



HLTC HERALD

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



WELCOME SIMON NEWMAN!

Welcome to your new quarterly newsletter! The Hurst committee hopes you are well and enjoying some great tennis at our brilliant club. Here's all the latest news as we step into spring and look ahead to summer...

Succeeding Toby Lott after 10 years of dedicated service, we are all delighted to welcome Simon Newman as club chair. Simon has pledged

'To build on and extend our existing strengths to become an enviable, friendly community tennis club, with great courts and facilities, impressive team results, and engaging social events, enjoyed actively across all age groups that love tennis.'

And we cannot wait to see what greatness he brings to the club.

BASIL MASON

The Annual 'Basil Mason' final was played on Sunday 14th of April in glorious sunshine at Hurstpierpoint Tennis Club, in front of friends, family and supporters.

This is the club's annual mixed doubles knock-out tournament where partners are chosen using a handicap system, so the highest ranked players get the lowest ranked partners. This is always great fun for the participants, who get to play up to 4 matches over a couple of months.

Finalists this year were Jenine Johnson with last year's winner Andy George, who took on Tracey Payne and Hamish Raby.

It was a closely fought match with Tracey and Hamish taking the first set 6:4 then losing the second 1:6, before rallying in the 3rd to win 6:3.

Hurstpierpoint's Tennis Club new chairperson, Simon Newman, said: "This is a great fun, inclusive tournament that gives all levels of players a chance to win a cup and get on the clubhouse winners board."

The club's summer tournaments kick off now, culminating in a Finals Day on Saturday 6th July 2024.

The next club event is a member's social mixer on Friday 10th May, 6-9pm, at the New Inn.





A NEW MEANING FOR LAWN TENNIS

You may have noticed a preened lawn with much less growth from unwanted foliage. A big shout out to all those who helped with the gardening at the club and your hard work has not gone unnoticed. For those who haven't seen it, check out our lovely volunteers here

FINAL MEN'S STANDINGS

An overwhelming number of our members signed up for the winter doubles tournament, initiated and organised by our wonderful team captains. For the men's we had an outstanding three out of the four teams reaching promotion. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

FINAL WOMEN'S STANDINGS

We had a great Ladies Winter League with some fantastic results. The 1's were Champions of Division 7 this Winter so will play Division 6 next Winter. The 2's captained by Tracey played against some very strong teams, with some very close results but came in 6th so will move down to Division 9 next Winter. Onwards and upwards for our 2's.

Our 3's captained by Fran also came top and will play up in Division 10 next winter.

1's - Division 6

2's - Division 9

3's - Division 10

TENNIS TREATS

RECIPES FOR PEAK PERFORMANCE

NO BAKE ENERGY BALLS

- 65g dates, whole and pitted
- 50mls water
- 65g peanut butter
- 60g of oats
- 3 heaped teaspoons of milled seeds
- 3 heaped teaspoons of coconut flakes

1. Add dates and water to a blender and blend for a few seconds until they are partly liquidised but with some chunks throughout.
2. Add the dates and the rest of the ingredients to a bowl and use your hands to combine the ingredients together well.
3. Once thoroughly mixed, roll the ingredients into little balls and pop them in the fridge.



COACHING FOR KIDS & HOLIDAY COURSES

Group coaching, kids' tennis camps and private lessons are all available at HLTC. The schedule for 2024 is pretty much the same as last year and information about it can be found on notices in the clubhouse, on the HLTC website and socials.

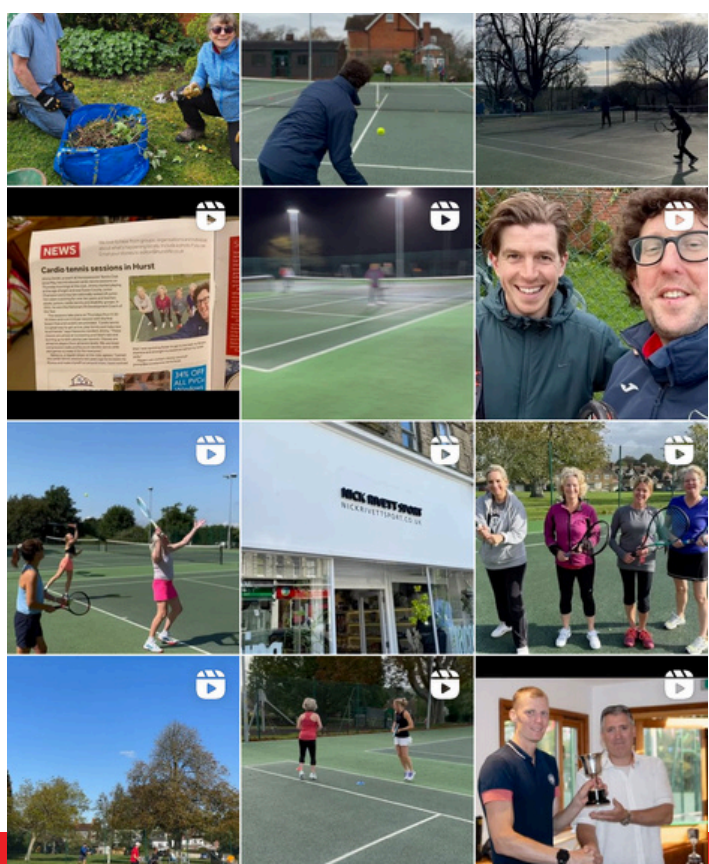
We have also confirmed the two Summer holiday children's courses taking place 29th July - 2nd August, and 12th August - 16th August. For more information on the courses or any coaching please contact Turner Tennis at turnertennis@yahoo.co.uk, or call Caryn on 07796 220267.

