

HEMINGFORDS TENNIS

Spring newsletter of the Hemingfords Lawn Tennis Club

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Time to play tennis!

Keep up to date about the club by regularly visiting

WWW.HLTCLUB.NET

Season 2024:

There is a huge amount planned for the club this year including a new logo, a new coach and coaching structure, a new surface & floodlights and a new ladies tournament.

This newsletter contains some information about the season to come (as well as last season) but please keep an eye on the website and other channels (see inside!)

We hope to see you on court soon.

*“Its going to
be an exciting
year for the
club”*





CLUB SESSIONS

Adult club sessions will once again be held on Thursdays from 6pm & Sundays from 2pm. The first summer Sunday session will be March 31st at 2.00pm and evening session at 6:00pm on Thursday 4th.

There is also an adult club session Tuesday mornings (9:30 – 11:30) on two courts.

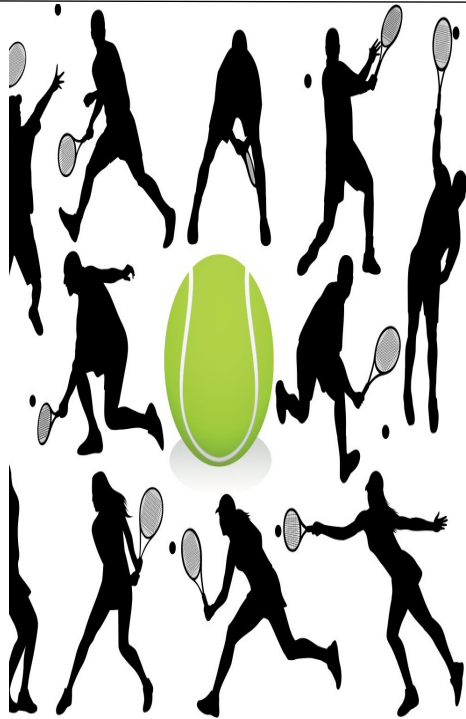
COURT USE / BOOKING

From 1st April 2024 we will be introducing a booking system for the courts. To book a court, go to this link and sign in with your LTA account:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HemingfordsLawnTennisClub/Booking>
Bookings are in 30 min slots. Currently you can only book 7 days in advance, a maximum of 2 sessions and a maximum of 2 hours each. However, you can turn up and play at any time if the courts are free. This is obviously a new venture for us, so please bear with us if any teething problems arise.

We will continue to use the webcam overlooking all three courts should you want to gauge use before coming down on the off chance.

However, remember that booked courts take precedence and you must leave the court for someone that has booked. The webcam can be found on the Gallery page of the club website (www.hltclub.net/gallery).



COACHING

Junior coaching will once again be on Saturday mornings from 10:00. From this year we are having to charge for coaching but are reducing the Junior membership fee: Sessions will be £3 a week for members or £30 for all 15 sessions. £5 for non members or £50 for all 15 sessions. Reductions available for Family memberships.

Full details can be found on the Junior Coaching section of our website (www.hltclub.net/junior-coaching).

We are also intending to run adult coaching sessions this year on a Monday evening and will send out more details on this in the coming weeks.

For health and safety reasons we will also be restricting coaching sessions on our courts to club approved LTA Level 2 coaches. If you would like confirmation of who this is, or would like to book some coaching, please contact coaching@HemingfordsTennis.org.uk

FACEBOOK

The club now has a Facebook page. This will keep you updated with all club news, events and information. Follow us at:

[Facebook.com/HemingfordsLawnTennisClub](https://www.facebook.com/HemingfordsLawnTennisClub)



MEMBERSHIP SHOE TAGS

Once again we have shoe tags for all paid up members. These are in 2 colours to signify full (dark green) & off-peak (light green) membership. (Still waiting for them so cant show correct image!)

In order to ensure fair usage of the courts please be vigilant of anyone not wearing a shoe tag.



NEW SURFACE AND FLOODLIGHTS

After 15 years of faithful use the court surfaces now need to be replaced. Over the last 12 months the committee have been discussing this with a number of suppliers, selecting the best replacement (which is actually a modern equivalent of the current carpet) and receiving quotes. We have now picked a preferred supplier and are working on the funding of the project.

Alongside this we have been working on the installation of floodlights. This project is now ready to go but due to the impact to the club we have decided to tie the projects together.

