



WELCOME TO ISSUE 16 OF THE HASLINGFIELD LAWN TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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SIX TROPHIES IN 2019!

In 2019 HLTC surpassed its previous best by winning no fewer than **SIX** trophies in the Cambs LTA Summer and Winter Leagues. Last year we got a Special Achievement Award from the LTA for winning five trophies. This year it's no longer surprising that HLTC teams come top of the divisions they play in! To put this into perspective, only two clubs, David Lloyd and Saffron Walden, won more trophies than us this year. Our trophy-winning teams are:



Winter 2018

Men's 1: Division 4

Mixed 2: Division 6

Vet's 1: Division 6

Summer 2019

Ladies' 1: Division 5

Ladies' 2: Division 7

Men's 3: Division 11



SUMMER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The remaining Finals of the Summer Tournaments have now been played. Our new Men's Doubles champions are Martin Reade & Rudi Winslow, and the Mixed Doubles was won by Diana D'Arcy & Stephen Richardson. The full results are:

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

Men's Doubles: **Martin Reade & Rudi Winslow** beat Ashley Brown & Max Phillips 7-6 6-3

Mixed Doubles: **Diana D'Arcy & Stephen Richardson** beat Claire Wynne & Andy Wynne 6-2 6-1

TROPHY COUNT

Here we celebrate the times HLTC have come top of a division in the Cambs LTA Summer & Winter Leagues

So far this year:



2018/19



2017/18



2016/17



2015/16



2014/15



2013/14



Martin Reade, Rudi Winslow, Ashley Brown, Max Phillips

DIARY

21st March

AGM and Quiz

4th April

Safari Supper

10th May

Opening Event

UPCOMING EVENTS

AGM & Quiz, Saturday 21st March, Little Rose

Please come along to our AGM, starting at 7pm. There will be a Quiz afterwards, starting at 8pm. You don't have to attend the AGM to take part in the Quiz!

Tickets for the Quiz are £7.50/head and include a "tennis tea" a.k.a. sandwiches and chips! Minimum team size 4, maximum 6 and we'll be happy to match you with others if you would like to join in. As this is a fundraising event we will also be holding a raffle for which all donations are much appreciated. To register, please contact Gail on gail_rutherford@hotmail.com.

Safari Supper. Saturday 4th April

This is one of the highlights of the Club's social calendar. Enjoy a 5 course dinner, with each course in a different house and with different people! Please contact Lawrence Hopkins for further details and to register. £10/person.

Opening Event, Sunday 10th May

Please reserve the date... further information later!

JUNIOR'S TENNIS

Haslingfield LTC's involvement in the Cambridgeshire LTA Performance Pathway

This will be the fifth year that the Club and I have been fully involved in the Cambridgeshire LTA Performance Pathway. Essentially HLTC are one of ten clubs in the county that consistently produce teams for all year round Mini Tennis Team Challenge events and the august Cambridgeshire Festival tournament as well as nominating players for County Fun Days which lead to County Training selection and County team selection.

HLTC's mini tennis players have enjoyed consistent success in County Team Challenge events, rivalling the achievements of much bigger clubs like Cambridge LTC and David Lloyd Cambridge over the last few years. HLTC's strong junior coaching structure and player support is central to the Club's ongoing development and excellent working relationship with Cambridgeshire LTA.

If you would like further details on any of the mini-tennis team challenge (8,9 + 10 years and under events) and other junior events like the annual Road To Wimbledon and Cambridgeshire Festival of Tennis please email me at: paulbonnington16@hotmail.com.

PAUL'S TOP TIP

Try to set yourself realistic goals within your capabilities related to specific areas of your game. For example, one goal might be to develop a consistent slice backhand to use from the back of the court and also when approaching the net. Try to think of a step-by-step sequence of what is required from a technical (grip, racket take back preparation - angle of racket face, follow through etc) and tactical point of view (being clear on when to play the shot during the rally). Then try to work consistently on this area in practice leading to match-play. Ultimately, the key is to be prepared to make errors and lose points in the short-term for long term improvement and gain.

