



Hampton-In-Arden Sports Club (Tennis Section) The Court Circular - Issue 5



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Chairman's Welcome

Welcome to this, my first season as Chairman. I hope it will be an enjoyable one for everyone.

Once again, I would like to thank Phil McCracken, our departing chairman, for his achievements over the past 5 years for the tennis club. During his chairmanship we have seen the tennis membership grow then stabilise; we have resurfaced our 3 outdoor hard courts; we have increased our participation in local tennis leagues (5 teams entered in 2001/2002) and acquitted ourselves well in friendly matches with other local clubs. Tennis members have also been active social members of the Sports Club, participating in events as varied as trips to London shows and local functions such as the Hampton Summer Ball.

We are also sad to be losing Malcolm Brumwell as Secretary, who in various guises has served the tennis Club for 22 years. A huge thank you to him for his tireless contributions and we wish him all the very best in the future. Malcolm hasn't yet escaped entirely - he will be continuing to work in the Committee in his new role as County Liaison and Court Maintenance Officer.

Further thanks to John Cable and Chester Barnes who have both spent time and energy setting up our fledgling web site. Your new Committees (Senior and Junior) will be communicating with you on a frequent basis to let you know what is happening. A key, public way in which we intend to do this is via our new web site (see article later in this circular) as well as improving the quality and timeliness of material we place on the Sports Club notice boards.

I hope we can all help make this coming season a season to remember!

Sarah Wells

Club AGM Wednesday 17 April, 2002

The 2002 Annual General Meeting of Hampton-In-Arden Sports Club is to be held on Wednesday 17 April, 2002 at the clubhouse. The session starts at 7.30 p.m. and members from all sections are welcome to attend.

Chris Barnes

Help!

Your Junior Committee are looking for an additional member of their Committee to organise the Junior League matches. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Ro Eccleston (Hampton 442913)

Junior Committee

Team Captains

If you would like to join the Tennis Club teams, please contact the following:

Mens 1st:	John Davis	0121 733 1312	Ladies 1st:	Mo Matthews	01676 542386
Mens 2nd:	Malcolm Brumwell	0121 246 2911	Ladies 2nd:	Coralie Hammond	01675 442144
Mens 3rd:	Nick Hone	01676-522880			

The Committee

Play Tennis Day, Saturday 4 May, 2002

An opportunity for everyone, young and not-so-young members and non-members alike, to come along to the tennis club and play tennis. There will be a variety of activities during the day so please invite your friends along.

Weather permitting, a barbecue will run from 12:00 midday to feed the hungry. Further details will be made available nearer the time on our web site and club noticeboard.

Ro Eccleston/Steve Ray

Subscriptions Due!

It's that time of year again! Your membership subscriptions for the 2002/2003 season are due for payment on 1 April, 2002. The rates are confirmed on your renewal form distributed with your Court Circular. As normal, discounts are offered for prompt payment. Please send your completed application/renewal form and payment to Mo Matthews, "Witsend", 16 Spring Hill, New Arley, Coventry CV7 8FE

Steve Ray

Senior Club Tournaments

The entry form for this years club tournaments is enclosed with your Court Circular. A singles plate competition is included this year for all first-round losers in the singles competitions. We hope that this will encourage more of you to put your best singles foot forward this year! If you would like to enter, please complete the form and return it to:

Mo Matthews, "Witsend", 16 Spring Hill, New Arley, Coventry CV7 8FE

to reach her no later than Sunday 7 April, 2002. The current club champions for you to lay down the gauntlet to are:

Mens Singles - Daniel Eccleston

Ladies Singles - Jane Hodge

Mens Doubles - Graham Hollway/Daniel Eccleston

Team Coaching and Practice Evenings

To assist in our preparations for the 2002 season, practice sessions have been organised for all regular/occasional team players. These sessions will run as follows:

LADIES

Monday 18 March, and

Monday 25 March

both from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. at the club.

Coaching at these sessions will be provided by Alan Cutts. Monday evenings in April will also be used for further ladies team training.

If you are a regular or occasional ladies team member, please try and attend.

<p>Ladies Doubles - Kathy Hunt/Teresa Mason</p> <p>Mixed Doubles - Graham/Anne Hollway</p> <p>Mixed Doubles Plate - Steve Ray/Sarah Wells</p> <p>Veterans Doubles - Graham Hollway/John Davis</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Senior Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MENS</p> <p>Regular and occasional men's team players are invited to attend practice sessions available on all Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7.30 p.m. during April 2002.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sarah Wells</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">www.hamptontennis.org.uk</p> <p>The new Hampton Tennis Club web site is publicly available from Monday 18 March, 2002. Type</p> <p style="text-align: center;">//hamptontennis.org.uk/</p> <p>as the address to go and see it. The site has a public area and a members area which is only accessible via a password (which you can apply for on the site). The members area contains detailed information about the membership, minutes of Annual General Meetings, policy and advice documents, annual report and accounts and it also controls access to club email facilities. As we intend to make use, where possible, of email to improve communications with you, we have asked for an email address on your membership renewal/application forms this year. For those members who do not have access to a computer we will make sure that copies of the more important pieces of information are posted on the tennis club noticeboard in the Sports Club clubhouse.</p> <p>The Committee intend to maintain and develop this web site as time goes on and will keep you aware of all developments in the Court Circular</p> <p>If you have any suggestions for the development of your site, please use the feedback form on the site to tell us all about your ideas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Senior Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quiz Evening - Friday 26 April, 2002</p> <p>Hosted as usual in the Hampton Sports Club clubhouse, this popular annual event kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Teams of from 4 to 6 players are welcome but MUST be registered in advance. Please contact Julie Williamson (Hampton 442758) to register your team: entry costs £6 per player and includes a hot supper. Everyone is welcome to take part - members and non-members. Last years winning team included Phil McCracken who will no doubt be keen to retain his title this year (now he has spare time on his hands after doffing his Chairmanship duties!).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mo Matthews</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Singles Leagues</p> <p>We are hoping to start Singles Leagues after Easter and this will be open to all adult members and junior team players. Each league will last for one month and players will aim to play everyone else in their league. Depending on response we would aim to have 4 players per league providing 3 matches each month. Matches will consist of 2 short sets and results would be entered on a scoreboard. Scores will then be assessed and players move up, down or remain where they are depending on performance! If you would like to join the leagues please indicate on your membership application/renewal form or put your name down on the list in the Clubhouse before 7 April, 2002.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Don't delay this is your ideal start to the Tennis season!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jane Hodge</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Court Maintenance</p> <p>Our courts need to look their best for the coming season. Anyone who wishes to help should come along on Saturday 20 April from 2.00 p.m. to Hampton-In-Arden Sports Club. We intend to clear up weeds and pathways and any other tidying up we can do in the time. Bring any useful tools along. We intend to finish at about 5.00 p.m. and bacon butties will be distributed to the workers!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Malcolm Brumwell</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friendly Games</p> <p>Friendly games are being organised for the 2002 season to run over the period 6 April to 14 September, 2002. In that period we hope to have finalised 20 games at home and away against a number of local clubs. We are keen that as many members as possible participate in these games, especially those members who do not normally play for the club league teams. These games are exactly what they say they are, "Friendly", and a good opportunity of meeting other tennis players from other clubs. All abilities take part and it really is a very pleasant way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Watch the web site and the club noticeboard for full details - confirmed details should be available by mid-March, 2002.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sarah Wells</p>	

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