

JULY 2021

HUNGERFORD TENNIS CLUB CLUB NEWSLETTER



Chairman's welcome

Thank you to all those who kindly spent the morning of Saturday 19th June, clearing, cutting, strimming and cleaning the courts and clubhouse. Apologies to those missed off this picture. Peter Sinyard was busy with his extremely large hedge cutter. Huge thanks to all and of course as ever thanks to Chris Dodd for organising the event. It's been wonderful to see the courts back in action and so many of you taking full advantage of the weather. This great club is made great by the wonderful membership who are always willing to help out -with that in mind we are looking for two volunteers:- one to become safeguarding officer (see below) and the other to help out with junior development - that role is as big or small as you would want to make it. Contact me for this and any other comments, Phil - hungerfordtenniscroft@gmail.com

DEFIBRILLATOR UP- DATE

Current donations

£1,375.00

See below for details
of how to donate

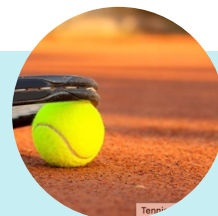
FORTHCOMING DI- ARY DATES

Please see calendar
for news of upcoming
diary dates

(below)

COACH'S TIP

This month's tip from
James Wescott can
be found below



**CLUB DAY
SATURDAY
24 JULY 2021**



CLUB VACANCIES

WELFARE OFFICER REQUIRED

We currently have a
vacancy for a Safely
Officer, details be-
low.

BAR STAFF

We have a vacancy
for a part-time
member of staff to
assist at the Hunger-
ford club.

Club Day - Saturday 24th July 2021- Come and join in

We hope you will be able to join us for a day of fun and entertainment at the club. There will be a series of events taking place on the day including Club Play, starting at 10am, with fun competitions (and prizes), touch tennis, 'who has the fastest serve' combined with refreshments and food at the Hungerford Club afterwards.

Dates for your Calendar

Until the end of July, Ladies, Mixed and Men's tennis matches are taking place most weeks, commencing at 6.30pm (please consult the fixture list - attached). Support is always appreciated and the bar will be open! There are also a few events which have been scheduled in the coming weeks and months, so it's worth marking your calendar:

Cricket vs Milton Lilbourne (away) - **4th July** (please contact Rhian if interested, 07796 334935)

American Tournament - **4th September**

Match Teams Dinner - **10th September**

Annual Tennis Club Dinner - **16th October**

More details will be provided nearer the time.

Defibrillator at the Hungerford Club



The Hungerford Club has decided to purchase and install a potentially life-saving defibrillator to be mounted on the wall of the Club house, near the front door.

It will be mounted on the outside wall of the clubhouse within a locked/coded cabinet and available for anyone to use 24 hours a day

The cabinet code can be obtained by dialling 999

The unit is fully automatic and has full instructions

It is available for all ages with paediatric pads included



We have placed a fund raising application on The Good Exchange to raise the money for this device and invite all members to contribute, (you can do so anonymously if wished). Please click [here](#) to access the funding page and follow the instructions. Alternatively, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access the site funding page

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Court Side News

Well done to everyone who has represented the club recently in the matches. This month has seen several wins for the Ladies team, away to Kintbury and at home to Woodlands and away to Cold Ash. Well done to all.

Welfare Officer Role Description

The Welfare Officer is responsible for promoting safeguarding within their venue and working with others to ensure a safe and inclusive environment is achieved.

The Welfare Officer must not be a member of the venue's coaching team and should not be related to a member of the coaching team (for example, their spouse). The Welfare Officer should be someone over the age of 18.

Main Duties

- Work with others in the club to promote safeguarding, diversity and inclusion and ensure compliance with the LTA's minimum standards for venue registration
- Work with others in the club to ensure safeguarding and diversity and inclusion information, including policies, reporting procedures and details of the venue Welfare Officer are visible and available
- Work with others in the club to promote the venue's Code of Conduct(s)
- Ensure safeguarding and diversity and inclusion is on the agenda at committee meetings
- Act as the first point of contact for all children and adults where concerns about welfare, discrimination, poor practice or abuse are identified
- Work with the LTA Safeguarding Team when concerns arise within the venue
- Maintain contact details for the LTA Safeguarding Team and key statutory agencies
- Contact the Local Authority children's or adults' social care teams and the police about concerns where appropriate
- Work with the LTA Safeguarding Team to facilitate audits of the venue in relation to the minimum standards
- Work with the Committee/Management and LTA to facilitate the completion of any action plan to address the results of an audit
- Work with others in the venue to ensure the relevant people at the venue have completed a satisfactory criminal records check

Skills and Traits

- Tactful and discrete
- Able to resolve conflict
- Engaging and supportive
- Approachable and trustworthy
- Good listener and friendly
- Caring and understanding
- Professional and helpful
- **Required** for this role – see [here](#) for more information

Key relationships

- Chairperson and management committee
- Coaches • Volunteers at the venue
- All members – junior and senior, plus parents/carers of junior members

Time Commitment

- Attendance at key venue events, such as open days and junior competition
- Attendance at management committee meetings

Training

- **Required** - Safeguarding and Protection in Tennis (or another course approved by the LTA)
- **Required** - Time to Listen
- **Preferable** - Yearly updates

Criminal Record Check

- **Required** for this role – see [here](#) for more information



COACHING TIP from James Wescott

This month's tip is regarding how you approach the net in both singles and doubles to maximise court coverage.

In singles, the line you take to the net depends on where you approach from; if approaching from the baseline, you should look to get to the 'T' and then split-step there but if approaching from mid-court, you should follow the line of the ball and make sure you split-step just as your opponent hits the ball.

In doubles, you would generally follow the line of the ball in to the net and work as a team to cut off the obvious space; ie, if the baseliner approaches cross-court, they would follow the line of the ball and the net-player would shift across towards the tramlines or if approaching with a lob over the opposing net player, the baseliner follows the line of the ball and the net player would squeeze the middle of the court.

However, whether it's singles or doubles, it is VITAL to pay attention to your opponent's racket and the way it's facing when you approach. If they are under pressure, they are more likely to send the ball up and/or short so make sure you drop back a few steps to avoid being lobbed in this scenario.

We hope that helps and for more information on our individual and group coaching, please contact JK on 07745 375570.

Phil Brown and the Committee