It is therefore our intention to start the work in the middle of September subject to project installation plans being rigorously tested and final funds in place. We will send out more information over the summer. As and when we know more.



VISITORS

Visitors may play with any member for a fee of £3 per visitor per visit. There are envelopes in the clubhouse in which to put the visitors fee (or payment can be made to the club bank account with a reference of the members and guests names). Three visits by one guest is permitted before a full subscription should be paid.



SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

All members and families of the tennis club are members of the Sports & Social Club. Do use and support this facility.

There is a shower in the disabled toilet in the pavilion available for our use (accessible through the main door of the Pavilion).

You will see on this year's membership form that we are asking for your permission to include you on their mailing list so that you are kept up to date with everything that is happening at the Pavilion.

DOUBLES LEAGUES

Following on from the successful trial of our new doubles leagues last year, this will be replacing our Fast4 Singles leagues this year. These will be starting in April. Previous participants will be emailed shortly but if you would like to join in please email Jon Rabbett as soon as possible at JonR@HemingfordsTennis.org.uk



SPRING CLEAN

This year, we will be holding our traditional Spring Clean on Saturday 13th April, from 9:30 until about 12:00 (if its wet we will rearrange it for Sunday 14th April).

If you would like to join us please contact us at info@hemingfordstennis.org.uk



Spring Clean Up



CLUB LOGO

You may have noticed on the front page of this newsletter that we now have a club logo.

As well as using it wherever possible and splashing it around the club, we are going to use it on a range of clothing.

We intend to have a range of ladies and men's playing shirts and towels with the logo embroidered . We will soon have samples for you to look at. More details will follow soon. Once we gauge the interest the range may also increase.

We also intend to give away t-shirts free to juniors signing up to the 15 weeks of coaching sessions. More details on this at the coaching sessions.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due on April 1st ...see full details on the attached membership form.

With so much going on at the club this year, we would really appreciate it if you could pay your subs as soon as possible ([there is also an incentive to do so!](#))



INFORMATION

PLEASE WATCH FOR E-MAILS (CHECK YOUR SPAM FOLDER!), THE WEBSITE (WWW.HLTCLUB.NET), OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND CLUB NOTICEBOARDS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON ANY TOPIC PLEASE SPEAK TO ANY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS DURING ANY CLUB SESSION OR EMAIL



2023 CLUB TROPHIES

Thomas Cup	Harrison Kemp
Mike Hale Cup	Fraser Cook & Howie Pether
Primett Cup	Kate Leonard & Matt Pluke
Stella Trophy	Piero Giannone & Vernon Reuter
Marshall Cup (Juniors)	Oscar Watkins
Allington Cup	Sarah-Jane Hilton & Chris Young
Bergen Trophy (Ladies Rose Bowl)	Lin Bell & Babs Moore
Player of the Year	Sarah-Jane Hilton
Most Improved Player	Richard White
Winter Shield (Club Trophy)	Dean Neaves



2023 TEAM LEAGUE RESULTS

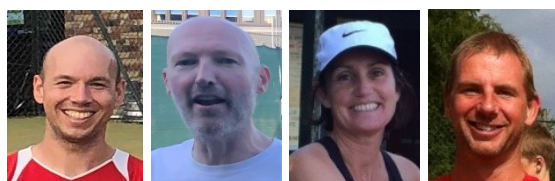
Mixed A team finished 7th in Division 1 and are demoted
 Mixed B team finished bottom in Division 2 and are demoted
 Mixed C team finished 4th in Division 4

Ladies A team finished bottom in Division 1 and are demoted
 Ladies B team finished 2nd in Division 4 and are promoted

Mens A team finished 5th in Division 1
 Mens B team finished bottom in Division 1 and are demoted
 Mens C team finished 5th in Division 3

COMMITTEE

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COURT USAGE



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
	Adult club 1-2 courts 9.30 – 11:30				Junior Coaching 3 courts 10:00 – 12:30	Adult club 1-3 courts 14:00 – 18:00
Potential Adult coaching 3 courts 18:00 – 20:00 from 4 th May	Potentially Adult matches 2 courts 18:00 – 21:00 from 26 th April	Potentially Adult matches 2 courts 18:00 – 21:00 from 26 th April	Adult club session 3 courts 18:00 – 21:00	Potentially Adult matches 2 courts 18:00 – 21:00 from 26 th April		

The table above will alter due to coaching, events and matches, please check notice boards, website, Facebook and Booking System for up to date information.

