



Hampton-In-Arden Sports Club (Tennis Section) The Court Circular - Issue 9

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2002 League Highlights

Mens 2nd team promoted for the second successive year

Ladies 2nd team promoted as undefeated champions

Congratulations to the Mens and Ladies 2nd teams. Both teams have been promoted. This was also the second successive promotion for the Mens 2nd team. Results and positions for all our league teams are as follows:

- * The Mens 1st team finished a creditable 4th in division 1, only three points behind the promotion spot to the Premier league. Their final record was 6 wins, 4 draws and 4 defeats from 14 matches. The main members of the team were Chris Barker, Graham Hollway, Mathew Hunt and Mark Joannides.
- * The Mens 2nd team finished 2nd in division 3 south - which means division 2 south tennis next year! Well done! Their final record was 6 wins, 4 draws and 2 defeats from 12 matches. The main members of the team were Bert Bodfish, Malcolm Brumwell, John Davis, Steve Ray and Rob Yates.
- * The Mens 3rd team finished 8th in division 4. Their final record was 1 win and 13 defeats from 14 matches. The main members of the team were Paul Harris, Nick Hone, Tom Hone, Jo Killeen and Andy Williamson.
- * The Ladies 1st team finished 5th in division 3 in mid table respectability. Their final record was 4 wins, 4 draws and 6 defeats from 14 matches. The main members of the team were Kathy Hunt, Terri Mason, Mo Mathews and Colette Thomson.
- * The Ladies 2nd team finished top of division 6 - which means division 5 tennis next year! Well done to the whole team. Their final (undefeated) record was 8 wins and 4 draws from 12 matches. The main members of the team were Chester Durbin, Jane Imlah, Sarah Wells and Julie Williamson.

Senior Committee

Juniors Representing Our Club

All junior members, young and otherwise, are encouraged to participate fully in the opportunities made available through membership of our Club. We are very proud of the juniors who competed on behalf of the Club in the National and North Warwickshire Leagues. Those who have played during the current season are as follows:

Under 15 Girls National League

Rachel Finch, Sophie Kelly, Emma Morris, Alison Redfern

Under 13 Boys National League

John Farrant, George Pearson, Stephen Skrzeczkowski

Under 11 Boys National League

Jacob Farrant, Alex Hollway, Jon Hollway, Conor Jones

Under 16 Boys North Warwickshire League

Simon Lynn, Andy Williamson

Under 11 Boys North Warwickshire League

Xan Barnes, Alex Hollway, Ollie White

We would particularly like to congratulate Simon Lynn and Andy Williamson who won the Under 16 North Warwickshire League - they were UNBEATEN! Also to Xan Barnes, Ollie White and Alex Hollway who are through to the quarter finals of the Under 11 Boys North Warwickshire League. Well done guys!!!!

Thanks to Rosalia Eccleston who waded through the paper work required to enable the teams to enter and who enlisted the help of several "volunteers" to organise the individual teams - Jayne Barnes, Yvonne Jones, Simon Lynn, Pauline Morris and Lou Pearson. Thanks to them too.

Victory !

In the first week of the summer holidays a team of juniors played a friendly competition against Solihull Marsh Lane Tennis Club - and WON!
Congratulations to our team :

Harry Finch, Rachel Finch, Sophie Kelly, Tom Minton, George Pearson

Junior Committee

Rubbish on Court

Not of the playing variety, of course!. Please ensure that all litter is cleared from the courts after you play - in particular the metal rip tops from new cans of tennis balls, which are a potential danger to others especially children. Thank you.

Malcom Brumwell

Redecoration of the Clubhouse

From September 9, the clubhouse lounge and ladies changing areas are undergoing a facelift. Please bear with Andy Minton and his cohorts while the work here and elsewhere around the clubhouse is under way.

Chester Barnes

American Tournament Cancelled

Private Coaching

As a result of the low attendance at the last American Tournament held in July we have decided not to run the final tournament of the year originally scheduled for September.

If you have any ideas for alternative tennis, social or other events that you think may be better attended please telephone Chester on 443572 or email jcbarnes@tesco.net prior to the next committee meeting to be held on September 25th. Thanks in anticipation for your ideas.

Chester Barnes

Whether you are a serious tennis player or just like to play for fun, why not sharpen up your technique with some private coaching? Richard Perkins is a fully qualified LTA DCA coach and is ready to help! Please contact him directly on 01926 421642 or 07796 148164. Lessons can be taken on an hourly basis (£12) or half hourly basis (£6). They can be individual or on a shared basis. All ages and standards welcome.

Always check the club noticeboard for information about private coaching.

Senior Committee

Finals Day Results

Finals Day held on Saturday 13th July was a scorcher! A big thank you goes to the organisers of the event - your Tournament Committee of John Davis, Bert Bodfish and Kathy Hunt. Thanks also to all those who helped on the day notably the Hot Dog team of John Cable and Peter Morris who were kippeder nicley keeping the burgers and hot dogs on the go and also the (skiving barbecuer) barman John Finch who plyed attendees with liquid refreshment.

