



WELCOME TO ISSUE 15 OF THE HASLINGFIELD LAWN TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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TOURNAMENT FINALS



Merissa Lim and Tessa Davies



Diana D'Arcy & Isabel Robinson
Jo Underhill & Tessa Davies



Andy Smith and Ashley Brown

Our first "Finals Day" in many years, held on Sunday 6th October, was a great success, despite the day dawning to torrential rain. We were able to play three of the five finals, and the small group of spectators enjoyed watching some high quality tennis. Congratulations to our Champions, and commiserations to the runners-up:

Ladies' Singles: **Merissa Lim** beat Tessa Davies 6-3, 6-2

Men's Singles: **Andy Smith** beat Ashley Brown 6-0, 2-6, 6-3

Ladies' Doubles: **Isabel Robinson & Diana D'Arcy** beat Tessa Davies & Jo Underhill 6-1, 6-4

SOCIAL v FELIXSTOWE LTC 22nd SEPTEMBER

On a lovely late summer's day 14 players from Haslingfield went to Felixstowe LTC for a day of social tennis organised by Paul Bonnington. Felixstowe LTC is a delightful tennis club, with 9 grass courts, 9 floodlit courts and a view of the sea from the Victorian clubhouse. We played 3 rounds of 8 games in glorious sunshine, then retired to the clubhouse for a sumptuous buffet lunch.

Players were carefully matched so everyone had challenging-but-enjoyable tennis, and the Felixstowe players were very friendly.

We all hope to repeat the fixture again next year!



Paul Bonnington and Felixstowe's Sean Crean, currently the Number 1 ranked over-45 years player in GB



Louise Luck and Gail Rutherford

DIARY

1st February

Safari Supper

SOCIAL TENNIS

There are plenty of opportunities for you to come along to the courts to play social tennis with fellow members. For older members, why not try the **Active Over-50s** on Monday afternoons? This social group play convivial, no-pressure tennis and welcome newcomers. Contact Jenny Gore jjgore52@btinternet.com.

Sunday morning: 10:30am—1:00pm

Wednesday evening: 7:00pm—9:30pm

Active Over 50s: Mondays 2:00pm—3:00pm

THE APHRODITE HILLS CYPRUS CUP 2020

During a very productive inspection visit to The Aphrodite Hills resort, Cyprus for my new tennis venture Serve And Volley Travel, I was invited by resident Senior Coaching Pro Wyn Lewis to field a Haslingfield LTC team for The Aphrodite Hills Cyprus Cup 2020. I'm very keen to support the international doubles team event which will take place in this outstanding resort from 18th – 22nd March 2020.

Further details on this can be obtained by emailing me: paulbonnington16@hotmail.com —Paul



CAMBRIDGESHIRE FESTIVAL OF TENNIS

The 9 years & under team and 12 years & under Haslingfield LTC teams came second place whilst the 8 years & under team and 14 years and under teams came third place at the Cambridgeshire Festival of Tennis event held in the final week of August at Cambridge LTC. All of the teams played really well against experienced players from most of the biggest clubs in Cambridgeshire including Cambridge LTC, Cocks and Hens LTC, David Lloyd Cambridge and Huntingdon LTC. All that played – Zach Smith, Oscar Hoyle, Joshua Britton, Jack Short, Zach Winslow, George Woodard, Alistair Artaman, Lara O'Reilly, Sam Winslow and Ben Robinson – should be very proud of the way they represented the Club. —Paul

PAUL'S TOP TIP

Next time you're out there on court, make a mental check of the 3 R's:

(1) Ready – are you in the ready position when receiving any ball? Make sure you have flexed knees, a straight back and weight on the balls of your feet.

(2) Read – are you reading or tracking the ball off your opponents strings early enough? If done correctly an early tracking of the ball flight will impact on footwork and preparation for the incoming ball.

(3) React – be quick but don't rush. The first 2 R's will put you in a position to be able to react in good time with early preparation which has a big impact on your thought process for shot selection.

MINI TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Four junior club members took part in the Titan Tennis Mini Red tournament at Burwell on Sept 28th.

