



CLUB NEWSLETTER 2022

Chairman's Welcome

Welcome to the 2022 tennis season and our invitation to renew your annual membership of Hill & Valley LTC. I am sure you'll agree tennis has played such an important part in retaining a healthy mind and body over the last year and I must offer my thanks to all of you for your support of the club, and to the members of your club committee who do so much to enable our membership to flourish, our events and coaching to proceed with vigour and safety, and our facilities to be well maintained.

I welcome Zarah Barter to the committee as Secretary, we are delighted that she has joined us and she will make a valuable contribution to many aspects of the club. Trish King and Chrissie Kenning retire from the committee and we all thank them for their long and valuable service and their huge contribution to the vigorous life of the club.

We hope you'll see from this newsletter that there's a wide range of tennis activities on offer and something to suit all abilities, age groups and tennis preferences! We are expecting to run a full event programme as well as Ladies and (a resurrected) Men's Team league matches. While we are beginning to accept that Covid will be among us for some time ahead please be aware that our facility is used by a wide range of people in our community, vulnerable and less so. May I remind you to continue with basic hygiene while at the courts with use of hand sanitiser, hand washing and social distancing.

Court Maintenance work April 2022

It has become apparent that the court surface will require repainting this year. This requires a few mild and dry days to complete so unfortunately will impact the busy season of use. The work is planned for April and we will have to close the courts for several days for which I apologise; we will inform you of the dates once fixed with contractors. You will see we have done some severe reductions of the Laurel screening around the courts which has been done to take back the shading effect of the cover which has been slowing court drying time after rain and increases encroachment of moss. Although unattractive at present the green screen will soon be re-established.

Allison Stock Legacy

At the end of 2021, supported by Allison's kind legacy, we updated the floodlights with a LED system. We hope you are enjoying the benefit in terms of improved after dark tennis! How we use the remainder of the legacy has yet to be decided upon and we welcome your ideas; two projects have been raised thus far are: the installation of a practice or 'hitting' wall on one end of one of the courts; and creation of additional spectator seating on the righthand side of the steps going down to the courts. Both would be worthy projects in my view.

Membership subscription 2022

As we discussed and agreed at the club AGM in December there will be a small increase in subs. You may recall there was no increase in subs last year, and we offered a further discount as compensation for lost playing time. The increase is 3% (rounded up or down) which I hope you will find palatable but is a prudent move to ensure both our short term and long term (court re-surfacing etc) costs can be supported given the background effect of cost inflation.

Housing Development adjacent to courts

Sadly, this received Planning in Principle approval by CDC last year; and now awaits a new detailed design submission from Bayhill Property & Centaur Homes. On your behalf, I made a written and spoken contribution to the Planning Committee meeting on 8th December last year. We feel we should take all possible actions to protect the future interests of the club, especially the likelihood of complaints about the use of floodlights and noise from group activities. Conflict seems likely given the boundary of the development is only 5 metres from our court fencing, making noise interference or bonfire or BBQ smoke etc especially problematic. A further joint meeting with the Developer and representatives of the Village Hall and Parish Council are in place to suggest appropriate mitigation measures.

May I thank all our team on the Board, together with the many volunteers who support events and club activities; and our coaches especially David Ayala and Tom Wyman for their unending commitment and patience!

Do make contact with us for any queries or suggestions, and we wish you a wonderful tennis season ahead!

Robert Baker
Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Below is a list of the committee members for 2022, there is a full contact list on the [Website](#). Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any queries.

Robert Baker	Chair	robert.baker@agrii.co.uk
Zarah Barter	Secretary	secretary.hillandvalleyltd@gmail.com
Leila Lodwick	Treasurer	treasurer.hillandvalleyltd@gmail.com
Caroline Baker	Membership Secretary & Website	carolinebaker75@gmail.com
Graham Stock	Facilities, Welfare Officer	grahamstock@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Renewal Subscriptions for 2022 are due by 1st March.

There has been a small increase this year.

Family (inc children in full time education up to the age of 23 on 1 st Jan)	£155
Joint	£141
Individual	£ 71
Student (18-23yrs on 1 st Jan in full time education)	£ 34
Junior Youth (10-17yrs before 1 st Jan)	£ 27
JUNIOR (Under 10yrs before 1 st Jan)	£ 17

If your financial situation has changed in the last year and you would like to remain a member of the club but would struggle to pay the membership fee please do get in touch as we may be able to provide financial assistance.

GUEST FEES

You are very welcome to invite friends to play up to three times a year, however out of respect for the fully paid up membership there is a small charge of £5 per adult over 18 and £2.50 for children under 18. Please notify us that you would like to play with a guest/s by sending an email to hillandvalleyltd@gmail.com

If you have outstanding guest fees from last year please could you arrange payment asap by clicking [here](#).

