

HUNGERFORD CLUB NEWSLETTER

July 2022



Welcome

Welcome to the July 2022 newsletter. While record temperatures have melted runways and buckled railway lines the Hungerford Club carries on! It's lovely and cool in the bar after playing on the green or on the courts.

We have the latest news from the Steward, Debbie Hutchins. This is followed by a updates from the Bowls, Tennis and Indoor Sports sections. Finally there's a report on the maintenance work in progress and planned.

Dates for your diary

[Ladies Who Lunch](#) on 21st Jul 2022 1:00:pm, at Hungerford Club - club house

[Hungerford Club Beer Festival](#) on 27th Aug 2022, at Hungerford Club - club house

[Competition Finals](#) on 10th Sep 2022, at Hungerford Club - bowling green



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

Opening times

The opening hours of the club bar are as follows.

Opening hours	
Monday	12 noon – 11pm
Tuesday	1pm – 11pm
Wednesday	12 noon – 10pm
Thursday	1pm – 10pm
Friday	12 noon – 11pm
Saturday	12 noon – 6:30pm
Sunday	12 noon – 6:30pm

News from The Steward

Food

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

Made to order sandwiches are available daily.

Sunday Roasts

Why not enjoy Sunday lunch 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 £12.00 and deserts are £4.50

24th July 2022 Quiche Salad

31st July 2022 Fish, new potatoes and seasons vegetables.

Ladies Who Lunch

The next gathering of the Ladies Who Lunch will be on Thursday, 21st July 2022 starting at 1pm for about 2 hours, or as long as you like!

Come and enjoy a light lunch, good conversation and lots of laughs. If you are coming on your own call Debbie on 01488 682357 and she'll look out for you.

Beer Festival

We are finalising the details of the beer festival. This will be held over the August Bank holiday (Saturday 27th August to Monday 29th August inc.)

Beers will include no less than twelve cask ales. Some will be from local brewers and others will come from afar! There will be two craft lagers and three ciders. We will have the confirmed line up in the next newsletter or, for those who can't wait, on the website.

Food will be available. We will be rolling out the barbecue and providing fresh filled rolls.

For your entertainment there will be live music on all three days.

- Saturday – De Mugg Puggs followed by Matt Russ
- Sunday – Kat Jayne followed by “4 to the Bar”
- Monday – Hungerford Town Band followed by Blue paradise Duo.

Bowls Section

Having spoken about being drenched at the start of my report in the last newsletter at the moment we are faced with temperatures which make for a very uncomfortable time on the Green. In fact we have had to cancel or rearrange a number of matches to date.

I am delighted to report that we won both our Trophy matches recently, away to Westlecot BC – Swindon for the Rose Bowl and at home to 3 Mile Cross – Reading for the Palmer Shield in memory of George Palmer a former member of both Clubs.

President's Day was also a very enjoyable afternoon. The match was won by the President, who provided picnic boxes for our after match meal, containing a delicious selection of sandwiches and cakes.

The HADCAF "Taster Sessions" were very disappointing with only a handful of people coming to the two sessions.

The Mixed Pairs Tournament was again a great success helped by really lovely weather. After the round robin stage of games the two couples who went into the final were one from Hungerford – Berrie Wilkinson and Richard Denton and one from 3 Mile Cross - Lesley & Keith Darbourn, the former being the winners.

Our two weekend friendly matches in July are away at Purton and Newbury. During August the two Godwin Cup men's matches home and away against Newbury should be a keenly fought affair. On Sunday 4th September we travel to Weymouth for our 4 day tour in Dorset, a joint venture with Newbury Bowls Club. Matches will be played at Dorchester on the way down, two matches in Weymouth against local clubs on the Monday and Tuesday followed by a match at Gillingham on the way home on Wednesday.

Our Club competitions are well underway and we look forward to the Finals days on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September. Congratulations to Graham Austen and Richard Denton who reached the quarter final stage of the County Pairs competitions but unfortunately lost this game to a team from Reading.

Following the successful completion of our Project raising funds on the Good Exchange to help pay for the maintenance of the Green, another Project has been set up to raise funds for new equipment – 6 bowls collectors, 12 new mats and 6 jacks. With the very generous grant from the Hungerford Town Council of £465 being match funded by the Good Exchange, this Project should also be completed very soon.



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We are always looking for new bowls members so if you would like to give it a try please let me know and we can arrange a convenient time. Don't forget our Roll up sessions, when anyone can come along to be given a short introduction to bowls. These are at 2pm on Tuesdays and 6pm on Fridays.

For any more information please give me a ring: Jennifer Bartter Tel 01488 684471 or 07872 849791

Tennis Section

Committee Welcome

We are approaching the end of the match play season which continues to be excellently supported, no doubt aided by the warm weather, light evenings, and cold drinks. There have been some excellent performances, and end of season reports will be available in the next Newsletter.



In the meantime, an enjoyable cricket match was also played (full excellent match report enclosed, thank you Matthew, who is Ray Sawyer?), and an Open Day organized by Ignition Tennis as part of the Hungerford Summer Festival.

The Hungerford Tennis Club Committee

Hungerford Tennis Club Open Day During the Hungerford Summer Festival

Hello Hungerford Members!

On 9th July, we held our annual Open Day. The courts were in use throughout the day, and it was great to see so many new faces on court and the regular players too! A big thank you to Chris Dodd for helping with the day.

Just a reminder that it is the final week of term this coming week for Junior and Adult coaching. There will be summer camps for juniors in the summer holidays which can be booked on the [Ignition Tennis Website](#). Hope to see you on court soon!

