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EDGBASTON ARCHERY
& LAWN TENNIS SOCIETY
THE OLDEST LAWN TENNIS CLUB IN THE WORLD

WELCOME to your monthly e-newsletter
- keeping you up to date with team
results, club news, and upcoming events.

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Club news

Grass Courts

The summer season is officially upon us with the opening of our flagship grass courts last week! Special thanks to our grounds contractor and the HGV team for their care and maintenance over the long winter months.

We are privileged to be one of the very few clubs in the region to enjoy dedicated grass courts. With a picturesque setting overlooking Birmingham Botanical Gardens, you couldn't ask for a better place to while away a sunny weekend afternoon.

For those unfamiliar with playing on grass, and as a general reminder to members, we have a few ground rules to help keep the courts in the best condition possible:



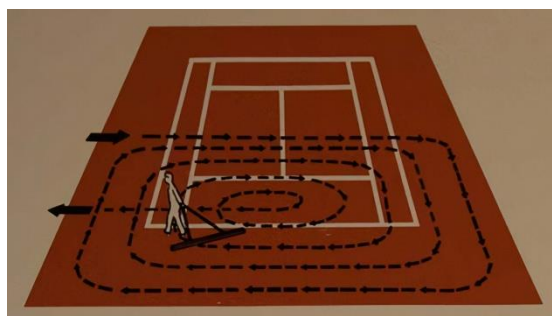
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- The surface playability is entirely weather dependent, so please keep a close eye on the forecast
- You **must not** play on the courts if they are wet (i.e. if it is raining, has rained earlier, or has lingering dew). It damages the surface and any moisture renders the court dangerously slippery - you can easily injure yourself
- Please wear only flat-soled tennis shoes (i.e. no aggressive tread patterns or sharp edges)
- If you notice that you are marking or damaging the courts in any way, please stop playing on them



Clay Court Maintenance



The clay courts are playing well after their recent refurbishment. To keep them in top condition, please could all members remember to brush the clay courts after play. The best method is to brush them in a circular motion from the outside inwards (rather than from side-to-side). Brushing must include the **whole** court up to the fence to keep the moss at bay.

Astro Court Maintenance

Courts 7 & 8 are due to be re-sanded during the week commencing Monday 16th May. Please be aware that this will take at least three days.

All-weather court upgrades

Work to upgrade Courts 11 & 12 to all-weather hard courts is due to start at the beginning of June. This forms part of the Society's long-term Development Plan to increase the number of playable courts over the winter months.

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Open Day: Saturday 14th May

We are hosting an LTA Big Tennis Weekends event on 14th May. If you have any friends or family members who might be interested in picking up a racket, do encourage them to come along and have a go! There are still some FREE spaces left on the Junior Coaching and Cardio Tennis sessions



**LTA
BIG TENNIS
WEEKEND**

Try tennis for **FREE** on
Saturday 14th May 11am-1pm
Venue: Edgbaston Archery & Lawn Tennis
Society, Westbourne Road, B15 3TR
Book online: www.ealts.net

- FREE PLAY!
- ADULT COACHING!
- JUNIOR COACHING!
- CARDIO TENNIS!

The Lawrence Family Court



We are delighted to confirm that Court 8 (one of the new Astros) has been unveiled as “The Lawrence Family Court” thanks to the generous sponsorship of Jennie Lawrence. Jennie is a longstanding member of the Society and her whole family have happy memories of membership. Her



children, Penny, Andrew and Stephanie learned to play at the club. Andrew went on to be Men’s Captain in the 1990s and together with his wife Laura (both pictured left) swept the board in the Club Singles and Doubles Championships in 1991. As a club, we take pride in our community and we are very grateful for the continued support of our members who have been part of the tennis family for many years.

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Bar opening times

- Monday – closed
- Tuesday – after social tennis (guide time 8.30-10pm)
- Wednesday - after social tennis (guide time 8.30-10pm)
- Thursday - (guide time 8.30-10pm)
- Friday – (guide time 7.30-9pm)
- Saturdays - 9.30am-1pm
- Sundays – 2-5pm



Bar volunteers needed

We are still looking for bar staff to help out on evenings and weekends (opening times above) and for occasional one-off events. No experience required - all training will be given. There is no expectation for volunteers to sign up to a regular commitment. Please contact the Bar Steward, Jenny Morton, to express your interest: jennymorton23@gmail.com.

