

HILL & VALLEY LTC LIMITED

NEWSLETTER 2017

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Firstly I would like to pay a tribute to John Robson who died suddenly last June. Over the years John successfully held virtually every position in the club: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, coach, all-round organiser and BBQ wizard. He also promoted tennis throughout Gloucestershire and organised several area junior tournaments and was the driver in helping H&V gain "Club of the Year" in 2004.

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the club we are planning two new trophies, one for seniors and one for juniors, which will be contested for at one of our usual club tournaments and a renewed commitment to support the coaching, as it has been doing in recent years to ensure that new life will continue to flow into the club in the future.

This year's Coln Valley Tournament took place just after the sudden passing of John Robson but with true grit and the support of all those involved we put on a tournament that John would have been proud of. We had new winners in 2016 so this year's challenge is to bring the silverware back to the club.

A lot of work was carried out last year on the clubhouse and the adjacent area as well as a new entrance lock and new benches provided by the Chedworth Golf Day in memory of John. So with our newly resurfaced courts and brand new nets we are well placed for the year ahead. We also arranged for a major trim of the laurel hedge last autumn which we plan to continue in the spring or late summer.

A Friday afternoon club session has been introduced at the membership's request which was successful in the summer months and will hopefully pick up again this spring. Monday evenings have seen fewer people on court for a variety of reasons but new members are now coming along and we would like to see more of you coming along in the future. Sunday mornings continue to be successful. I am hoping to send out a survey out in a few weeks to assess what best suits members.

I would like to finish by thanking everyone on the Board for their continued support.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Graham Stock	Chairman/Coaching/Fabric	01451-860903	grahamstock@aol.com
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CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

Chrissie Kenning is our Child Protection Officer. Her role is primarily to act as a point of contact for anyone who has concerns about any Child Protection issues. Her contact details are chrissiekenning@hotmail.co.uk or ring 01285-720086.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Renewal Subscriptions for 2017 are now due.

If you are renewing with no changes to last year's details then you have the option of paying by electronic bank transfer. Simply contact your own bank and make a payment to Hill & Valley LTC, Barclays Bank, Cirencester, Sort Code 208458, Account Number 23916642; inserting your name in the reference field.. Please include any guest fees payable for last year (£3 per session).

Otherwise please pay by cheque and fill in the form at the end of the Newsletter and return it to Fred Shaftoe as soon as possible.

The rates approved at the AGM (inclusive of LTA affiliation fees) are shown on the Renewal Form.

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP

We encourage all members to become British Tennis Members. You can do this by accessing the British Tennis website - www.lta.org.uk/member. If you have any queries about membership please ring the LTA on 020-8487-7000.

TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

Temporary membership is available on a weekly basis at £10 per adult; £5 per youth/junior.
Contact Fred Shaftoe on 720074.

COMMUNICATION

Being able to contact members by e-mail speeds up communication from the committee so please ensure we have your current e-mail address. The club's website address is www.chedworth.org.uk/tennis.

COURTS/BOOKING SYSTEM

Access to the court is by keypad using a code issued when members have paid their membership fee. A key for the pavilion is available from Fred Shaftoe (01285-720074). A deposit of £5 per key is required.

Courts may be booked 8 days ahead. Matches are generally played in the evenings and they take priority over other bookings.

Please note that to prevent damage to the surface, sports shoes with light soles should be worn when playing. Courts are booked through our Online Booking system. Once you have paid your Membership Fee you will be emailed with instructions (normally within 7 days) about how to use the system and your password.

If there are any problems with booking you can contact the Bookings Administrator, Jackie Gumpert (01285-720553), who will be pleased to help.

FLOODLIGHTS

Tokens cost £4.00 for 1 hour's play, and are available from:-

Chrissie Kenning 01285-720086 Graham Stock 01451-860903 or 07710-868206

CLUB TENNIS

Club tennis is available on four occasions each week as follows:

Monday is Men's Night starting at 6.00 pm; details from John Boughey (01285-721218)

Wednesday is Club Night (probably starting 5th April) starting at 6.00 pm; details from Trish King (01451 820172)

Friday Afternoon is Club Afternoon starting at 1.00 pm; details from Rosemary Scott Smith (01285-720431)

Sunday is Club Morning starting at 10.00 am; details from Graham Stock (01451-860903)

The sessions on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays will be free of charge with tennis balls being provided. A small charge is usually levied for the Evening Sessions to cover lights and balls.

These sessions are a great way to meet new players and improve your doubles tennis, so we would encourage you to come along. If you would like to know more before coming, please ring Graham or Allison Stock on 01451 860903.

