

# Caversham Park Tennis Club

## Newsletter Issue No. 24



Dear Member

For those of you who are full adult playing members, tomorrow is an exciting day in the context of this summer - we finally get to resume mix-in club sessions (albeit in a modified form to comply with government and LTA COVID-19 secure guidance).

In short, the temporary new format of these sessions entails two main concepts: playing mini-sets of 4 games (followed by a tiebreak if scores are level) and then winners up, losers down (and partners splitting up). Precise details can be found on the website (NEWS page). We're hoping that this format might alleviate the problem of long waits where there are odd numbers (and late arrivals) during the session. Clearly, much of this is toe-in the-water stuff and we'll review things after a few sessions.

Please be aware that you should send an email to the club account ([cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk](mailto:cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk)) in advance of attending any given club session. (The LTA guidance stipulates that the club should keep a temporary record of all those on site for 21 days, and assist NHS Test and Trace with requests for that data if needed.) We advise you to bring hand sanitiser for use between mini-sets.

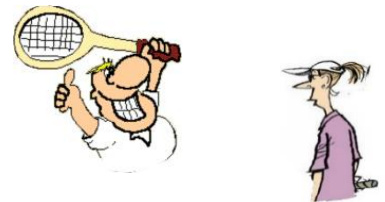
Taylor Swift once said: "I second-guess and overthink and rethink every single thing that I do." I kind of relate to that. And I've had a bit of an over-rethink about the mix-in sessions on Wednesday mornings. We typically get between 15 and 20 people interested in playing on a Wednesday morning, so I think having only 3 courts available makes running a mix-in session unviable - we could have too many players turning up randomly without a court to play on... so, the plan now is to continue to do pre-booked managed sessions on Wednesdays just as we have been doing. (Or, it could be, to quote another Swift - Jonathan Swift - perhaps I'm on a mission "to vex the world!" ☺☺. But, joking apart, we must remember that the virus has certainly not gone away and it's imperative that we stay on our guard and continue to respect social distancing and good hygiene measures.

Take care, stay safe and enjoy your tennis.

Dave Winship (Editor)

*"Safety measures may get old, but then so do those who adhere to them."*

### MIKE AND MIRIAM



*Mike, Miriam and Helen arrive at the courts for a club night...*

*Miriam:* The club needs a new secretary. Neil's moving to London in August and we need someone to take over.

*Helen:* Don't look at me. Having a young family makes it impossible these days. Have you asked Bernice?

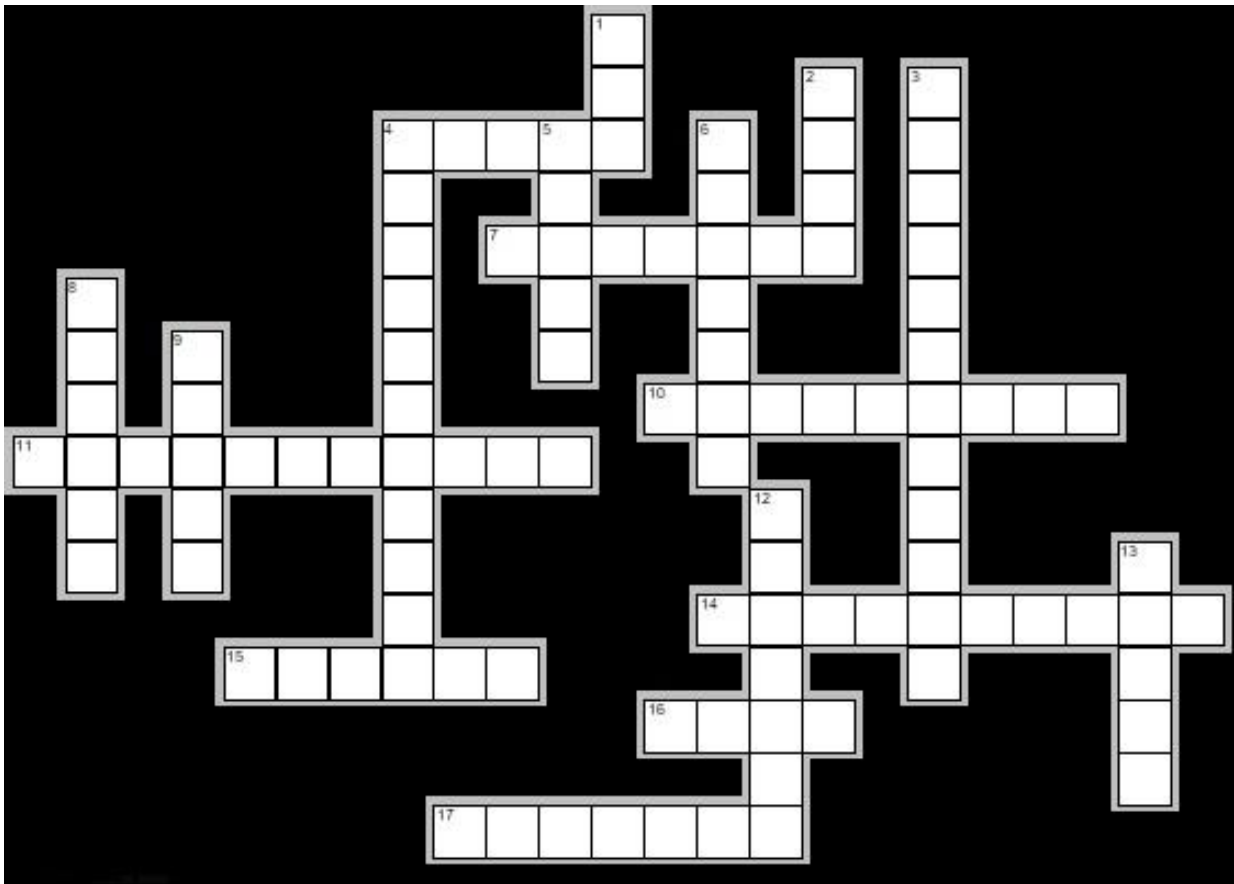
*Miriam:* Yes... she's in the same situation as you. Looking after three kids takes up all her time. And one more on the way. What about you, Mike? You haven't got any family commitments.