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Match Team News

Members should be receiving weekly match updates via the Clubspark email system. You can view the positions of HTC match teams on the [NDLTA website](#), although bear in mind some results may have yet to be processed. Just a week or so remaining for this season.

Links

Ignition Website - <https://www.ignitiontennis.com/>

NDLTA - <https://tennisleague.org.uk/table.php>

HUNGERFORD TENNIS CLUB SLOGGERS v HUNGERFORD CHANCERS



Hungerford Tennis Club Sloggers (blue), Hungerford Chancers and umpires

Sunday 3rd July 2022

The match, a Twenty20 affair, took place at the Hungerford War Memorial Ground on a pleasantly warm and sunny afternoon.

The Sloggers, ably captained by the redoubtable Rhian Barnett, won the toss and elected to bat. The umpires (four of them, including the stalwart ‘Geordie’ Broderick armed with his white stick) were led by Nick Lumley LLB who refreshed all on the ‘local rules’. Then the Sloggers’ opening batsmen, Karl MacDonald and Alex Small took to the field. They were in terrific form. Despite determined bowling by the Chancers, both had to retire (local rule) when they rapidly smashed their way to 30 runs. Indeed, the Sloggers’ batsmen were, on the whole, remarkably, indeed uncharacteristically, effective. Greg Phillips and that stylish ‘poseur’ Peter Sinyard also retired on hitting 30. One hopes they hadn’t, most unsportingly, been practising beforehand.

Gary Williams was fourth man in. He strode, indeed swaggered, to the wicket like a Titan going into battle. Three minutes later he strode back having been caught for a duck second ball. Alistair Dornan, famed for his eccentric bowling in a previous match, also looked the part but failed to score before being caught. Andrew Austin smote a commendable 24 and Jules ‘Dark Horse’ Skinner a lonely, but impressive 1, before being bowled. Barnett and Ray Sawyer brought up the tail end and were not out at the end of the innings.

The Sloggers' total score (including several wides and byes generously donated by the opposition), was 170.

After a splendid tea (and a few reviving ales), for which we owe many thanks to Lorraine Cannon, Teresa Duncan and Emma Brown, the Chancers went into bat.

Their openers, Robert 'Grimmo' Grimmond and A.Bloomfield got off to a good start; Bloomfield retiring on reaching his 30. Grimmond fell to the bowling of Andrew Austin for 8. S.Thakare and Richard Curtis held their ends up well scoring 19 and 11 respectively. Alistair Dornan, fortunately prevented from bowling by being made wicketkeeper (all fielders had to bowl two overs except the wicketkeeper) was indeed most effective in that role. The Chancers' other batsmen failed to make a big impression. The Sloggers' 'dark horse' bowler, Jules Skinner, deployed his unique slow reverse-spin looping Chinaman deliveries and took 3 wickets for 14 runs. A remarkably impressive and unexpected performance! Having said that the remaining Sloggers' bowlers did manage to contribute 14 wides to the Chancers' score!



As extra Sloggers players were available, and wanted to play, some of the team were replaced in the field. One notable addition was Marbeth Blair who stood most elegantly, almost statuesque, on the boundary and stopped at least one boundary. Another brave incoming fielder was Stacey Dornan (wife of wicketkeeper) whose athletic performance involved stopping speeding balls with many parts of her body and resulted (I am told) in some painful contusions. The fielding was impressive

at times with Gary Williams dropping a spectacular catch at mid-on off a rare, good ball by our 'legal beagle' Mike Roques.

The Chancers' total score; 108.

So, a victory for The Hungerford Tennis Club Sloggers who claimed the cherished, if rather cheap and tasteless, Barnett Trophy. 'Man of the Match Award was won by the redoubtable Chancers' Robert 'Grimmo' Grimmond and the 'OTUFTB'; award went to Gary 'Ducky' Williams.



Altogether a most enjoyable, indeed amusing, day's sport enjoyed by both teams and by several enthusiastic and often vocal spectators, including the irrepressible Lis Allen with her megaphone.

Many thanks are due to those who officiated, including the indefatigable umpires (and indeed the hard-pressed conscientious scorers and scoreboard operator) and especially to the Hungerford Cricket Club who provided such excellent facilities, kit and wicket together with a good and well patronised bar.



Cheers!

Official Hungerford Club Merchandise

If you'd like to emulate the look of the Sloggers, this year's tennis shirts are available to purchase at the bar. All sizes are available to suit men and women.



Indoor Sports

Whatsapp Group

Would members of the Indoor Sports section be interested in joining a Whatsapp group? The Tennis section use a group to coordinate players for their matches but it is also used to pass on details of the meals available from the bar.

An Indoor Sports group could be used in a similar way for darts matches or checking the availability of the snooker tables.

If this is something in which you would be interested let Debbie know. She'll gather your thoughts and pass them on to the committee.

Darts

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

Snooker Room

The carpet in the snooker room has reached the end of its life. We are getting quotes for its replacement.

May we remind members that children under fourteen are not allowed in the Snooker Room. Children over fourteen are allowed in the Snooker Room when accompanied by their responsible adult.

Please Note: **Food is not allowed in the Snooker Room. Drinks must not be rested on the tables.**

Club Maintenance

Work is starting on the refurbishment of the "old" toilet off the Snooker Room. This should hopefully be completed in the next few weeks and will be very useful especially when we have a big event on The Croft like The Beer Festival when an additional toilet facility will come in handy.

A second quotation has now been received for the proposed main roof. This will be presented at the next monthly Committee meeting in July for discussion.

A quotation is being requested for replacing the old bench seats to the front elevation.

Quotations are being requested for tree works to the garden area adjacent to the tennis courts.