

# HUNGERFORD CLUB NEWSLETTER

*February 2022*



## Welcome

Welcome to the February 2022 newsletter. While February can be a quiet time for the club there's signs that spring is in the air – at least as far as our sports sections are concerned.

We have the latest news from the Steward, Debbie Hutchins. This is followed by a short updates from the Bowls, Tennis and Indoor Sports sections.

## Dates for your diary

17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - [Ladies Who Lunch](#) Starting at 1:00 pm, at Hungerford Club - club house

25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - [Quiz Night](#) Starting at 8:00 pm, at Hungerford Club - club house

6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - [Defibrillator Training](#) – open to all members. Starting at 12:30 pm, at Hungerford Club - club house

We keep a list of forthcoming events on the website at <https://www.hungerford-club.co.uk/>



## We are still on Winter opening times

The opening hours of the club bar are as follows.

	<b>Opening hours</b>
Monday	1pm – 11pm
Tuesday	2pm – 11pm
Wednesday	12 noon – 10pm
Thursday	2pm – 10pm
Friday	12 noon – 10pm
Saturday	12 noon – 5pm
Sunday	12 noon – 5pm

## Ladies who Lunch

The next gathering of the Ladies who Lunch will be on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 starting at 1pm.

Drop in and have a chin wag and a drink with Debbie. She servers the best coffee in town! If you are coming on your own call Debbie on 01488 682357 and she'll look out for you.

## Food

We would love to see you at the club for something to eat.

Each day you can have

- Soup of the day with a crusty roll - £2.50
- Freshly made Ham and Cheese toasties - £3.50
- Beef salad bap - £3.00
- Bacon, Sausage and egg bap - £3.50

## Sunday Roasts

Why not enjoy a Sunday roast down at the club? Please call into the club to put your name down on the sheet by the bar or you can reserve your place by phoning 01488 682357

Vegetarian options are available – please book in advance.

All Sunday lunches are £10.00 Deserts are £4.00

6 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022	Roast Chicken, Roast potatoes, Sage & Onion stuffing and seasonal vegetables. Trifle
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022	Roast Gammon with seasonal vegetables
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022	Roast Beef with all the trimmings
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022	Roast Pheasant with seasonal vegetables

## Guest Ales

We can look forward to the following.

- Wagtail – Allendale Brewery, Hexham, Northumberland. A floral aroma, hints of seville orange and spiced dried fruit, with biscuit and toffee notes. 3.8%
- Dirty Rucker – Wadworths, Devizes, Wiltshire. A bold English ale, fruity on the palate with a malty sweetness that leads to a peppery note for a smooth finish. 3.9%
- Rampant Ruby - Mauldons Brewery, Sudbury, Suffolk. Light ruby coloured ale with a bitter sweet malt taste and a biscuit finish. 4.1%

## **Bowls Section**

The first of our Indoor matches against West Berks Indoor Bowls Club has now taken place, the result exceeding our wildest expectations. With only 5 of the 15 members playing being regular indoor players we managed to win on 3 of the 5 Triples and only losing the match overall by 1 shot – 88 shots for and 89 shots against. We now look forward to our next match against the Probus Club of Newbury at WBIBC which will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

All fixtures are now in place for the 2022 season with the Green opening set for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

We will have our usual Pre-season Coffee Morning in the Club at 11.15am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

We are holding an Open Day from 2pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May when we hope to welcome new bowlers.

There will also be a Coaching evening on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm and will again have the popular roll ups, Tuesday at 2pm and Friday from 6pm to encourage those who work to come along.

All paperwork including Subscription renewals, Competition entry forms and Fixture Cards will be delivered during the first week of March. Forms should be returned and Subscriptions paid by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

The Green has had all its winter work completed and is looking good and we look forward to the start of play. Our thanks again to Micky Lambourn our hard working Green Keeper. A belated Happy Birthday to Micky who celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday recently.

Jennifer Bartter

## Tennis Section

### Chairman's Welcome

It's February already! Rafa has pulled ahead of Roger and Novax in the list of all time Men's Grand Slam winners, Dry January and Veganuary are over, the days are getting longer, and Spring is around the corner. Members have been shrugging off the chilly weather and Club Play continues to be well attended. Indoors, the Tennis Section's rescheduled AGM was held on 26<sup>th</sup> January minutes of which will be circulated in due course.