FLOODLIGHTS

Tokens cost £4.00 for 1 hour's play, and are available from

Chrissie Kenning 01285 720086 07717 460240 chrissiekenning@hotmail.co.uk

Caroline Baker 07733 322176 carolinebaker75@gmail.com

COURTS

The code to the gate keypad is changed every year on 1st March and the new code is provided when members have renewed their membership. Courts may be booked 7 days ahead using the booking page on the website or via the Booker App. Please make sure you delete your booking if you do not require the court. Matches are generally played in the evenings and they take priority over other bookings. If you have any problems with booking either on the website or App please get in touch with Caroline Baker. A key for the clubhouse is also available from Caroline 07733 322176.

carolinebaker75@gmail.com A deposit of £6 per key is required.

Please lower the nets after playing and raise them off the ground using the bungee cords. To prevent damage to the surface, sports shoes with non-marking soles should be worn and please avoid bringing mud onto the courts.

RACKET STRINGING

Graham Stock a member of the club provides a racket stringing service, he can collect and deliver your racket from the club. He can also help with choosing a racket. Please contact him directly grahamstock@aol.com 07710 868206

CLUB SESSIONS

We have club sessions on every week and they are open to all, we appreciate the members who kindly volunteer their time to run these.

Monday Men's Night

Drop in session starting at 6.00 pm; details from John Boughey jaboughey@gmail.com 07545 802002

Thursday Evening Ladies Social

5-6.30pm please email Dee Greatorex deegreatorex@gmail.com if you would like to play so you can be added to the email list.

Saturday Mixed Doubles

4-6pm all welcome, please email social.hillandvalleyltd@gmail.com if you would like to play so you can be added to the email list.

Ladder

We set up a doubles ladder last year to provide the opportunity for some friendly competitive tennis and to be able to meet others. It was a great success and the Winter ladder is running now until the end of March. The Summer one will follow, if you would like to take part please get in touch with Yvonne Winward hvladder@gmail.com so she can add you to the list. It is open to ALL so do sign up.

CLUB EVENTS

Please make a note in your diaries of our events coming up they are open to All.

Family Fun Day

We are holding an open day for all on Sunday, April 3rd. There will be lots of activities, coaching, games, rackets to try and more. We will be looking for members to volunteer to help please.

Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Open Tournament

This event is our main fundraiser for the club and will be held on Saturday, June 25th. A unique day of social and competitive tennis played on delightful private courts kindly loaned for the day by residents in surrounding villages. The early rounds are played to a sliding handicap so that you can enjoy the tennis whatever your standard. We hope members can take part and we will be looking for volunteers to help please.

John Robson Rose Bowl

A fun, friendly club event playing American Doubles on Saturday, July 9th from 10.30am-5pm with lunch and refreshments. You will be given a partner on the day.

Allison Stock Day

Another fun friendly event which has a different format each year on Saturday September 17th full details to follow.

LEAGUE TENNIS

Glos Dunlop Summer League

Ladies Team

We will be entering our newly promoted 'A' team into Division 1 this season and will look to enter a 'B' team next year if there is sufficient interest and numbers, ideally a squad of 6-8 is required to make it feasible. Each division has 5 or 6 teams and during the season play each other at home and away, with fixtures normally starting at 6.30pm midweek. If you would like to join either of the Ladies teams please contact our Captain, Hilary by February 12th. 01242 890213 h.swan213@btinternet.com

Men's Team

After a break of a few years we will be entering a men's team this year, if you are interested please contact Robert Baker by February 12th 07831 430172

robert.baker@agrii.co.uk

Ladies Over 60s Winter League

We have entered the Over 60s League for 3 Winter seasons now and have managed to climb our way up to Division 2, having had a lot of fun on the way. We are always looking for new players, who have reached this ripe age (you never know we may even make 2 teams). Matches are generally played in the mornings, mid week from

October to March. If you are interested in playing in this friendly, relaxed league for next season, please contact our Captain Helen Owen so she can add you to the list.

theowens.hatherop@googlemail.com

Stroud Sunday Mixed Winter League

This friendly relaxed league running on Sunday mornings from October to end of March. We have played nine out of our 10 matches so far, with three wins, two draws and four losses and a total of 35 points from a possible 72 so far. The final (and crucial) match is at home on Sunday 6 March.

If you aren't already involved and would like to know more please do get in touch with our Captain, Claire Watson cjb@atlas.co.uk 01242 262746

COACHING

Chrissie Kenning has stepped down as coaching co-ordinator due to her work commitments. David Ayala took on the coaching at short notice for us last June when James Morris became unable to cover all the sessions due to his other work commitments and travel distance. David has continued to run the junior after school coaching programme and holiday camps and he has introduced tiny tot tennis for the Pre-School. All sessions can all be booked via the club website, Caroline Baker supports David with the admin.

Allison Stock Coaching Fund

Just a reminder of the Allison Stock Coaching Fund which was set up in 2019 in memory of Allison Stock. The money raised through this is being used to subsidise coaching in the community, especially for our local school children, and hopefully will inspire younger generations to get involved in tennis and our club. If you would like to make a donation please get in touch with the Treasurer, Leila

Lodwick treasurer.hillandvalleyltd@gmail.com

DAVID AYALA ADULT AND JUNIOR CLUB COACH

After School Junior Coaching

Fun and relaxed group sessions aimed at introducing tennis for children running during term time. Sessions geared to developing hand eye coordination skills, stroke technique leading to match play.

