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Updates for 27 Sep 2019



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CLUBHOUSE & GROUNDS

The new courts have arrived!



After months of careful planning, laying the new PKK court surfaces on Courts 1, 2 and 3 went like clockwork. The project to change the court surfaces dates back five years, when Nick Warshaw and Andrew Monk began looking into the options. The final phase of the work was supervised by committee members Richard Green, Mike Biddle and Les Irving, and the work was completed in just six days, with the courts back in play last Sunday.

Initial feedback has been very enthusiastic, with most players commenting that the surface is much softer on the knees than the tarmac. Coach Christian Gallan reckons the main difference is that the ball bounce is about 20% lower - making drop shots a particularly effective weapon. Grounds officer Les Irving reports that during the torrential rain this week the courts drained beautifully.

We hope all club members will enjoy the new surface and find it causes less wear and tear on the knees.



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TOURNAMENT

The 2019 Summer Tournament came to an exciting conclusion on a beautiful sunny Saturday in mid September. After weeks of competition, the finalists battled it out for the top prize. Well done to everyone who took part, and especially to the finalists and the winners, who are listed below.

MAIN DRAW

Men's Singles Winner – Edward Goodfellow

Men's Singles Finalist – Matthew Schlotter

(pictured right)

Women's Singles Winner – Krista McCluskey

Women's Singles Finalist – Samantha Dunn



Men's Doubles Winners – Edward Goodfellow & Matthew Schlotter Men's Doubles Finalists - Alexander Fassone & Arthur Guillaumin

Women's Doubles - Not Played

Mixed Doubles Winners – Anna Morgan & Matthew Schlotter

Mixed Doubles Finalists – Alexander Fassone & Amanda Fassone

VETERANS' DRAW

Men's Doubles Winners - Jack Colbourne & Richard Lintern

Men's Doubles Finalists - Joel Donovan & Phil

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Women's Doubles Winners – Amanda Fassone & Anna Bhandari
Women's Doubles Finalists – Hiam Kite & Bambi Huab

Mixed Doubles Winners – Alice Shimmin & Andrew Monk

Mixed Doubles Finalists – Nitin Bhandari & Anna Bhandari (pictured above)



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PLATE DRAW

Men's Singles Winner – Martin Liebeck Men's Singles Finalist – Alan Cameron

Women's Singles Winner – Amanda Fassone Women's Singles Finalist – Jasna Paul

Men's Doubles Winners – Martin Liebeck & Angus Warren

Men's Doubles Finalists – Thomas Kaprielian & Joseph Strong

Women's Doubles Winners – Krista McCluskey & Penny Mitchell

Women's Doubles Finalists – Sharon Stewart & Donna Hart

Mixed Doubles Winners – Krista McCluskey & Martin McKay

Mixed Doubles Finalists - Jamie Patrick & Monica Barleycorn

VETERANS' PLATE TOURNAMENT

Men's Doubles Winners - Andrew Monk & Arjun Wallia*

Women's Doubles Winners – Francesca Farrell & Deirdre McAlpin Women's Doubles Finalists – Diane Chandler & Carolyn Wigoder

Mixed Doubles Winners - Joel Donovan & Amanda Fassone*

*Their opponents were not available on Finals Day





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Sign up for the American Doubles on October 12

Due to the work on the new courts, the September American Doubles was cancelled. The next one is on Saturday, October 12. The tournament is open to players of all standards and takes place from 2-4pm. There are only 32 spaces available - to book your spot follow this link:

http://public.hartswoodtennis.co.uk/signupamerican

TEAMS

The eight Hartswood teams who competed in the Middlesex League this summer had a brilliant season, with four promotions and all the other teams finishing in the top half of their respective tables.

Congratulations to the women's second team and the men's first, third and fourth teams, who will all move up a division in 2020.

Club captain Nick Warshaw says: 'I would like to thank all the captains from the summer teams, both adult and junior, for playing and captaining in the most successful season to date, with no relegations and four promotions.

'I couldn't be prouder of all your achievements. Clearly we are doing the right stuff in competing in the West London leagues! Next year we will look at extending the number of teams playing competitive tennis if court availability permits.'

Nick adds: 'The winter leagues start soon, so get ready. As always, if you have any questions about playing in a team please email me at nickwarshaw@outlook.com.'



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IN OTHER NEWS

Thank you to Amanda



At the end of June, the Hartswood committee said a fond farewell to Amanda Fassone as Club Secretary. Amanda has kept the committee running smoothly and with great good humour for the past few years and she will be very much missed. Club chairman Mike Biddle thanked Amanda for her contribution and presented her with a bouquet from the committee. Jasna Paul has now taken over as Club Secretary.

Do you want to join the Hartswood committee?

The Club's PR Secretary, Constance Craig Smith, is stepping down from the job and we are looking for a replacement. The post involves attending half a dozen committee meetings a year, keeping members up-to-date with what's going on at the club, and producing this newsletter. If you are interested in the post please contact pr@hartswoodtennis.co.uk

Come to the Hartswood AGM on October 13

The club's Annual General Meeting takes place at 5pm on Sunday October 13. Every member is welcome, so come along and hear what's been happening at the club. And if you want to join the committee this is your chance to throw your hat in the ring, as all committee roles are up for re-election.

If there is an issue about the club that you want to raise at the AGM, please email secretary@hartswoodtennis.co.uk as soon as possible so it can be added to the agenda.



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Time change for club tennis

From October 27, when the clocks go back, the starting time for club tennis on a Sunday changes to one o'clock. The starting time for club tennis on a Saturday remains unchanged at two o'clock.

DIARY DATES

Wed 2nd Oct 6.30pm-8.30pm
Wednesday Night Club Tennis & Social

Sat 12th Oct 2pm-4pm
American Tournament

Sun 13th Oct 5pm-6.30pm Annual General Meeting

Wed 16th Oct 6.30pm-8.30pm
Wednesday Night Club Tennis & Social

Sun 27th Oct 2am
Clocks go back. Sunday Club tennis moves to 1pm to 5pm

AND FINALLY....

Feedback

This is your club and you are welcome to send comments to the Committee at any time using our <u>Feedback Form</u>.

Newsletter archive

There is a complete archive of all previous newsletters on the <u>Newsletter Archive</u> site.

