

### Davis Cup Day



Having been very enthusiastic about bidding to host the Davis Cup Trophy Tour at Manor Park, when we eventually received LTA confirmation that we had won, suddenly it seemed rather a large event to promote. However, together with Nicola Hall, the HW County Co-Ordinator for the Trophy Tour, we managed to organise sunshine and an excellent team of helpers from both the club and the county and thanks to much pre-planning everything went off smoothly. The on-line booking system through the Open Day tab on ClubSpark was a tremendous help as we then knew the number of people who had signed up for the on-court activities, ranging from mini tennis, adult tennis, family play to cardio tennis. What was more difficult to judge was how many others would come down to the club just to see the Trophy. In the end we had some 400 visitors to Manor Park, a wonderful way to show case all the sports we have on offer. Visitors tried Archery, Indoor and Outdoor bowls, Table Tennis and were able to see some good quality junior squash taking place at the club. The Pig Roast proved popular and the Café was busy throughout the day. Malvern College provided the crowd barriers for which we were most grateful. So very special thanks to all who got involved and helped and most especially to our Team of Coaches who gave their time free of charge to run the ever popular sessions on court.

### Editorial

It is now over a year since the Café Bar has been up and running and thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of Chris Bar Hamilton and Jill Holmwood it is now becoming even more of a feature and focal point of our activities at Manor Park. Visitors to the club have nothing but praise for the friendly and efficient service we are now enjoying from all the Bar Staff. So much effort and anguish went in to establishing it in the first place and we must now all continue to promote and use it so that it continues to prosper and thrive.

It is some 15 years since Steve Blewett suggested that Manor Park should start a *100 Club*. This has been regularly promoted to members though it still needs more to sign up to achieve full capacity. The aim has always been to attract support from all sections of the club though mostly tennis members have signed up. There are 4 prize draws each year with 3 prizes in each draw of £250, £150 and £75. Whilst the Fund is well short of its aim of getting 100 members, the reserves accrued have been used over the years for Club improvements – furniture for the club house, etc. For only £5 per month the 100 club provides the chance of winning a substantial prize as well as helping the club. Our annual subscription is still such amazingly good value compared with similar facilities around the country and the *100 club* does give all who have the interests of the club at heart an opportunity to support it even more.

**FUND RAISING** - the next *100 Club* Draw will take place at the Presentation Evening on Friday 7th October. Not a member? Forms are available from Rob Davies on 07748 182125 or email Cleland for an application form.

### Club Social Events

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| Charity Tournament   | Wednesday 7 September    |
| Mixed Doubles        | Sunday 11 September      |
| Presentation Day     | Friday 7 October         |
| H&W LTA Dinner       | Saturday 15 October      |
| Halloween Party      | Saturday 29 October      |
| Tennis Section AGM   | Wednesday 9 November     |
| Club New Year Dinner | Saturday 4 February 2017 |
| Bar room quiz        | Friday 10 March 2017     |
| New Season Evening   | Tuesday 4 April 2017     |
| Wimbledon Ballot     | April 2017               |
| Tennis Clinic        | May 2017                 |
| Tournament Finals    | July 2017                |

### **H & W League: Doubles Champions**

Congratulations to the Men's A, Ladies' A and Mixed A teams for their excellent winter and summer league results. The Men's A are top of the men's first division this summer as also last winter. Team members have been: Gwenole Andrieux, Paul Burgess, Jamie Marks, Ben Shaw, Chris Skinner, Charlie Titmuss, Tobie Timmermans and Simon Wikeley. Similarly the Mixed A are top of the mixed first division, summer and winter. Team: Paul Burgess, Ben Shaw, Ellie Fleming, Hannah Griffiths with help from Gwenole Andrieux, Tobie Timmermans, Charlie Titmuss, Ali Kirkwood, Nikki Clarke and Georgie Jeynes Cupper. The Ladies' A are top of the second ladies' division this summer and in second place last winter, with promotion to the first division in both cases.

### **How Other Club Teams Performed**

Apart from the successes of the A teams as described above, club teams in general have struggled both last winter and this summer. There have been five other men's teams, three other ladies' teams (four in the winter) and three other mixed teams. Last winter none of these teams won promotion, eight stayed up and four were due for relegation. This summer again none won promotion, seven stayed up and four are due for relegation. Adult tennis membership is now higher than for several years and is not far below its peak. The courts are busier than ever with adult play both summer and winter. However working members find commitment difficult and membership is aging. This means that below first team level there does seem to be less appetite for competitive play. The tennis section can continue to thrive through offering the full range of opportunities for both competitive and non-competitive tennis.

