



NEWSLETTER

EVENTS 2021

HERNE BAY TENNIS CLUB

At

HERNE BAY SPORTS HUB

GRAND OPENING DAY

SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST 2021



Message from your Chairman

Welcome to an almost post Covid season when we are optimistic that our “tennis life” can return to normal. We were sorry to see Sunny Dimic Head coach leave the club after such a short time. He returned to Serbia for family reasons. Our drive is to build the junior and younger adult sections to ensure a strong and safe future for our club. Your committee has decided to support Guy Farmer, our current Coaching Instructor. Guy is running the junior term time courses, summer camps and adult beginners courses. He will start his LTA Level 3 coaching qualification in July.

Welcome also to the many new adult members who joined us during the last year. We look forward to seeing you during the coming season. It has been a long and difficult year and our Club Play Social sessions have suffered. I hope that from the start of this new season, all members will support these Social Play sessions that are the mainstay for our club to thrive.

Isobel Warnock

McMillan Coffee morning Friday
10th September

Wine & Wisdom Sat 16th
October

Christmas Party Saturday 11th
December

Christmas fun Tournament
Saturday 18th December

SUMMER HOLIDAY JUNIOR CAMPS

July 26th -30th week 1

August 2nd -6th week 2

LTA Youth Start:

July 26th 27th & 28th.

Application through the website

www.hernebaytennis.co.uk

Covid 19

MARCH 29TH 2021 Play can resume!! We are permitted to play singles; doubles and Club Play Social Sessions may resume. The rule of 6 must be observed with hand hygiene and social distancing at all times. Please review the current rules for play which will be updated on the website as we get closer to reopening.

Access to the clubhouse remains restricted to toilet use or turning on/off the floodlights on a "one person in one out" basis. Please DO NOT fill water bottles or use any of the kitchen facilities and ensure that you continue to bring enough refreshments with you when playing.

The club has invested in a more robust hand sanitizers for members use to promote a safe return to play.

It remains a requirement that you sign the register when you attend club play sessions.

Message from our Club Captain

I look forward to us being able to get back on court for the summer season, finally have a special club opening and work with our coach to help us progress and grow as a club whilst ensuring we maintain our culture and our reputation as a friendly and competitive club within the tennis fraternity.

Kent Tennis is optimistic that they will be able to run a full summer league most likely with a later start to the season. Team members will be kept informed via email as usual.

Peter Elsdon.

World Tennis Number:

A new rating system will be launched this spring to replace the British Tennis rating system. The WTN will be a world wide rating system and will be amended weekly. Kent League matches, club tournament and other matches within the club can count towards this number. Doubles and singles matches will count. Match results must be entered on the LTA Results Manager System. Members holding a British Tennis number will receive an email when the system is launched. It will enable players to team up with another player of a similar standard regardless of gender, worldwide!

This is aimed to support clubs and encourage competition. Training on the system will become available on the LTA website. www.lta.org.uk

Fees for the 2021-22 Season

There has been a small restructuring of our fees, but no increase in cost from 2019-20. This can be viewed on our website. **Fees will become due on the 1st April 2021.** Existing members will receive an email when renewal is due.

£25 from each Adult fee and £5 from each junior fee will now be paid to the Hub. This gives members social membership of The Hub with access to the bar and Pavilion facilities.

We are offering a special package for our 80+year olds who will be contacted personally!

Guest Fees

We have reintroduced a Guest fee of £5 per visit payable either at the time of court booking through the website by the club member, or in the clubhouse where a new letterbox has been sited inside the door on the left for payment. We ask that all guests

Club Governance.

Mission Statement

“To promote the health benefits and enjoyment of the sport of tennis by providing safe, modern, fit for purpose facilities for club members and to give the opportunity for junior and adult beginners, returners to the sport and experienced players to become club members, to play and extend their tennis experience socially, with coaching and through competitive play.”

Like many long established clubs we currently have a simple structure as an Unincorporated Organisation. The LTA is encouraging clubs to take a more formal structure to reduce the liability for members and enable clubs to prosper in this changing world. Your committee has begun to look into our options, assessing the benefit for the club and its members. We have re-written our Constitution which was adopted at the AGM on February 5th 2021 and is now available to read on our website.

We will keep members informed as we move through the process of developing a new structure that will be presented at the AGM in November 2021. If you would like to be involved in this process or have any questions please contact your chairman Isobel Warnock

i-warnock@sky.com

Bonus Ball

The club runs a Bonus Ball scheme to raise funds. Members pay for a number 1 to 59 on a six monthly basis @ £2 per month. The National Lottery Bonus Ball number drawn on the first Saturday of each month denotes our winner. The prize is £59. If you would like to join the scheme please contact Sue Flynn. bssrflynn@gmail.com

Committee News

A huge thank you to Bob Toyne who, after many years service has stood down from the committee.

Welcome to Martin Feakins who has joined us as a valuable link between the committee, parents and juniors as well as being an active adult member.

Maintenance

Our courts were professionally cleaned by ETC under our court maintenance agreement on the 24th Feb and are looking in great condition ready for play to resume. The committee chose the surface, MatchPlay 2, because it is low maintenance, with no brushing required after play. It drains well and can be played on in all weather conditions. The courts will take time to bed in and you may find some uneven bounces for a while. They behave differently with various spins, sitting up with topspin and sliding through with slice. When the surface is damp the balls will slide through quickly and pick up water from the surface. It will take time to determine the best balls for this surface and this may differ from winter to summer. Please try and use all 6 courts evenly to help the bedding in process.

Please make sure you respect these wonderful facilities at all times by keeping the courts, picnic area and clubhouse clean and clear of rubbish. Also the security of our site is dependent on all members taking responsibility for locking the clubhouse, turning off your court lights and ensuring the main gate closes when they leave. The committee would be grateful if members were available to assist with general maintenance such as leaf removal, weed and moss killing of the picnic area and land surrounding the courts when required.

Thanks to members who have volunteered to help with maintenance.

Anne Gibbs will be heading the maintenance team.

Housekeeping!

A Defibrillator has been fixed to the outside wall of the clubhouse facing the tennis courts. We hope that the need to use it never arises. However, should it do so there are clear instructions inside the case.

Clubhouse. Please leave the Clubhouse as you would wish to find it, toilet seats down and wash hand basins clean!

Thanks to the members who volunteered to help with the cleaning. **Helen Lipyeat** will be heading the housekeeping team.

Parking.

The car park is towards the end of Braid Drive after the Care Home on the right. The path leading directly to the tennis club, past the Pavilion, is in the right corner of the car park as you enter. There is no vehicular access to the tennis club. There is a barrier across the entrance to the car park that is kept locked overnight. The code will be given to members on booking a court. Please ensure that you close and lock the barrier if you are the last car to leave the car park at any time of day and lock the padlock back onto the barrier if you have opened it when arriving early. We suggest you bring waterproofs if rain is forecast, as the car park is a distance away!

Reminder

Herne Bay Sports Hub has a **No Smoking** policy throughout the site including the car park. Please respect this.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Danielle Miles (Ladies 1st Team player) and her partner Alex Nunn who gave birth to twin boys Henry and Freddie on our opening day October 19th! You couldn't have timed it better! Two more for our future boys teams!!



SITUATIONS VACANT!

Treasurer

After 32 years as Treasurer for our club, Ian would like to stand down.

If any members are interested in taking over the role of Treasurer please contact your Chairman Isobel Warnock i-warnock@sky.com or Treasurer Ian Cooke david@cooke.org.

Website coordinator

If any member has expertise in website design and construction please contact Isobel Warnock. i-warnock@sky.com who would welcome some expert input!