

SPRING 2014

HORTON CUM STUDLEY TENNIS CLUB



NEWSLETTER

Website:- www.hcstc.org

After the wettest winter for decades, the fine weather finally has arrived - time to dust off your racket and dig out your balls - Welcome to the *Horton Cum Studley Tennis Club Newsletter*.

The Coaching dates are now confirmed.

Tennis BBQ date confirmed.

Junior Tournaments organised.

Adult Matches - Ladies Mens and Mixed are to be played through-out the Season.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE from Kate on 01865 351086 - she can either Post or Email one to you.



EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2014

Start of Season Open Day

Saturday 3rd May 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. **Café Saturday** and BBQ

Coaching for Junior Members

Fridays 4 - 8pm starting 2nd May (8 sessions) Saturdays 9am - 12pm starting 3rd May (6 sessions)

Contact Bronwyn van Zijl: 0791 915 5911 Email bronwynvanzijl@gmail.com

Coaching for Adult Members

Saturdays 12 - 1 pm starting 3rd May (6 sessions)

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Club Nights

Wednesdays 6.30 pm starting 7th May 2014

End of Season Open Day and Prize Giving

Saturday 28th June 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. **Café Saturday** and BBQ

Prizegiving at 1.00 pm Trophies for Under 12's and Under 16's

Match Play

Mens and Mixed: Contact Mike McIlvenna Mobile: 0752 152 2151

Ladies and Mixed: Contact Judy Ramm Mobile: 0770 908 8668

Also available for organising friendly matches on request

To book a court:

Contact Sara Mander on 0785 023 1293

Club Membership:

Kate MacFarlane 01865 351086 / Mobile: 0795 258 9866 Email: katemacson@hotmail.co.uk

WHO IS WHO?

Sara Mander - Chairman	07850 231 293
Kate MacFarlane - Secretary	01865 351 086
Judy Ramm – Ladies Captain	07709 088 668
David Ramm - Treasurer	01865 351 120
Mike McIlvenna - Men's Captain	01865 874017
Bronwyn Van Zijl - Junior Coaching	07919 155 911
John Wright - Committee	01865 351526
John Fisher – Committee	07989 560 580

Would you like to join the committee – just give us a call

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

These will be issued to all new and current members.

TENNIS BALLS

These are available from David Ramm - £5 per tube of 4 balls.

COURT PADLOCK

We have a combination lock attached to the gate for court access. There will be a new number from the 1st May. You will be given this once you have renewed your membership.



Mum's at the Club Barbecue



Rachel our 2013 Coach



Need more information or an membership application form? Then visit our website www.hcstc.org.

Do you know who invented tennis? Tennis is a game played by people from all backgrounds in countries all around the world. Though tennis is wildly popular, who invented the sport isn't widely known. Here's a short history of the inventor of tennis.

Tennis has been around for more than 800 years, deriving from a French sport played by monks called paume. In paume, players used their hand to hit a ball. Like tennis, paume was played on a court. It became so popular among monks and nobility that the Pope tried to ban it (but was unsuccessful). Paume evolved, using gloves then rackets, developing rules and spreading across the world.

In the mid-1800s, two men invented a game called pelota, which involved rackets. These men, along with two doctors, founded the first tennis club in 1872. The first official tennis tournament was held twelve years later, in the United Kingdom.

Another man, Major Walter Clopton Wingfield, is also credited with developing modern tennis. He called this game sphairistike, a Greek word which referred to a skill at ball games. Though Wingfield's version of tennis wasn't quite original, he did come up with much of the terminology used today.

The first serious tennis championship, Wimbledon, was played in 1877.

Wimbledon tennis was designed to determine the best of the best in tennis.

The United States Tennis Association formed in 1881, known then as the United States National Lawn Tennis Association. Their objective was to standardize tennis rules in the US; up until that point there were discrepancies, depending on which part of the country you were playing in.

International rules for tennis were finalised by the International Lawn Tennis Federation (now known as just the International Tennis Federation) in 1924.

1881 was also the year of the first US Open. At the time, only men competed, though women weren't much farther behind, joining the competition in 1887.

Much of the game of tennis is the same all these years on !



Line Up for Coaching – Who is next

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION. Again we have tried to keep our subscriptions to a very minimum.

£80 .. Family £47 .. Adult £20 .. Junior (up to 18 years old)

If you are not currently a member and are interested in joining the Tennis Club, please contact any of the committee members for more information.