New 16&U Boys Team

This year, for the first time, we are entering a 16&U Boys team in the Cambridgeshire National League. This reflects the increasing strength of our junior players, and gives the boys the opportunity to test themselves against other players while representing their Club. Good luck!

Congratulations to Club Member Penelope

Penelope made her very successful Cambridgeshire playing debut against Suffolk on Saturday 4th January 2020. She won all six of her matches—well done Penelope!



THANK YOU

We would like to express our thanks to the following for their generosity shown to the Club:

Babs and Thomas Hillas for donating their mini-marquee to the Club when they moved to Wales earlier this month.

Jamie Meisner for providing and installing a new lighting unit in the Shed when the old one inconveniently stopped working in the middle of Winter.

New WhatsApp Group for Social Tennis

We have started a WhatsApp group for social tennis. The idea is that you can share that you are planning to play so that anyone thinking of coming along has an idea that there may be enough for a game and is encouraged to turn out. It can be used for both Wednesday and Sunday sessions. To be added to the group, please text Ross on 07843 421244. — Ross Holdgate

Club Social Tennis Times:

Sunday morning: 10:30am—1:00pm

Wednesday evening: 7:00pm—9:30pm



Wednesday evening Club Night, midwinter

Successful Safeguarding Audit

On 5th November the Club's safeguarding procedures were audited by the LTA's Regional Safeguarding Officer, Alan Hodges. Alan was very complimentary about the Club's approach to safeguarding, and we passed the audit. One change we have made, on Alan's advice, is we will no longer use children's surnames in our publications. This will make it harder for potential abusers to identify individuals.

Safeguarding is important as it keeps our child members and any vulnerable adults safe from abuse. If you have any concerns about the safety of yourself or others using the Club's facilities, please contact our **Welfare Officer, Alix Robinson**, by any of these methods:

Email: alix.robinson@btopenworld.com

Phone: 01223 870167

Mobile: 07702 511810

Serve and Volley Travel Tennis Tournaments in Cambridge This Summer

My new business venture Serve And Volley Travel will be running a series of Tie Break (first to 10 points) Tennis tournaments this Summer on excellent Cambridge University college grass courts. The first tournament will be played on the afternoon of Saturday 2nd May from 1:30pm. Other tournaments will follow in June and July.

Mens/Ladies Singles, Mens/Ladies Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Parent/Child (14 years + over) events will be open to all players of any standard across Cambridgeshire and beyond. My aim is to create a more exciting, dynamic and progressive tournament experience which will hopefully attract a more diverse playing community than those of other traditional tournaments. Further confirmed details will follow in the next newsletter. — Paul

Last Chance to Opt-In to the 2020 Wimbledon Ballot

If you want the chance to buy tickets through the Club's ballot to attend Wimbledon this summer, you **MUST** opt-in to the Wimbledon Ballot on the LTA website before Friday 14th February (if you haven't already done so).

To do this, log on to www.lta.org.uk and select the option to OPT-IN to the Wimbledon Ballot. Please don't miss this deadline, it is set by the LTA and not by HLTC, so we don't have any flexibility if you're too late.

If you have any difficulties, please contact Lawrence on lawrence.hopkins@talk21.com.

Consider Joining British Tennis

As a member of HLTC you are entitled to become a Lite Member of British Tennis **free of charge**. Lite membership allows you to take part in the Wimbledon Ballot, and to have an LTA rating.

For £20/year you can upgrade your membership to Team Member, and gain access to many more benefits such as priority tickets for major events, in addition to the benefits of Lite membership.

If you are a Lite or a Team member, please opt-in to the Wimbledon Ballot before 14th February. By opting in you are not committing yourself to anything, but you will be helping the Club to get a bigger allocation of tickets in the ballot, so more of your fellow members will be able to enjoy a day at the Championships this summer. Thank you!