Format is dependent on number of players attending, but is normally 5 games, when both courts are in use. We have a new club 'board' which can be used when both courts are in operation and members are waiting to play. This ensures players are not left out and most people are able to pick a 'four'.

COACHING NEWS - 2017

Adult coaching with Hilary Swan (01242-890213) begins after the February Half Term. She continues to provide her excellent coaching for the adults on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 09:30 to 11:00am. For those of you who work during the week then we hope to arrange some adult coaching later in the season on Saturdays, provided there is enough interest to run a course.

Adult and Junior Coaching will be starting shortly and the programme will be emailed to members as it unfolds. Coaches can also be contacted directly for private coaching. Hilary Swan is on 01242 890213 and David Ayala on 01242460243 or 07487 71468.

Throughout 2017 individual coaching will also be available for both adults and children and for any standard. These private lessons can be arranged through the coaches, at times and at locations that may suit you better. Please contact Hilary Swan (01242-890213, h.swan213@btinternet.com) for Senior coaching.

2016 SUMMER LEAGUE RESULTS

All Team Reports were presented at the AGM. It was an excellent year for the Ladies but the men struggled in Division 1. In summary -

Men's A Team – demoted to Division 2 and would welcome new players

Ladies A Team – consolidated and remain in Div 2

Ladies B Team – promoted to Division 2

Thank you to all who spent time arranging and participating.

2016 STROUD WINTER LEAGUE

Last year was our first season in the Stroud Sunday Winter League and Allison was pleased to report that we were top of our division and got promotion to Division 2. This league has enabled us to get more people playing (20 last year) as Sunday during the day is much more appealing than dark, dreary nights during the week! The make-up of the matches with one men's/ladies doubles and a mixed is also more fun and this league is also less serious, with the emphasis on friendly competition! At the time of writing we've got 4 matches left to play and as at the end of the year, we were sitting top, but, some teams have a few more games in hand!

COLN VALLEY MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT 2016

The date you need for your diary this year is **Saturday 10th June 2017**. This is our club's main fundraiser for the year, so your support is very welcome and appreciated, both on and off the court.

WIMBLEDON TICKETS

The club gets an allocation of tickets for the Wimbledon Championships, based on the number of our club members (adults and juniors aged 9 and over) who have signed up as British Tennis Members (BTMs) and 'opted in' as at 17th February 2017.

Wimbledon tickets, through the club ballot, will only be available to club members who are signed up as adult/junior BTMs, have opted in, are linked to the club and are also paid up members of the club. We will organise the ballot in the clubhouse with date TBC. Those interested should attend or send a representative. Those unable to do either should contact Allison Stock.

The administration process for collecting money and receipt of tickets will be as in previous years. If you have any questions, please ask Allison Stock.

CALENDAR

TBC	Wimbledon Ballot (to be confirmed)
Date TBC	Adult & Child Tournament (afternoon with tea and cake)
Sunday 28 th May	American Doubles Tournament (pm with tea and cake)
Saturday 10th June	Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tournament (all day)
Date TBC	Junior Club Championships (all day with refreshments)
Date TBC	Adult Club Singles tournament (ladies am / men pm)
Date TBC	Adult Doubles tournament (ladies am / men pm)
Date TBC	Hill & Valley Club Challenge (to mid afternoon)

We hope that you will continue to support your club as it survives on an active membership. On behalf of the committee we wish you all an enjoyable tennis season.

Hill & Valley LTC Committee
February 2017

2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

If you are a new member you must complete this Application Form.

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH (if under 21)	TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	SUBS	SIGNATURE (required for all adults)
Deposit for keys (New Members Only) £5 each			£	
TOTAL			£	

Contact address

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Contact phone no

Contact e-mail address **(Important please complete)**

Please return with payment (cheques payable to Hill & Valley LTC) to: Fred Shaftoe, Camellia House, Fields Rd, Chedworth, CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire GL54 4NQ.

2017 SUBSCRIPTIONS	£
Family (including children in full-time education up to 23)	138.00
Individual	63.00
Student (in FT education up to age of 23 not included in family)	31.00
Youth (10-17 before 1.1.17)	24.00
Junior (under 10 before 1.1.17)	15.00

DATA PROTECTION

Hill & Valley LTC will use your personal data for membership purposes only and to send you information related only to the club or of a more general interest on local matters. It will not pass on any personal information to any other organisation or body.

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP

By filling in this form, you are also being automatically signed up as a British Tennis Member for free. This will enable you to take advantage of the many benefits offered to British Tennis Members including Wimbledon tickets, exclusive news and discounts and a player rating. For more information visit: www.LTA.org.uk/membership. If you do not want to be enrolled please circle 'No thanks'.