

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Spring is finally with us. After a winter when it didn't stop raining for a month, snow then covered the courts, after which the courts were frosty and unplayable and all of the rest of the time it was blowing a gale.

I am looking forward to playing a lot more tennis, on warm, sunny days when you don't have to wear four layers, and light evenings when you don't struggle to see the ball.

I am also looking forward to the visit from our friends in Dordrecht at the end of May and the new format club tournament in June. The over 45 and over 60 mixed will both be played on single days later in the Summer, I hope a lot of you will enter what should be really fun days.

I also hope to see more of you on Wednesday evenings. This session from 6.30pm is open to all standards of play. Above all keep well and enjoy your tennis.

Jeff Gedge



WEDNESDAY EVENING MATCHED-ABILITY DOUBLES PLAY

For those who prefer doubles, matched-ability mix in doubles runs on a Wednesday evening and is run by our Chairman Jeff Gedge. Whilst all abilities are welcome, Jeff organises the games to try to ensure players are put on court with others of a similar ability so all get competitive games. Play starts promptly at 6:30pm and players are then swapped around every half hour at 7pm and 7.30pm.

The committee hope these both add to our club programme by offering the opportunity for more competitive mix-in sessions along with our already well attended general mix-in sessions.

NEW SATURDAY SINGLES SESSIONS

We're just about to run our very first Club afternoon specifically for Singles Play starting on Saturday March 11th.

Aimed at our members who enjoy singles play and feel comfortable playing singles for 2 hours, this will take place every other Saturday between 4:00 and 6:00pm. The session will be organised by one of our coaches, and structured so that players of a similar standard can have a fun tournament at least once a month. There will be 10 bookable spots available for each session so that play can be continuous on the top five courts, and we will email out when booking is live for each session. The session is restricted to Amherst members only (no guests) and is free to attend.

For players in the box leagues, the alternate Saturdays at the same time would be a great opportunity to play one of your matches through the season.

DORDRECHT VISIT

In 2017 Amherst Tennis Club revived the town twinning tennis tournament with Dordrecht Tennis club in Holland. In the 1970s and 80s it was a really big event with many players coming over from their club to play over a weekend and then they reciprocated in Holland.

This year is our turn to host Dordrecht Tennis Club at Amherst and the dates have been set as Friday 26 - Sunday 28 May (2 nights). The players will arrive late afternoon and join in the Friday evening social play then we will run an inter-club tournament on the Saturday afternoon. Depending on their travel plans they may also play on the Sunday morning too.

Let's all try and make it a weekend to remember and show them a real Amherst welcome!!!!



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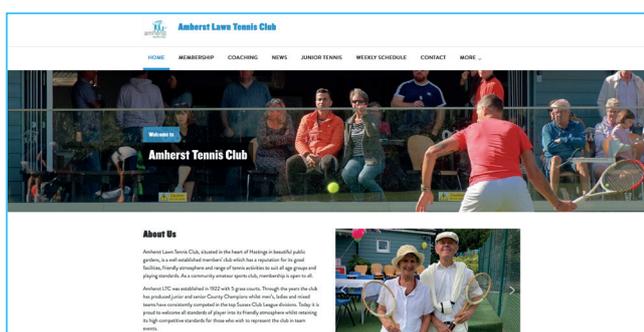
Monday 12th June - Saturday 24th June

This year we will be trialling a new format for Amherst's annual Championships. All matches for the Men's and Ladies Singles, Men's and Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles will be played during the fortnight, with the Finals being held on Saturday 24th June. Matches will be played at the weekend and on weekday evenings (or during the day by mutual agreement of those taking part in each match) Mixed Vets and Supervets doubles will be held in a separate event later in the year.

We are hoping that by having a Championship fortnight it will be more social, inclusive and lots of fun! With many of the matches being played in the evenings it

would be great even if you're not playing to come along and enjoy good company, the lovely summer evenings and the competitive matches on show. The bar will be open!!

We would love as many of you to take part as possible so save the dates and look out for the signing up sheets which will be on the notice boards from the 8th until 21st May. (Entrants will potentially have the option to state 2 days/evenings when they won't be available where there is flexibility in the schedule to do so, but must be available to play on all other evenings if required.



FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

We are putting more effort in to keeping our website and Facebook page up to date and also have a new Instagram page. If you have any good images you think might be good to feature please send them to: phil@vitalcreativdesign.com.

If you don't already please like/follow the links below:



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www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/AmherstTennisClub

SUNDAYS JUNIOR CLUB

It's been good to see some more of our juniors taking the opportunity to practise the matchplay skills they are learning in coaching sessions and for the different ages and standards to help each other out on Sundays - go to amherstcoaching.co.uk to find out more and do come along if you haven't already.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22/04/23
Mark Cunnington pop quiz



10/04/23
Adult charity tournament

26/05/23

Dordrecht visit

12/06/23 - 24/06/23

Amherst annual club tournament

29/04/23 - 21/05/23

Hastings champs, various formats