All the classes are very popular, so please remember to confirm your (your child's) spot in advance, and before turning up on the day.

HURST ON INSTAGRAM

The club has updated its Instagram page. Take a look and follow us @ www.instagram.com/hursttennisclub.

Better still, start posting your own pictures, video clips and information and tag us!



CLAY COURT UPDATE

The planning application for the change of our courts to artificial clay has received overwhelming support. In total there were 26 comments supporting the change, including our local parish council, and currently no opposition.

As long as we are successful, we are looking to resurface the courts in September, and this will mean the courts will be of action for up to 3 weeks.

As you may remember if you attended the meeting and voted about the change in surface, the current Tarmac has reached the end of its life and is beginning to deteriorate. The artificial clay surface we are changing to has some great benefits for us.

CLAY BENEFITS

1. It's better for playing in bad weather. Rain will drain much quicker and they will be nowhere near as prone to being slippery when wet or frozen.
2. The forgiving surface of artificial clay reduces muscle stress, making it safer for players. Unlike hard courts, which can lead to impact injuries, synthetic clay courts minimize the risk.
3. Marks are left by ball impacts to help avoid some of the uncertainty of line calls.
4. The slower surface leads to longer rallies and a more enjoyable game for all levels of player from juniors to veterans.

We will get a final decision from the planning committee on or before Thursday 16th of May so fingers crossed!

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

ANYONE FOR SINGLES?

Fancy some singles tennis (unisex)? We are looking at introducing a great system for singles play.

Mini ladders of 5 players each (both men and women) initially judged to be of at a similar level. Everyone plays each other over a 6-week period (so 4 matches) with the top 2 promoted, lower 2 relegated and middle player stays put. You play 2 sets and points are allocated for games won so even if you lose a match you can still score well e.g. if you lose 6-4, 6-4 the points are allocated 12-8 making every game worth fighting for!!

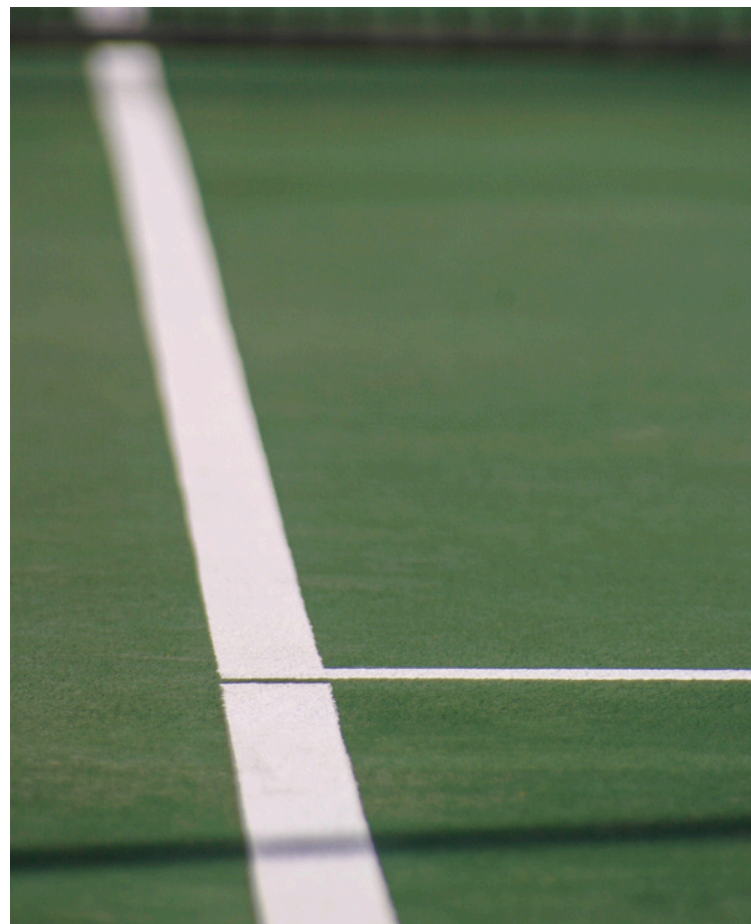
If you would like to participate in this and are committed to playing 4 matches in a 6-week period, then please email Simon via secretaryhursttennis@yahoo.com to let him know.

MIXING THINGS UP!

Would you like to be part of a new doubles mix in on Saturday PM? If so, please email Simon via secretaryhursttennis@yahoo.com to let him know.

Please rank your preference (1,2,3) for the following possible time slots:

- a. 14.30 – 16.00
- b. 15.30 – 17.00
- c. 16.30 – 18.00.



OTHER CLUB NEWS



Members Social – because you all deserve a little free time off court, we'll be holding a seasonal social at the 'Newy' on 10th May.

Next Committee Meeting – 5th June

Bedford Cup Tournament - Saturday 15th June

New gate code – with the change of 'management' comes the change of locks!



CRYSTAL BALLS

Please welcome our very own Acestrology Insider, serving up a seasonal dose of planetary points for the mystical players amongst us.

♉ Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Your intensity is like a powerful serve, ready to knock down any obstacles in your path. Channel your competitive spirit into achieving your goals and watch your dreams soar over the net of life.

♊ Gemini (May 21 - June 20): Just like a steady baseline rally, you thrive on consistency and determination. This spring, stay focused on your game plan and you'll soon find yourself cruising towards success.

♋ Cancer (June 21 - July 22): With your quick footwork and adaptability, you move effortlessly around the court of life. Embrace change this season and let your versatility shine, showing your opponents that you always have an ace up your sleeve.