### **Joining the Tennis Section**

Online application for joining the tennis section and for membership renewal seems to be working smoothly, with the opportunity to pay by monthly instalment. Annual membership renewal is slightly cheaper and operates with a rolling membership year. The mechanism for joining is to access the club website: [www.manorparkmalvern.com](http://www.manorparkmalvern.com), click on 'TENNIS' and then 'Join tennis'. All adult tennis members who joined pre-online are urged to log onto the ClubSpark database using the log-in sent by email in March. It involves choosing a personal password and makes it possible to keep contact details up-to-date.

New members need to know the key codes for the clubhouse and for the indoor tennis courts, which are both on the email sent with membership details. New members will find it useful to obtain a key for the outdoor tennis court locks which may be acquired from Andy in the club office on weekday mornings or by arrangement with the Membership Secretary (07800 892796). Members can book tennis courts by accessing the club website (as above). Click on 'Court booking', select 'Activity' and 'Date'. 'Sign In' is necessary to make a booking, with your own name e.g. T.SMITH as username and your postcode e.g. WR14 1AA as password.

### **Indoor tennis**

The indoor tennis courts are controlled by MACIT, independent of the tennis section, but tennis members are automatically members of MACIT. The County LTA have use of courts B & C from 5.30 pm to 9.15 pm on most evenings. The club uses these courts for social tennis on Tuesday evenings and for match practice on Thursday evenings, leaving just Sunday evenings for booking by members. However please note that court A is available for club members at all times and is not yet fully used. All court use has to be booked before play (see 'Sign In' above) and paid for even if not used. Bookings cannot be cancelled less than 24 hours in advance.

### **Tennis Coaching**

Sessions begin as from the 17 September  
. For information needed to enrol please see details in the clubhouse or ring Jane Poynder on 01684 574435.

#### **Adult Coaching Groups – Indoor Acrylic**

Tuesday 9.00 – 10.30 am

Wednesday 9.30 – 11.00 am

#### **Teens Tennis 13 years upwards**

Monday and Thursday 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Older Teens Monday 7.30 – 8.30 pm

#### **Green 9 – 12 years**

Monday and Thursday 5.30 – 6.30 pm

#### **Red / Orange Mini Tennis 4 – 8 years indoors**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 4.30 – 5.30 pm

Thursday 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Saturday 9.00 – 10.00 a.m.

#### **Individual and Small Group Lessons**

If you are interested in having individual or small group sessions for either adults or juniors ring 01684 574435

**Cardio Tennis Sessions are planned with days and times still to be fixed depending on demand**

### **Presentation Evening**

Cups and awards for the Club Tournament will be presented in the New Bar on Friday 7th October starting at 7 pm. Please return cups in good time for them to be engraved before presentation. Adults and juniors are urged to attend in person.

### **Charity Doubles**

The 2016 Charity Doubles tournament raised £802 for the chosen 'Charity Research UK'. 26 couples competed, the sun shone and the tennis was followed by an excellent lunch provided as always by Anna Paisley. The Coaching Team again provided the prizes for the winners of each group.

### **Junior Tennis Highlights**

Junior Tennis continues to thrive with excellent individual and team performances by all ages. Ellie Fleming and Tobie Timmermans both represented HW LTA at Aegon Senior County Cup and both the men's and ladies county teams gained promotion. Sam Clements, Ethan Powell and Lillian Mico represented HW in the 9U Aegon County Cup Team and came second to Warwickshire ahead of Staffs and Shropshire. Branden Wilton won the 8U Mixed Event at the OneVision Open Tournament. Sam Clements was runner up in the 9U Event. Sam won the Grade 3 9U Event at the Shrewsbury Club. Lois Burgess represented the county in the 10U Aegon County Cup Team and Sally Lewin in the 14U County Cup.

### **Awards for young players**

Rowan & Helen Thomas of Mitre Farm have very generously donated the refund for their wet day at Wimbledon to the Junior Performance Groups. Jade Hume has received a Coaching Grant as the most Improved Young Player. Mitre Farm have business premises to let just outside Tewkesbury – for information email: hstmitre@gmail.com

### **Manor Park Summertime Slam**

Manor Park Sports Club staged its own Grand Slam tennis event on Saturday 25th June attracting both local players and players from S.Wales. Over 40 players took part in the doubles event which comprised a group stage followed by four knockout competitions named after the Grand Slam tennis tournaments. The eventual winners were:

Wimbledon - Jamie Marks & Seb Timmermans

US Open - Rory Guilding & Geoff Smith

French Open - John Rees & Harry Wickett

Australian Open - Ian Elias & Alan Cooper

Tournament organiser Rob Redman said "We are delighted that the tournament was such a huge success and we hope that it will become a popular annual event."