HEMINGFORDS TENNIS CLUB CALENDAR DATES 2024

(Please watch clubhouse notice boards, Facebook and emails for additions & alterations to this list)

Adult Club Play	Thursdays 6.00pm, Sundays 2.00pm and Tuesdays 9:30am (two courts)
Adult Matches	May use 2 courts on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday from 6.00pm – see fixture list on website and club notice board
Coaching	See emails, club website (www.hltclub.net) and Facebook for details and dates
Juniors Coaching	Saturday mornings—See club website (www.hltclub.net) for dates

MARCH

Sunday 31st 2:00 First Sunday Afternoon Club Session of the Summer

APRIL

Thursday 4th 6:00 First Thursday Evening Club Session of the Summer

Saturday 13th 10:00 Spring clean

Friday 26th 6:15 League Mixed away matches start

Saturday 27th 10:00 – 12:00 Junior coaching Open Day

MAY

Saturday 4th 10:00 – 12:00 Junior Coaching starts

Sunday 12th 2:00 **Primett Cup.** Mixed Doubles Draw for partner

Tuesday 14th 6:15 League Mixed home matches start

Saturday 18th 2.00 **Mike Hale Cup.** Men's Doubles. Draw for partner

Saturday 25th 2:00 Ladies doubles tournament (Details to be announced)

JUNE

Saturday 15th 2.00 **Stella Tournament.** Informal Doubles. Partner draw.

Monday 24th 6:15 League Mens and Ladies matches start

JULY

Saturday 20th 2:00 **Thomas Cup** Men's singles

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1st 2:00 **Allington Trophy.** Mixed Doubles. Arrange your own partner.

Saturday 7th 10.00 - 12.30 **Bergen Trophy.** Ladies Doubles. Draw for partner

OCTOBER

Saturday 5th 6:30 Club End of Season Dinner

Wednesday 16th 7:30 **AGM** Chris Page Room, Hemingford Pavilion

SUBSCRIPTION FORM 2024 (Due April 1st 2024)

Membership Type	Annual Cost	Paid Pre 1/5/24	Number Required	Total Cost
Family (2 adults + children/students)	£300	£280		£
Adult	£150	£140		£
Off Peak *	£75	£70		£
Student (School year 12 to Further education)	£70	£70		£
Junior (Up to and including year 11)	£35	£35		£
Parent/Carer (to play with junior member only)	£20	£20		£
Key (to courts and clubhouse)	£5	£5		£
TOTAL Subscriptions				£

* Note; Off Peak membership allows use of the courts any weekday (excluding bank holidays) up to 15:30

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH for Junior members only	EMAIL
Adult 1:	XXXXXXXXXX	
Adult 2:	XXXXXXXXXX	
Off Peak Adult 1:	XXXXXXXXXX	
Off Peak Adult 2:	XXXXXXXXXX	
Junior / Student 1:		
Junior / Student 2:		
Junior / Student 3:		
Parent / Carer 1:	XXXXXXXXXX	
Parent / Carer 2:	XXXXXXXXXX	
Address:		
Telephone:		
If new to the club, how did you come to know about us?		

If possible, please complete this form online at: www.hltclub.net/membership2-1

Please pay online: Sort code 30 94 47, Account No. 01097509, quoting HLTC & your family name

*If you are unable to complete this form or pay online, please send this form together with a cheque payable to "Hemingfords Lawn Tennis Club" to:
Chris Young, 12 Langley Way, Hemingford Grey PE28 9DB*

If you are unable to renew your membership this season, please return your key to Chris Young at the above address or another committee member. Thank you.

Please tick this box if you would like to be added to the Tennis Club's mailing list and be kept up to date with all that is happening at the Tennis Club, such as when courts are in use, upcoming events and (in recent times) when the courts are closed!

Please tick this box if you would like to be added to the Pavilion mailing list. Membership of the Tennis club also includes Membership of the Hemingford Pavilion. Being on their mailing list will allow you to be kept up to date with all that is happening at the Pavilion, including events promotions and activities, as well as bar opening times.

In both of the above cases your contact details will not be shared further than the organization you agree to hear from.

Please regularly check the junk / spam folder of your email inbox, as since these are mass mailouts they may be marked as potentially harmful until you mark them as acceptable.