Playing guidelines

Please refer to the [website](#) for the latest guidelines for booking and play.

Visitor fees

Members are welcome to bring visitors to the club. There is no limit as to the number of guests per year, but any one person can only visit three times. Visitors are allowed Monday-Friday until 4pm and anytime weekends. For insurance reasons, all visitors need to be signed in by a member. The sign-in book is located just inside the front door of the clubhouse (access is permitted for this purpose during weekdays). A visitor fee of £5 (adult) or £3 (junior) is [payable in advance](#).

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Tennis news

Warwickshire Winter League Mixed Champions!



Congratulations to our Mixed 1st Team: Tom Barton & Holly Reid, Dan Money & Nicole Metje, who beat Streetly in a very close-fought battle at Edgbaston Priory on Saturday 23rd April. Well done, team! (Pictured left with Team Captain Hazel Coop.)

Top of the World (again!)

Congratulations to Archery Head Coach Tom Barton, who rose to the top of the ITF 30+ Men's Doubles Rankings at the beginning of April. With his partner Tom Wride, Tom won the Men's Doubles in the prestigious Rafa Nadal Seniors' Championship in Mallorca.



Tour Success

Congratulations to Archery coach Holly Reid, who played her first British singles tour event for ten years and made the semi-finals, beating the World No. 472 in the quarters!

Archery Doubles Championships



The club played host to a successful Ladies' and Gentlemen's Doubles Tournament on Saturday 16th April. Congratulations to the winners: Nicole Metje & Lynne Benson, and Neil Glasspool & Tom Rutter, pictured with tournament organiser Maggie Lindsay.

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Club Singles Championships

Entries are now open for the 2022 Archery Singles Championships! This year's tournament will be run with the following format which will culminate with finals being played on Sunday 11th September 2022.

- Knockout tournaments with play-by deadlines with entries split on ability/team position.
 - Men's tournament A for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th team players
 - Men's tournament B for 5th, 6th team and social players
 - Ladies' tournament A for 1st, 2nd team players
 - Ladies' tournament B for 3rd team and social players
- Players to be seeded by competition committee
- The tournament is open to all playing members aged 14+ (or by recommendation from the coaching team)
- If an adult member is drawn against an opponent under 18, all communications should be conducted via the latter's parents/ guardians
- Players eligible for tournament B are welcome to enter tournament A instead if they so wish, please indicate this on your tournament entry
- Matches will be best of 3 sets. First 2 sets to 4 games with tie breaks at 3-3 (tie break first to 5 points), if required the 3rd set will be a tie break first to 7 points
- There will be consolation plate competitions if you lose your first-round match
- It is up to both players to agree a date for the match. If one of the players does not make a reasonable attempt to play within the time limit, they will be forfeited and their opponent put through to the next round. If any issues arise please contact the tournament referee
- Please try to arrange matches with sufficient time prior to the deadline to allow for rearrangements in case of bad weather/unforeseen circumstances

The referee's decision on any issue will be final. Entries close on 8th May.

Contact: Tom Sinton 07952 265020 or tjsinton@googlemail.com.