Joshua Britton, Jack Short, Penelope Aeberhard and Eliza Sandhurst played against four other teams.

It was the first time Penelope and Eliza have participated at such a tournament. They both enjoyed it despite never having played with the soft sponge balls before, which were harder to serve with!

The team did very well, with the boys winning all their matches, and they were awarded with Bronze Medals in third place overall. —Lindsay



Joshua Britton, Penelope Aeberhard, Eliza Sandhurst, Jack Short

LTA CAMBS LEAGUES

The Summer Leagues ended with Haslingfield showing remarkable consistency across our three Mixed teams—they all came 3rd in their respective divisions (Div 5, 8 and 9 respectively).

In the Winter League all our Ladies' and Mixed teams are currently in 1st or 2nd place in their divisions. This is particularly pleasing for our new Winter League teams, Ladies' 3 and Mixed 3.

New team player Edel McDermott currently has an unbeaten record playing for HLTC—she has played 24 games, won 24! Pete Morrison provided some assistance in achieving that! And Robert has reported that two other new team players, Danny Beddard (playing for the Club again after going to University) and Matt Mickelson, were the heroes of a recent Men's 3 match against Gt. Shelford. With the match heading for a draw, Danny and Matt's final set went to a tiebreak at 10.00pm, with Danny's blistering shot winning the set 9-7 and the match 5-3!

<u>Team</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Current Position</u>
Ladies' 1	4	2nd
Ladies' 2	6	2nd
Ladies' 3	7	2nd
Men's 1	3	3rd
Men's 2	6	4th
Men's 3	8	5th
Mixed 1	2	2nd
Mixed 2	5	1st
Mixed 3	6	1st

LTA SUMMER LEAGUE MIXED RESULTS

Standings of Mixed Doubles - MIXED DIVISION 5

	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 Huntingdon Mixed 1	10	5	5-0	35-5	87.5%	230-102	69.3%
2 Culford Mixed 1	6	5	3-2	22-18	55.0%	175-171	50.6%
3 Haslingfield Mixed 1	5	5	3-3	22-18	55.0%	189-165	53.4%
4 Gransdens Mixed 1	5	5	3-3	18-22	45.0%	162-178	47.6%
5 Cocks & Hens Mixed 1	3	5	3-5	14-26	35.0%	156-202	43.6%
6 Orwell Mixed 1	1	5	1-5	9-31	22.5%	121-215	36.0%

Standings of Mixed Doubles - MIXED DIVISION 8

	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 David Lloyd Mixed 5	10	5	5-0	33-7	82.5%	217-128	62.9%
2 Milton Mixed 1	6	5	4-3	24-16	60.0%	187-155	54.7%
3 Haslingfield Mixed 2	6	5	4-3	20-20	50.0%	198-170	53.8%
4 Cambridge Mixed 6	5	5	3-3	19-21	47.5%	166-176	48.5%
5 Ely Mixed 2	2	5	1-4	17-23	42.5%	156-196	44.3%
6 Fulbourn Mixed 1	1	5	1-5	7-33	17.5%	126-225	35.9%
7 Foston Mixed 1	0	0	0-0	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%

Standings of Mixed Doubles - MIXED DIVISION 9

	Points Played		Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 St Neots Mixed 3	9	6	5-2	36 - 12	75.0%	254 - 128	66.5%
2 Histon Mixed 3	9	6	5-2	30 - 18	62.5%	229 - 188	54.9%
3 Haslingfield Mixed 3	8	6	5-3	26 - 22	54.2%	224 - 192	53.8%
4 Cambridge Mixed 7	5	6	3-4	22 - 26	45.8%	178 - 211	45.8%
5 Steeple Morden Mixed 1	5	6	4-5	21 - 27	43.8%	200 - 223	47.3%
6 Gt Shelford Mixed 5	5	6	3-4	19 - 29	39.6%	186 - 234	44.3%
7 Cottenham Mixed 1	1	6	1-6	14 - 34	29.2%	154 - 249	38.2%