Membership Fees Unchanged Next Year

For the second year running the Committee has decided not to increase our membership fees next year.

Instead, we may need to increase our fund raising activities, so please support these where you can!



LTA CAMBS LEAGUES

WINTER LEAGUE

HLTC teams all performed very well in the Cambs LTA Winter League, with three teams coming top of their division (Ladies' 3, Mixed 1 and Mixed 2), and all the rest coming either 2nd or 3rd. The top two teams in each division are promoted, so next year these teams and Ladies' 1 and Men's 1 will be playing in higher divisions.

Congratulations to everyone who played!

If you would like to play for one of our teams, please contact any of:

Gail Rutherford (Ladies' Captain): gail_rutherford@hotmail.com

Stephen Richardson (Men's Captain): stephenhome66@yahoo.co.uk

Lindsay Sandhurst (Mixed Captain): lsandhurst@gmail.com

The final league placings are given below.

Team	Div	Final Position
Ladies' 1	4	2nd
Ladies' 2	6	3rd
Ladies' 3	7	1st
Men's 1	3	2nd
Men's 2	6	3rd
Men's 3	8	3rd
Mixed 1	2	1st
Mixed 2	5	1st
Mixed 3	6	3rd

LTA WINTER LEAGUE RESULTS

Standings of Men's Doubles - MENS DIVISION 3

	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 Newmarket Mens 1	10	6	6-2	35-13	72.9%	266-200	57.1%
2 Exning Mens 1	8	5	5-2	27-13	67.5%	217-158	57.9%
3 Haslingfield Mens 1	6	5	3-2	26-14	65.0%	200-148	57.5%
4 Cambridge Mens 2	6	6	4-4	23-25	47.9%	212-231	47.9%
5 David Lloyd Mens 3	5	6	3-4	24-24	50.0%	199-191	51.0%
6 St Neots Mens 1	4	6	2-4	16-32	33.3%	210-244	46.3%
7 Royston Mens 3	1	6	1-6	9-39	18.8%	134-266	33.5%

Standings of Men's Doubles - MENS DIVISION 6

	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 Risbygate Mens 1	11	6	6-1	38-10	79.2%	257-96	72.8%
2 Newmarket Mens 2	9	6	5-2	34-14	70.8%	230-147	61.0%
3 Haslingfield Mens 2	9	6	6-3	33-15	68.8%	232-190	55.0%
4 Royston Mens 5	4	6	2-4	21-27	43.8%	196-191	50.6%
5 Fulbourn Mens 1	4	6	2-4	14-34	29.2%	155-239	39.3%
6 Papworth Mens 1	2	6	1-5	13-35	27.1%	143-254	36.0%
7 Saffron Walden Mens 2	1*	6	2-5	15-33	31.3%	160-256	38.5%

Standings of Men's Doubles - MENS DIVISION 8

	Points Played		Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 Longstanton Mens 1	12	7	7-2	41-15	73.2%	291-168	63.4%
2 Cottenham Mens 1	10	7	6-3	37-19	66.1%	261-174	60.0%
3 Haslingfield Mens 3	9	7	6-4	30-26	53.6%	248-230	51.9%
4 Gt Shelford Mens 5	8	7	4-3	35-21	62.5%	273-193	58.6%
5 Girton Mens 1	6	7	4-5	27-29	48.2%	223-245	47.6%
6 Buckden Mens 3	3*	7	3-5	22-34	39.3%	174-258	40.3%
7 Chatteris Mens 4	3	7	3-7	19-37	33.9%	193-264	42.2%
8 Cocks & Hens Mens 3	3	7	2-6	13-43	23.2%	162-293	35.6%

