



WELCOME TO ISSUE 17 OF THE HASLINGFIELD LAWN TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO NEW COACH—RILLA MOLNAR

We are delighted to welcome Rilla Molnar who will now be coaching the Wednesday junior groups on a weekly basis. Rilla is an experienced Level 3 Coach who was previously Head Coach at Comberton Tennis Club and coach at Bourn Sports Club. She is passionate about developing mini, junior and adult players of all abilities. Rilla also has a strong playing background as a former top 10 junior player in Hungary and Division 1 Cambs LTA Ladies doubles league player.

Rilla is also happy to provide private one-to-one coaching sessions. If you are interested, please contact her on 07856 777228.

Kyle is stepping back from group coaching and we thank him for all the work he has done for the Club.



Rilla Molnar

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

The Safari Supper—Saturday 4th April

This is the highlight of the Club's social calendar—don't miss it! 40+ Club members hold dinner parties on the same night, but all the courses are at different houses, with different people. You don't know where your next course will be until the current course is nearly finished. Great fun!

This event is open to members *and* non-members, so why not get a group of friends together? Ideally you will enter in groups of 8, with one course assigned to each pair (Pre-Dinner Drinks, Starters, Main, Dessert). But individuals and couples welcome too.

Entry fee is £10/person (£5/person for those hosting a Main Course). Please contact Gail or Lawrence:

gail_rutherford@hotmail.com
lawrence.hopkins@talk21.com

AGM & Quiz—Saturday 21st March

Please come along to our AGM, starting at 7pm at The Little Rose. New Committee members will be very welcome—please let Robert know if you'd like to join the Committee: rlj6496@aol.com.

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

DIARY

21st March	AGM and Quiz
4th April	Safari Supper
10th May	Opening Event

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



ADULT TENNIS

Club Tournaments—Entries Now Open

You are warmly invited to sign up for this year's Club Tournaments. **Closing date for current members is Friday 27th March.** New members joining the Club will be allowed to join the tournaments before the end of April.

Despite the weather, last year's experiment with a Finals Day was successful, and we will be doing the same this year. Finals Day will be on Sunday 4th October.

As with last year, the Club will provide new balls for each tournament match. Balls will be available in the Club Shed.

Each tournament will be run as a Group stage (1st April to 31st August) followed by Semi-Finals in September. Finals Day will be on Sunday 4th October.

To enter, please contact Lawrence at lawrence.hopkins@talk21.com

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

Active Over Fifties

Monday afternoon: 2:00pm—3:00pm

JUNIOR TENNIS

8 years & under Team Challenge Winners

Joshua, Zach, Josh and Anton represented Haslingfield LTC brilliantly in the 8 years & under Team Challenge event at Burwell on Saturday 1st February. The team were worthy winners and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Joshua, Zach, Josh and Anton

PAUL'S TOP TIP

In singles play, try to concentrate on approaching the net down the line and then putting the volley away with an angled shot across the court. If you approach the net cross court, you often leave too much undefended space. This makes it easier for your opponent to hit the ball past you.

WE RECYCLE BALLS

Did you know we recycle our used balls? Last year we received £50 for 250 balls. Please put all balls that are "no good" in the red "Spent Balls" bin in the shed - and feel free to dispose of your own old tennis balls here too, if you want them to go to a good cause!

COACHING

Group tennis coaching is provided for everyone, not just Club members. Club members are given a period of priority booking before courses are advertised elsewhere and receive a discount of 10%. This year the following sessions will be provided:

Junior Classes

Start on Tuesday 21st April (excluding Half Term)

Tots Tennis (4-6 yrs): 12 sessions £52.80 for non-members, £47.52 for Members.

Juniors (6+): 12 sessions £66 for non-members, £59.40 for Members.

Tuesday: 4:00-4:45pm (Tots Tennis 4-6yrs)

Wednesday: 4:00-5:00pm (8-11 yrs)

5:00-6:00pm (6-10 yrs)

6:00-7:00pm (10-13 yrs)

Friday: 4:00-5:00pm (6-8 yrs)

5:00-6:00pm (12-16 yrs)

Saturday: 9:30-10:30am (7-10 yrs)

Age groups are only a guideline

Adult Classes

Start on Friday 24th April (excluding Half Term)

Coaching: 12 sessions, £84 for non-members, £75.60 for Members.

Friday: 6.30pm -7.30pm (Beginners & Intermediate)

7.30pm - 8.30pm (Beginners & Intermediate)

Easter and Summer Junior Weeks

This year Paul Bonnington will be running an Easter Coaching Week and two Summer Coaching weeks. The price is £55 for the week or £11 per session (Members 10% discount - £49.50 for the week or £9.90 per session).

Easter: Monday 6th April – Friday 10th April

Summer 1: Monday 3rd August – Friday 7th August

Summer 2: Monday 24th August – Friday 28th August

Sessions are: 6 – 8 years: 10:00 – 12:00
9 – 13 years: 13:00 – 15:00