

HADDINGTON TENNIS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

A note from our chairman



It has been great to see our membership increasing, despite (or possibly because of) the pandemic. We now have a record high of over 280 members, including many junior members and family members. A major factor in this is undoubtedly the

outstanding junior and adult coaching programme provided by Jonathan Simpson – many thanks, Jonathan. With the increased number of families in the club, Sunday mornings family sessions are now underway and you can read more about this later in the newsletter.

Last year we were not able to have an Open Day, but on Saturday 26 June we had a very successful event. The weather in the morning was very unpromising, but it started to clear as we set everything up. Attendance was excellent, and it was great to see so many children

enjoying themselves. A big thank you to everyone who assisted in making this such a successful event, especially those who worked so hard to organise the day and those of you who provided and served the food (I stuffed myself!).

A new club initiative that has recently started is our singles box leagues. Five leagues with five players per league (one has six players) have been set-up, with each player playing everyone in their league once in a two month period. At the end of the league, the top two players are promoted to the next league and the bottom two move down. Alan Caldwell has nobly agreed to administer the leagues, so anyone wishing to join the next round, starting 1 September, please contact Alan at alancaldwell73@btinternet.com. Players of all abilities (and all ages) are very welcome to join.

Ewen Macpherson



Coaching, coaching and more coaching

As the demand for coaching grows, I've been giving thought as to how I can help meet the increased demand for coaching and, in order to make this work, I've decided to drop a couple days of coaching in Edinburgh to have more time to dedicate to the coaching in Haddington. As a result, I am able to now offer additional junior coaching on a Monday from 3:30pm - 7pm and I hope to add more coaching sessions in the future. To continue growing the junior programme I will be starting a new junior competition structure in the new term including an internal ladder for the 11+ and competition dates throughout the year.

The Road to Wimbledon

"I really enjoyed playing against players, who I didn't know and who were older than me in the Road to Wimbledon competition. It was exciting to do something new". Kyla

"I loved the opportunity to play against older more experienced boys and can't wait to play in the tournament again next year". Angus

The Road to Wimbledon Championship that we held at the club for U14s in June was a fantastic day. We had 16 juniors taking part and the weather was great. This Championship is the biggest junior tournament in British tennis and gives all 14U players the opportunity to progress through to compete on the world famous grass courts at Wimbledon. Our club winners, Kyla Hynd and Angus Bailey (pictured) took part in the Nationals in Edinburgh last month – although they didn't progress to the finals at Wimbledon, it was a great experience for them both.

Thanks to everyone for their support during the past year.

Jonathan Simpson

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HTC Open Day on 26 June 2021



The Road to Wimbledon Championships in June 2021



News roundup

Interested in joining our family tennis sessions?

A group of family club members (parent and child) have started to play tennis on Sunday mornings. They would like to establish a platform for a fixed session. In addition, this will also provide an opportunity for families to arrange games amongst themselves at alternative times, communicating via an HTC WhatsApp group. HTC balls and equipment, including mini nets, will be available for these sessions.

If you would be interested in joining these family sessions please email: htcmembership@btinternet.com.

Our courts

Each year the club sets aside £6,000 for our court refurbishment fund (this was a condition stipulated by the Council when the courts were rebuilt). Our courts were recently inspected by Sportex (who build the courts) and the good news is that they were found to be in fairly good condition and only require a clean and repaint, currently scheduled for April 2022. A full resurfacing of the courts hopefully will not be required for another 5-7 years or so and the committee will be budgeting accordingly to cover this cost. We have also just replaced two of our old nets with new ones, and will replace the other two in the next year.

Court Etiquette

At this time of the year the courts are busier than usual. It's therefore a good time to re-familiarise - or familiarise - ourselves with court etiquette, especially now that we have a growing number of younger people on court. Let's lead by example.

- When waiting to come onto the courts, please keep noise levels to a minimum
- Do not walk behind a court during an active point. Pass as quickly as possible after the point has finished
- Ranting and raving should be kept to a minimum
- If there is a dispute over a line call or the score, settle it as quickly and quietly as possible
- The opponents' base line can be difficult to see and therefore each side must decide if the balls on their side are in our out. It is at their discretion whether or not to allow a let.
- If your ball goes onto a neighbouring court, wait for a break in play in their game before retrieving it
- Good sportsmanship when you lose a point/game/match.
- Finally, and most importantly, no bad language

Box League Participants

Remember to send your scores to our box league administrator, [Alan Caldwell](#).

It's advantage tennis players when it comes to living longer

Top tennis players can expect to live ten years longer than the average Briton, researchers have found (Source: International Longevity Centre UK).

Seeking Jonathan Thorne

On 28 June, £40 was paid into the HTC bank account in the name of Jonathan Thorne. It's unclear what this amount is for. If anyone can shed light on this matter, please contact our Treasurer, Brian, at htctreasurer@aol.com

Lost property

There are a number of clothing items currently 'unclaimed'. If you think they may belong to you please email: htcmembership@btinternet.com.



Win a Gannon Sports water bottle

All you have to do is answer one simple question: **Who won this year's mixed doubles at Wimbledon?**

The first two names drawn from the hat will each win a water bottle. Send your entry to

htcmembership@btinternet.com by cob Wednesday, 1 September. (Competition is open to HTC members only).

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HTC Facebook

Our Haddington Tennis Club Facebook page is there for all our members. It would be great to get hear your stories and see any pictures that would be of interest to other members. Remember to share our page with your friends and family.



HTC WhatsApp group

Keep in touch with what's going on. If you'd like to join the group, send your details to htcmembership@btinternet.com

Easyfunding

By ordering goods online via our [HTC easyfundraising page](#), you'll be helping to raise funds for our programme of coaching for all local schoolchildren, with particular emphasis on children who are dis-advantaged. To-date, 23 members have helped to raise a potential £260.00. Thank you for your support.

Useful links:

www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HaddingtonTennisClub

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If you have any suggestions regarding what you'd like to hear about in our newsletters, drop a note to htcmembership@btinternet.com.