Wednesdays

3.15-4pm	BLUE – Reception and year 1
4-5pm	RED – school year 2 & 3
5-6pm	ORANGE – school year 4 & 5
6-7pm	GREEN – school year 6 & 7
7-8pm	YELLOW - Teens Yr 7 and above

Children's Half Term and Holiday Camps will run throughout the year, please see website for the latest dates.

One to One Coaching David offers sessions for all levels including beginners for both juniors and adults. Please book directly with him on 07898 225148.

TOM WYMAN ADULT AND JUNIOR VISITING COACH SATURDAY SESSIONS

Adults Intermediate/Advanced

For players who have played a fair amount of tennis and already have the ability to serve, rally and compete in a friendly game of singles or doubles. Take your game to the next level by learning more advanced techniques and tactics.

Adults Improvers/Intermediate

This is the perfect introduction for either new players or those returning to the game. Learn basic techniques and tactics in a fun and sociable environment.

Juniors Fun Matchplay

This is a fun competition designed for junior tennis players aged 6-13yrs. Players compete in small teams for points over a short series of matches, with winners being awarded medals. Win, lose or draw, all players receive a sticker and certificate.

Team Training

Drills to improve tactical play and match play. These sessions will be running from Jan-April and are for the team players competing in the Summer League.

ADULT TENNIS TRAINING SESSIONS WITH HILARY SWAN

01242 890213 / 07900 495059 h.swan213@btinternet.com

The next course will start on Tuesday March 2nd. If interested in joining either groups, please email Hilary to confirm your place. Any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Tuesdays: 9.30am – 11.00am

Aimed at the beginner and 'rusty returners'. Sessions focus on individual skills leading towards singles and doubles game play. Typical session: warm up, footwork and ball skills, rally drills, modified game activities, full game.

Fridays: 9.30am – 11.00am

Aimed at the more advanced squad team players. Sessions focus on tactical and technical training for doubles play. Typical session: warm up/agility, ball/racket skills, rallying development and consistency, fun game/competition, full game.

All sessions are open to all fully paid up members of Hill & Valley LTC. Both groups normally operate on a Course Basis, ie 6-10 weeks
Cost: Either Pay+Play @ £10.00 per 1.5 hr session or
Pre-payment @ £85.00 for a 10 week course

WIMBLEDON TICKETS

The Wimbledon Ballot has changed this year. Our club will now NOT be allocated tickets as before, the LTA Advantage Wimbledon Ballot will be centrally administered.

All members who have opted in will be included with all the tickets allocated to all Advantage members randomly balloted out. Every eligible and Opted In member will get the same chance as every other member in the centralised ballot.

If any LTA Advantage Member declines tickets or misses the payment deadline, the tickets will be returned to the ballot and reballoted to another LTA Member who has not yet been offered tickets. This could be any LTA Advantage Member that is eligible and Opted In and may not go to another member of the same club as the member who declines or misses the payment deadline.

There will be no public ballot this year, please click on the following links for more info.

[https://www.wimbledon.com/en_GB/news/articles/2021-10-19/aeltc to celebrate centre court centenary at championships 2022.html](https://www.wimbledon.com/en_GB/news/articles/2021-10-19/aeltc%20to%20celebrate%20centre%20court%20centenary%20at%20championships%202022.html)

<https://www.lta.org.uk/major-tennis-events/grand-slams/wimbledon/>

CLUB POLICIES

The LTA emphasises that it is the responsibility of ALL MEMBERS to be familiar with and employ the policies of their club so it is important that you please take time to familiarise yourself with our Data and Safeguarding policies.

The LTA wants tennis in Britain to be at the forefront of safeguarding in sport and LTA Registered Venues with accredited coaches play a vital role in achieving this. In partnership with Sport England they are to pilot a cutting edge safeguarding awareness campaign aimed at clubs, coaches, parents and players. As an LTA Registered Venue, Hill & Valley LTC has a shared responsibility with everyone else involved in tennis to promote the welfare of all children and young people.

Campaign cards will be issued to clubs that will provide access to real life dramatised safeguarding cases and top tips videos for coaches and parents, including guidance on use of social media, photography and filming. The website <https://www.safetoplaytennis.co.uk> has lots of additional information and guidance.

Hill & Valley LTC has comprehensive policies in place to protect everyone involved with the club. Please see the links below, full details of our policies are also available in the clubhouse and on the [Website](#)

[GDPR Data Policy Statement](#)

[Safeguarding Policy Statement](#)

[British Tennis Diversity and Inclusion Policy](#)

[Working with Children Code of Practice; Photography and Recording Policy; Sunscreen Policy](#)

Your Rights You have the right to find out what personal information the Club holds about you and to seek to amend it and/or have it deleted. If you have any queries about this privacy policy, how we process your personal data, if you wish to exercise any of your legal rights or have queries about any of our policies please contact our Secretary, Zarah Barter secretary.hillandvalleyltc@gmail.com.

WAYS TO KEEP UPDATED

Please check the home page of the website for the latest news
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC>

You can also connect with us on social media.



With best wishes

Hill & Valley LTC Committee

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