

HAMBLEDEN TENNIS CLUB

AUTUMN 2021 NEWSLETTER

There's so much to tell you– from fun tournaments to car parking arrangements, a club logo competition to our new assistant coach. Read on.....

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club's **AGM** will be held on Wednesday 10 November at 8pm in the Sports & Social Club. Please do come along and have your say – it is your Club. Your first drink is on the Club!



Please note that from 1 November, the **field car park** will be closed. It will reopen again on 1 March. This is to avoid damage to the ground during the Winter months.



We are doing our bit for the environment and **recycling** our used tennis balls. Please place worn out balls in the recycling bin on Court 3 behind the Rebo Wall (if your dog has chewed them, we cannot accept them!)

PAVILION CODE

The **Pavilion code** changes on approximately a two-month basis for security reasons. Please keep an eye out for new codes in emails.

LOOKING FORWARD

- **Timing of Club sessions** – now that the evenings are drawing in, the Wednesday Club session has moved to a 1400 start. The Sunday morning Club session continues to start at 1030.
- There is now a **Mens practice session** after the Sunday Club session, starting at 1200. Watch out for emails on this; if you are interested in coming along, please email Phil de Ayala (phildeayala@gmail.com)



The annual **Ladies Christmas tournament** will be on 10 December starting at 0930. Please watch out for emails and texts about this from Ness Hill. Christmas hats are essential!

- The **Club Christmas social session** with mulled wine and mince pies will be on Sunday 12 December from 1030.



As we start to think about Christmas (yes - only 8 weeks to go!) we hope you might consider signing up to Easy Fundraising (<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>) and select **Hambleden Pavilion & Sports Club** as your chosen cause. It doesn't cost you a penny and Easy Fundraising donate money to the Pavilion Fund with every purchase you make.



The Committee are exploring the possibility of Tennis Club hoodies and t-shirts. As part of this work, we need a **Club logo**. So, are there any budding artists or designers in our

membership who would like to suggest a logo design? Anyone can enter – simply sketch, or draw your design ideas and send them to hambledenltc@gmail.com. Closing date is **31 December 2021**. If there are enough entries, we will choose the top three and ask members to vote. The winner will get **a prize**.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSISTANT COACH

We are delighted to welcome **Vaz Caramb**, who is working with our Head Coach, Chris Marshall. Vaz is a Level 2 coach and keen to help you improve your tennis. He can be contacted on 07805 378986 or via email: vascad2@gmail.com.

Chris Marshall, our Head Coach, continues to work incredibly hard for our club – look out for his latest newsletter arriving in your inbox shortly. There are some fun tournaments coming up!

We would also like to welcome **Phil de Ayala** to the Committee. Its always good to have new Committee members so please do get in touch if you are interested in joining us. We meet once a month and find a glass of wine and some nibbles goes down a treat!



We would particularly like to get some help with promoting the Club to a wider audience. Is there anyone who could assist us with this? Please email hambledenltc@gmail.com if you can help.

Summer Review

Despite the weather, we have all enjoyed some great tennis this Summer.

The Ladies took their tennis very seriously and played their Summer tournament dressed in their best pyjamas!



The August Bank Holiday BBQ was fantastic with 16 players and 20 enjoying the BBQ afterwards. It was lovely to catch up with Jenny Sanderson who came along to watch.



The Ladies teams have performed well in their divisions: the Bucks Summer League was a very high standard and this allowed the squad to develop their game well. So well that they then won the Oxfordshire midweek league! Well done all!

Our Head Coach, Chris Marshall, organised a great tournament in early October with 15 players of all ages joining in. Really good tennis and wonderful sunshine – what more could we ask?



We hope everyone continues to keep safe and well this Winter – come along and join in the tennis – it'd be great to see you!

Nikki Erna Heather Caroline Ness & Phil