*Mike:* [talking on his mobile phone] Hello? Is that the Adoption Service?



## Crossword puzzle

This week, the theme is pop music with a (rather tenuous) connection to tennis. Print this page and test your knowledge! Please suggest a theme for next month's puzzle.



### Across

- 1960s Beach Boys' song, 'Little \_\_\_ Coupe'
- 'Smash Into You' appeared on her third studio album
- Shares her (professional) surname with Fred (4,5)
- They released 'Sultans of Swing' in 1978 (4,7)
- Michael Jackson hit (6,4)
- Chuck Berry song, also a Lleyton Hewitt catchphrase (4,2)
- Mark Morrison recorded 'Return of the \_\_\_' in 1996
- "The \_\_\_ of Wimbledon Common are we!"

### Down

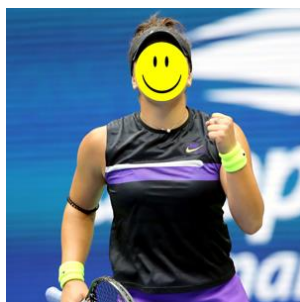
- 'Don't Turn Around' was a 80s hit for Swedish group \_\_\_ of Base
- 'All You Need Is \_\_\_' according to the Beatles
- '\_\_\_ Freedom', Elton John song about Billie Jean King
- 'You Spin Me Round (Like a Record)', hit for \_\_\_ in 1985 (4,2,5)
- British rock band who sang 'Anyone for Tennis?'
- 'Hit Me with Your Best Shot', hit for Pat \_\_\_
- Buble and Sinatra both recorded 'I've Got the World on a \_\_\_'
- They had a hit in 1984 with 'I Want to Break Free'
- Spin Doctors 1993 hit 'Two \_\_\_'
- 'Nobody's \_\_\_', Marianne Faithful song



## Mystery Players

Can you identify these US Open champions?

A



B



C



D



Answers to last month's mystery players quiz: **A** Eugenie Bouchard, **B** Kevin Anderson, **C** Sabine Lisicki, **D** Natalie Tauziat, **E** Sabine Lisicki, **F** Marin Cilic, **G** Garbine Muguruza, **H** Ivan Lendl



## Members who joined during July:

Welcome!

Asad Ahmed, Joseph Burke, Samuel Carlisle, Julie Collins, Keith Collins, Bartu Demir Ersoz, Sam Escott, Caley Gardiner, Vanessa Gardiner, James Hodgson, Pete Hodgson, Matt Hooper, Nate Hooper, Catherine Hunter, Nilufar Ismailova, Nick Kearey, Richard Mulcahy, Duncan Munro, Jonathan Smith, Alexander Tatnall, Jack Taylor, Natalia Trossero, Henry Withrington, Toby Worrall-Thompson, Jez Willis, Hortence Yagmur, Rose Yagmur.



## Shorts



CPTC members dominated Group 3 of the Reading Tennis League as Round 42 drew to a close. Congratulations to Bogdan, who finished top, and Vas, who was runner up. Alan Noble secured second place in Group 4 just ahead of Chris Hatton. Ezequiel and Vicky notched 3 wins apiece in Groups 5 and 6 respectively.



The committee is looking to replace the rotting timber railway sleepers surrounding the club's flower beds. We're looking for quotes to replace with similar or maybe brick (depending on cost). If you can recommend someone with regards to this, it would be really helpful. Please let us know through the club email account.



The LTA will be carrying out essential (ClubSpark) maintenance between 06.00 on Sunday 2 August and 11.00 on Monday 3 August. Unfortunately, during this time, it may not be possible to log in to the booking module on the website.



The following items of lost property have been collected from the courts recently: a blue Adidas tracksuit top (age 9-10) and a black hoodie (age 7-8). Please email the club ([cayparktennisclub@aol.co.uk](mailto:cayparktennisclub@aol.co.uk)) to arrange collection.

Please check the NEWS tab on the [website](#) regularly.



## **This week's cryptic puzzle**

Little 7-year-old Maddie is attending her very first tennis lesson at the club. She makes her way onto Court 1 and the coach hand-feeds her a ball. She takes a swing at it and it travels at least 12 feet away from her.... and then, without rebounding off anything else, it comes all the way back to her! How is this possible?

Please send your solution by email to [cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk](mailto:cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk). You could win a tube of tennis balls or a bottle of wine!

And now for the answer to last week's puzzle (*gunslinger hangs his hat, walks 500 yards with his eyes closed, turns around and shoots a hole in the hat with his eyes still shut. How did he do this?*)... he had hung the hat on the barrel of his gun! Congratulations once again to Celine, who won a bottle of wine.