### **TENNIS SECTION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 9 NOV 2016**

#### **Agenda for Tennis Section AGM**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11/11/2015
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Election of Officers and Committee
6. Any other Business

#### **Tennis Committee 2015-2016**

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| Chairman:             | Jane Poynder   |
| Hon. Treasurer:       | Geoff Titmuss  |
| Membership Secretary: | Cleland Newton                                       |
| Hon. Secretary:       | Elaine Fleming                                       |
| Grounds Controller:   | Sam Mackenzie  |
| Club Coach:           | Chris Skinner  |
| Committee Members:    | Rob Davies,<br>Anna Laidler<br>Jo Marks<br>Joe Riley |
|                       | Steve Lewis<br>Sally Powell,<br>Alison Tuck          |

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Proposals for **action** by the Tennis Committee may be sent to the Hon Secretary, Elaine Fleming, 7 Carlton Road, Malvern, Worcs. WR14 1HH to arrive one week before the meeting. Please note that proposals made and carried under **Any Other Business** are automatically referred back to the Tennis Committee for further consideration.

Proposal for action by the Tennis Committee: .....

Proposed by ..... Seconded by .....

Nomination(s) for the 2016-2017 Season Committee (with consent of nominee):

Proposed by ..... Seconded by ..... To be returned by not later than November 2nd to the Tennis Secretary, 7 Carlton Road, Malvern, Worcs. WR14 1HH



**The Club scene on Davis Cup Day**

**Club Tournament Results : Adults**

**Men's Singles:** Gwenole Andrieux bt Charlie Titmuss  
**Ladies' Singles:** Ellie Fleming bt Lucy Saunders  
**Men's Doubles:** Charlie Titmuss/Jamie Marks bt Gwenole Andrieux/Chris Skinner  
**Ladies' Doubles:** Ellie Fleming/Elaine Fleming BT Pia Michelsen/Sarah Titmuss  
**Mixed Doubles:** Paul Burgess/Ellie Fleming bt Chris Barr-Hamilton/Hannah Griffiths  
**Mixed 45+ Doubles:** Geoff Smith/Penny Smith bt Bob Mannion/Paula Daniel  
**Over 60 Men's Doubles:** Bob Mannion/Nick Hall bt Stuart Green/Alan Warren  
**Family Doubles:** Paul and Lois Burgess bt Geoff and Anna Smith

**Men's Singles Plate:** Joel Talcott bt Chet Mach  
**Ladies' Singles Plate:** Stephanie Combe bt Sue McCormick  
**Men's Doubles Plate :** Dave Hallam/James Noon bt Bill Fleming/Mike Stokes  
**Ladies' Doubles Plate:** Penny McKechnie/Bev Bond bt Sue Rowat/Marian Humm  
**Mixed Doubles Plate:** Geoff Titmuss/Victoria Barber bt Richard Beach/K Beach  
**Mixed 45+ Doubles Plate:** Ian Monaghan/Pia Michelsen bt Stuart Green/Sue McCormick  
**Over 60 Men's Doubles Plate:** Mark Davies/Colin Boyne bt Richard Beach/Peter Clement  
**Family Doubles Plate:** Grant and Jade Hume bt James and Sam Laidler

**Club Tournament Results: Juniors**

**U9 Boys:** Sam Clements  
**U9 Girls:** Scarlett Barr-Hamilton  
**U10 Boys:** Sam Cassidy bt Sam Laidler  
**U10 Girls:** Lois Burgess bt Jade Hume  
**U12 Boys:** Charlie Cassidy bt Tom Laidler  
**U13 Boys:** Charlie Cassidy bt Alex Combe  
**U13 Girls:** Stephanie Combe bt Elspeth Hill  
**U17 Boys:** Toby Clifford bt Fraser Cox  
**U13 Boys Doubles:** Alex Combe/Reece Taylor-Lock bt Charlie Cassidy/Tom Laidler

**Pegler County Closed Championships**

Jamie Marks partnered County Captain Charlie Crisp to win the Open Doubles and Georgina Jeynes Cupper won the Open Doubles with Imogen Sinclair. Paddy Hyde won the 18U Doubles with Oliver Nunn, Sally Lewin won both the 14U Singles and Doubles and Sam Clements won the 9U Singles and the 10U Doubles with Sam Laidler

**Ripple Cup – Year Two**

Sixteen pairs competed in the popular Ripple Cup, the event supported by James Mackenzie who also contributes to the Manor Park Junior Performance Programme. Four groups of four players battled it out with Chris Bar Hamilton and Alan Warren just managing to get the best of Chris Skinner and James McKenzie in a closely fought final with much barracking from the spectators!