Standings of Women's Doubles - LADIES DIVISION 4

	Points Played		Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 David Lloyd Ladies 4	10	6	6-2	35-13	72.9%	264-157	62.7%
2 Haslingfield Ladies 1	9	6	5-2	33-15	68.8%	251-159	61.2%
3 Cocks & Hens Ladies 1	9	6	5-2	28-20	58.3%	238-209	53.2%
4 Gransdens Ladies 1	8	6	4-2	31-17	64.6%	241-169	58.8%
5 Royston Ladies 3	2	6	1-5	16-32	33.3%	189-251	43.0%
6 Histon Ladies 1	2	6	1-5	14-34	29.2%	158-254	38.3%
7 Papworth Ladies 1	0*	6	1-5	11-37	22.9%	119-261	31.3%

Standings of Women's Doubles - LADIES DIVISION 6

	Points Played		Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 Chatteris Ladies 1	10	5	5-0	35-5	87.5%	226-81	73.6%
2 Great Shelford Ladies 4	7	5	4-2	29-11	72.5%	199-108	64.8%
3 Haslingfield Ladies 2	7	5	4-2	29-11	72.5%	202-120	62.7%
4 Ely Ladies 2	2	5	2-5	11-29	27.5%	122-213	36.4%
5 Gransdens Ladies 2	1*	5	2-4	11-29	27.5%	109-200	35.3%
6 Cocks & Hens Ladies 3	1	5	1-5	5-35	12.5%	91-227	28.6%

Standings of Women's Doubles - LADIES DIVISION 7

	Points Played		Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 Haslingfield Ladies 3	9	5	5-1	30-10	75.0%	224-137	62.0%
2 Buckden Ladies 3	8	5	4-1	28-12	70.0%	207-138	60.0%
3 Great Shelford Ladies 5	5	5	3-3	21-19	52.5%	192-160	54.5%
4 Cottenham Ladies 1	5	5	3-3	17-23	42.5%	154-196	44.0%
5 Meldreth Ladies 1	2	5	1-4	13-27	32.5%	142-210	40.3%
6 Chatteris Ladies 2	1	5	1-5	11-29	27.5%	125-203	38.1%

Standings of Mixed Doubles - MIXED DIVISION 2

	Points Played		Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 Haslingfield Mixed 1	8	5	4-1	25-15	62.5%	187-148	55.8%
2 Saffron Walden Mixed 1	6	5	3-2	26-14	65.0%	184-134	57.9%
3 Exning Mixed 1	6	5	3-2	24-16	60.0%	185-147	55.7%
4 Gt Shelford Mixed 2	6	5	3-2	23-17	57.5%	188-164	53.4%
5 Royston Mixed 2	4	5	2-3	18-22	45.0%	183-195	48.4%
6 St Neots Mixed 2	-2*	5	0-5	4-36	10.0%	93-232	28.6%

Standings of Mixed Doubles - MIXED DIVISION 5

	Points Played		Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 Haslingfield Mixed 2	8	5	4-1	26-14	65.0%	210-129	61.9%
2 Royston Mixed 4	7	5	4-2	24-16	60.0%	200-182	52.4%
3 Cambridge Mixed 2	6	5	4-3	23-17	57.5%	186-168	52.5%
4 Ely Mixed 1	5	5	3-3	20-20	50.0%	176-172	50.6%
5 Gransdens Mixed 2	4	5	2-3	24-16	60.0%	190-169	52.9%
6 Papworth Mixed 1	0	5	0-5	3-37	7.5%	99-241	29.1%

Standings of Mixed Doubles - MIXED DIVISION 6

	Points Played		Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 Ely Mixed 2	8	6	5-3	34-14	70.8%	240-138	63.5%
2 Gt Shelford Mixed 4	8	6	5-3	29-19	60.4%	247-205	54.6%
3 Haslingfield Mixed 3	8	6	4-2	25-23	52.1%	199-179	52.6%
4 Risbygate Mixed 1	7	6	4-3	27-21	56.3%	210-183	53.4%
5 Cottenham Mixed 1	5*	6	4-3	23-25	47.9%	171-226	43.1%
6 St Neots Mixed 3	2	6	1-5	19-29	39.6%	201-220	47.7%
7 Meldreth Mixed 1	2	6	2-6	11-37	22.9%	131-248	34.6%