See you on court!

The Hungerford Tennis Club Committee

### Club and Member News

#### **Important - Wimbledon Ballot – Opt in by 4th February**

Time is running out to opt in for the change for tickets at the Wimbledon Championships 2022.

The LTA has changed their process, where there will be no allocation to venues. All members who opt in go into a centralized ballot and have an equal chance of being offered tickets.

To opt in, you must be an LTA Advantage member (**for members of HTC, LTA Advantage Play +**), and affiliate your registration to Hungerford Tennis Club as your venue. Details to sign up are [here](#).

Good luck!

#### **Club Sponsor**

A big thank you to Ed James and [Sporting Agenda](#) who are sponsoring the Tennis section in 2022 with an extremely generous £2,000. Sporting Agenda offer tickets and bespoke hospitality to the most sought-after events worldwide, and its services have been used by several members of the club. We are extremely grateful and will use the funds wisely – thanks also go to Phil Brown for liaising with Ed to secure the sponsorship.

#### **Saturday Regular Court Cleaning – 10am**

A great deal of the running of any members' club relies on a few individuals who do the 'hard graft' which often goes unseen (sometimes also because people are unaware of what needs to be done when).

Every Saturday, at 10am, the courts are cleaned, this takes about an hour. Volunteers are welcome and appreciated. Speak to Denis or Chris D for more information.

### **Defibrillator Training**

At long last and thanks to generous donations from members, as well as grant funding, the Hungerford Club's defibrillator went live on 18th January. There will be training on how to use the defibrillator after Club Play on Sunday 6th March, at 12.30pm, in front of the club house. In the meantime, if you would learn more about operating the defibrillator, you can watch this [video](#).

### **Ignition Tennis – Coaches' Tip**

#### **Singles Court Positioning and Anticipation**

When playing singles, it's vital to position yourself appropriately on the court, based on the ball that you send to your opponent and the effect it may have on them.

For example, if you hit the ball high and short, there's a good chance that your opponent will move forward to attack the ball, so you'll need to pay attention to how they approach the ball and be prepared to defend. Whereas, if you hit a shot that has your opponent stretching, you should move forward to shorten the court as if they're on the stretch, their racket will be more open and they're likely to hit the ball up and/or short.

When you do hit a good shot that does stretch your opponent, try to avoid going into '\*Golf mode' and get yourself towards the net. How you approach the net depends on where you hit your approach from; if you approach from behind the baseline, you should move towards to the 'T' and if you approach from inside the baseline, you should 'follow the line' of the ball. These movements will help to enable you in covering the majority of the angles and remember, it's vital to split-step just before your opponent makes contact with the ball, wherever you are on the court.

\*Golf mode – standing and admiring your shot, forgetting that it is likely to come back at you.

## Indoor Sports

### Darts

The Club is now a member of the **Lambourn and Hungerford Darts League**. For details speak with Gary or Debbie.

### Table Bowls

At the beginning of the year we decided to offer the members the opportunity of playing the game of table bowls through the winter months. There's a league running with games played on Tuesday evenings, starting at 8pm.

Table bowls is a game played on our snooker tables usually with two teams of two players. The game consists of rolling small bowls down a chute at a jack. The team with the nearest bowl to the jack gains a point and if the team has more than one bowl near the jack then that bowl will also score. Clearly the team with the highest score wins the game. The fun part of the game is that the four bowls each have a bias which means the bowl travels in a slight curve! Each bowl has a different bias and the greater the bias the greater the curve. A player uses the bias to guide the bowl to the jack.

Each team consist of two members, one being the Captain (who is the contact for the team).

Substitutes are allowed for games and if a substitute plays more games than the original player then only they can play in any semi final or final

Each Team has a name and plays in a rotation system so that all teams play each other. (Look on the sheet in the bar for your next game.)

The games consist of 10 ends to be played on the Clubs snooker tables.

Each team scores points throughout the competition. A win earns 2 points and a draw 1 point.

There are prizes for the winning teams at the end of the season.

Please Note: **No food is allowed in the Snooker Room**