis.org.uk/coaching\\_schedule.asp](http://www.hamtontennis.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.
- 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 available for primary school children.

**Junior competitive opportunities** - Sam runs monthly rolling competitions for all age groups from mini red through to Under 16's changing each week to give all children a chance to play against each other and against other clubs.

**Performance programme** - We run a performance programme for talented youngsters at all levels, including a tie-in with Warwick University. We plan individual, squad and fitness programmes at the club and, where required, at the University. Talented and enthusiastic children aged 4-9 are invited to join our performance mini squads.

**Adult coaching** - Sessions for all abilities are held during school terms on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

**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

# Watch professional tennis in 2014

**Tip:** Remember to ask if there are ticket discounts for BTM members. Note that the Hampton LTA reference is WAR041.

## **AEGON Classic: WTA Ladies event at Edgbaston Priory Club - June 9 to 15**

Following the opening of the new Centre court in 2013, the tournament has now been upgraded to a Premier 600 event which means more top players should enter. Ladies Day is Thursday June 12. More information: [www.aegonclassic.co.uk](http://www.aegonclassic.co.uk).

## **AEGON Championships: ATP Men's 250 event at Queens Club, London - June 9 to 15**

### **Wimbledon – June 23 to July 6**

The Wimbledon ticket process has been changed, so further details will be sent by email. The ballot will be held on Monday April 7. If you are successful, we will notify you as normal but the process of acceptance and payment will now be directly with the LTA which will require you to respond within strict deadlines. If you would like to enter the draw please complete the information on the back of the membership form and return the form and your subscription to Chris Barnes by Friday April 4. You must be a BTM member and at least 9 years old on the day before the ballot. 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. Tickets cost from £56 to £296 a pair. Please note that under LTA rules, **tickets are not transferable** so if you cannot go please decline the offer immediately so we can reallocate the tickets to a member on the reserve list. Please note that if you do not follow this rule, you risk jeopardising the club's future ticket allocation. **Under no circumstances should you sell your tickets.**

### **Barclays ATP Men's World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena: November 9 to 16**

## **K&D Arden 9 Mile Road Race – Sunday June 22 10.30am**

The eleventh Arden9 road race is on Sunday June 22 with Hunters Estate Agents once again the principal sponsor. Knowle & Dorridge RC are organising the race again this year and Hampton Sports Club will provide marshalling and administrative support. **Online entries only** please at [www.runnersworld.co.uk](http://www.runnersworld.co.uk) at a cost of £13 including credit card costs. See [www.arden9.org.uk](http://www.arden9.org.uk). If you would like to help in this major fundraising event please let Chris Barnes (01675 443572) know.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

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

- Tennis shoes must be worn - not running shoes, studs, blades, grooves or heels which may damage the courts.
- When you finish brush the court, clean the lines, pick up litter, slacken the net.
- **If you are last to leave please shut all the gates and secure the padlocks to prevent unauthorised access.**

### **When using the courts please could you follow these basic rules?**

- Wear tennis shoes and sports clothing of any colour.
- Use plastic bottles or cups to avoid broken glass or china.
- Wait until the game in play is complete before walking close to or through a court where a match 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.

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

**What is the code for the court padlock?** **3030 new on April 1. Please padlock the gates when you leave.**

**How do I book a court?** – To book a court (without charge) for up to 2 hours or check court availability go to the home page [www.hamptontennis.org.uk](http://www.hamptontennis.org.uk) and click the "Book A Court" button. You can access this from the terminal in the corridor by the squash court door. If you forget your ID or password please email [support@hamptontennis.org.uk](mailto:support@hamptontennis.org.uk) for help.

**Where can I find a membership form?** – [www.hamptontennis.org.uk/joinus/asp](http://www.hamptontennis.org.uk/joinus/asp) or on the tennis notice board

**Where can 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). Your ID and password are the same as those you use to book courts.

**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 aged 18 or over you are entitled to a members key card which can also be used to buy drinks at the bar. If you lose your key card you can purchase a replacement from the bar for £5 between 6pm and 9pm on Tuesdays or have a faulty key card replaced free of charge. The key cards are the property of the Sports club and you are kindly asked to return your card to the bar if you leave the club. If you are aged 14 to 17 or if you are the parent of a child who is a tennis member you may ask at the bar on Tuesday evenings for a door access fob.

**What is the clubhouse WiFi code?** – Hiasc12345678.

**When is the bar open?** – Normally 6pm to 11pm in the week and 12.30pm to 11pm at weekends. In the summer we plan to open from 4pm one or two days a week selling tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes plus some simple children's tea time food.

**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.