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League Results: March 2022

Ladies					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Sat 5 th	Helen Cole Winter League Div B	Home	Sutton Coldfield 1	Holly Reid & Emma Kings, Hazel Coop & Jane Wilton	L 3 - 5
Men					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Sun 6 th	1st - Warks Winter League Div 1	Away	Streetly	Oliver Craven & Tom Holland, Jordan Fendick & Lloyd Rickard	L 1 - 7
Sat 12 th	1st - Warks Winter League Div 1	Home	Edgbaston Priory	Euan Forbes & Tom Judd, Lloyd Rickard & Jordan Fendick	D 4 - 4
Sun 13 th	2nd - Warks Winter League Div 2	Away	West Warwicks	Adam Cerkeliunas & Dave Busst, Ethan Calder & Tom Finch	L 3 - 5
Sat 19 th	1st - Warks Winter League Div 1	Home	Moseley	Ross Fendick & Dave Busst, Neil Glasspool & Will Smith	L 2 - 6
Sun 20 th	2nd - Warks Winter League Div 2	Home	Birmingham Medics	Dave Busst & Tom Rutter, Ethan Calder & Prasanna Sivakumar	W 6 - 2
Mixed					
Date	Team	Venue	Opposition	Players	Result
Sat 5 th	2nd - Warks Winter League Div 2	Away	Beechcroft	Nicole Metje & Tom Sinton, Danielle Harvey & Neil Glasspool	W 7 - 1
Th 17 th	3rd - Warks Winter League Div 2	Away	Birmingham Medics	Laura Quinn & John Brennan, Lynne Benson & Martin Murray	W 8 - 0
Sat 26 th	3rd - Warks Winter League Div 2	Home	Beechcroft	Jane Wilton & Siva Renganathan, Oana Burcu & Shri Pathmakanthan	W 6 - 2

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And the winners are....

100 Club Results: March 2022

1st Prize - £50:

- No. 22 – Gemma Fenton

Runners-up - tube of tennis balls:

- No. 62 – David Wride
- No. 84 – Neil Glasspool
- No. 31 – Vic Lyttle

Winners will be contacted by Sue in the usual way.

The EA<S 100 Club is a monthly draw with a prize of £50 and several tubes of tennis balls up for grabs for the lucky winners. If you would like to participate, it is very simple to join:

- Contact Sue Chopra at choprasc@aol.com or 07751 334153
- Pick a number between 1-90 and Sue will advise if it is free/ available
- The number(s) will then be allocated to you and entered into future draws

The cost is only £3 per number per month (£36 for the year).

You can either make an annual one-off online payment, or set up a monthly standing order to cover your number until the end of the year, whichever is more convenient for you.

All monies, after payout of prizes, go towards the Club's Development fund.

Join now to be in with a chance of winning £50!

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Upcoming events

The monthly club calendar (including team fixtures, organised group sessions and coaching timetable) can be accessed on the [website](#) under the events tab.

~~Saturday 14th May~~

~~Games Afternoon~~

Unfortunately, the Games Afternoon scheduled for 14th May has been cancelled.

Sunday 22nd May: Social Mix In

2pm-5pm

A special mix in to coincide with the unveiling of the Broadhead Family Court (details on separate email to follow).

Sunday 10th July 2022: Wimbledon Mix-In

2pm-5pm

A special afternoon of Social Tennis to coincide with the 2022 Wimbledon Men's Singles Final, with strawberries & tea!

28th July – 8th August 2022

Commonwealth Games Barbeque Evenings

A series of BBQs held in conjunction with key events in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games – dates tbc

Saturday 17th September 2022: Curry & Karaoke Evening

October 2022 (date tbc): Archery Autumn Quiz

Saturday 6th November 2022 (time tbc): Bonfire & Fireworks Evening

December 2022 (date tbc): Festive Cocktail Evening

For further information on joining the book club or other social events, please contact Veronica on evhartmann@blueyonder.co.uk or 07881 747819

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Easyfundraising update

Easyfundraising: support our club while shopping online

If you are a regular online shopper, please do consider signing up to Easyfundraising to help support our club and raise funds. Easyfundraising works in tandem with over 3,300 big name retailers, such as Amazon, Sainsbury's, Argos, John Lewis, M&S and Booking.com.

It's very easy to sign up and support our cause; here's how:

- Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/edgbastonalts/>
- Click on Support this cause
- Create an account, either by using Facebook or email
- Enter your personal details and then Create my account
- Proceed to shop via Easyfundraising website or App.
- Almost there.... why not add the donation reminder to ensure that you get a prompt every time you go onto a retailer's site who will donate money to the club.

As of Saturday 30th April, we have raised £406.25 and have 25 supporters!!

Got something to share?

If you have any exciting news or updates to share with the club and members, please do not hesitate to contact us at ealtscommunications@gmail.com with your content and we will be more than happy to add to our next newsletter.

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