Congratulations to all those who appeared in the nine finals. The results were as follows:

- * Mens Singles - Winner: Tony Eccleston. Runner Up: Graham Hollway.
- * Ladies Singles - Winner: Jane Hodge. Runner Up: Sarah Wells.
- * Mens Doubles - Winners: Graham Hollway & Chris Barker. Runners Up: Dave Teasdale & John Davis
- * Ladies Doubles - Winners: Kathy Hunt & Terri Mason. Runners Up: Mo Mathews & Colette Thomson.
- * Mixed Doubles - Winners: Graham & Anne Hollway. Runners Up: Bert Bodfish & Julie Williamson.
- * Mens Veterans Doubles - Winners: Graham Hollway & Chris Barker. Runners Up: Dave Teasdale & John Davis
- * Mixed Doubles Plate - Winners Bert Bodfish & Julie Williamson. Runners Up: Steve Ray & Pauline Morris.
- * Mens Singles Plate - Winner: Simon Lynn. Runner Up: Mike Jones.
- * Ladies Singles Plate - Winner: Rachel Finch. Runner Up: Rosalia Eccleston.

Photos of the winners can be seen on the club noticeboard and also on the website at <http://hamptontennis.org.uk>

Senior Committee

NEW! - Mini-Tennis Match Play

Calling all junior players aged 6 - 10 years. Here is your chance to use the skills you have worked hard to achieve during your many hours of tennis coaching - come and play some matches with your friends. All standards welcomed, just bring your enthusiasm!

The mini-tennis match play sessions will be held every Monday during term time from 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm, starting 9 September 2002. Cost £2.50 on a pay as you play basis.

Junior Committee

Junior Tennis Group Coaching Sessions

The sessions recommence on Friday 6 September and Saturday 7 September. Look forward to seeing you again! (Application form available on the web site)

Junior Committee

Web-Watch

Welcome to the Hampton Hockey Club on the web - arriving shortly. We are all very pleased to see another section from the club doing things on the web and wish them all the best in promoting hockey (and our club as where to belong to play it) in the coming months as the hockey season kicks off in earnest. Ably developed by Ian and Stewart Herbert, the site is due to be officially release live during September 2002. At that time, you will be able to go to <http://hamptonhockey.org.uk> and dive straight in. We've seen early previews of what is going on and are convinced, as we were with the tennis site, that this will greatly improve communication with members as well as laying the cornerstones for the an upcoming whole-club web site. Well done lads - come on squash, racketball and football: lets make it a full house up there!

If any of you members have any ideas for the future development of our web site, just email support@hamptontennis.org.uk - we are always keen to get new ideas. Also, if you have any more decent action photos of our players that we can use to develop the look and feel of our site, let me know and we can see how we can best use them.

STOP PRESS Squash/racketball now have a (co-opted?) nominee to handle getting their web-site up and operational - welcome Jeremy (Horgan): looking forward to seeing what you do.

John Cable

All This and Hockey Too!

Calling all Junior Tennis members! Why not play hockey too?

Did you know that 17 of our 56 junior tennis members are also members of the junior hockey section? What about the other 39 of you? New members of ALL standards are always welcome.

If you would like some winter exercise between 9.30am and 11.00am on Sundays throughout the winter why not come along to the new Astroturf pitch at Arden School in Station Road, Knowle at 9.30am on Sunday September 8th and/or September 15th for the first training sessions of the season. A typical programme for the season will mean that about 10 Sunday morning games are played against other local clubs with other Sundays devoted to coaching sessions. All ages from 7 to 16 and all standards from complete beginners are welcome. If you have a hockey stick, some shin pads, a pair of tennis shoes and a gum shield, then please bring these along with you. Don't worry if you do not have any of these items as the equipment and advice on where to acquire equipment can be provided at the first session. If you cannot make the first sessions, then please give Ian Herbert a call on 0121 707 9008 or 07939 134959 to check out the programme for the following Sundays.

Chester Barnes

Dates for the Diary (Autumn/Winter 2002)

Exhibition of the Airport Expansion Plans - Saturday September 7th from 10am to 1pm at the Church Hall. Caroline Spelman will attend for the last 30 minutes.

Church Fete - Saturday September 14th from 2pm to 5pm in the garden of the Vicarage.

Davis Cup GB v Thailand - Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September at the NIA. Ticket Hotline 0870 908 3040.

Blues is the news! - Saturday October 19th for the next blues evening with "Union 706" from 7.30pm in the Clubhouse. Ticket Hotline 442488 (Peter & Pauline Morris)

Hampton Arts and Crafts - Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October from 10am in Fentham Hall.

Tennis Club AGM - Wednesday November 6th from 7.30pm in the Clubhouse.

Tennis Club Annual Dinner - Friday December 6th from 7.30pm at a venue to be arranged.

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