

# HILL & VALLEY LTC LIMITED

## NEWSLETTER 2018

### CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The start of this year has seen mixed weather conditions and ever-changing forecasts making it difficult to play regularly. Now that Spring is here I am sure that you and I are looking forward to playing on some warmer dry days. This is a good time of the year to get your rackets out, start playing and get back into fitness. Don't forget to check your strings and buying that new outfit you always wanted. I have watched the Australian Open and the Davis Cup match against Spain and look forward to the French, Wimbledon and American Championships. It is inspiring to see our younger players taking on the challenge of the world stage by playing some remarkable tennis.

In recognition of John Robson's outstanding contribution to the club, we purchased a new trophy in 2017, the "John Robson Rose Bowl" and this was contested for the very first time on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017. It was an amazing day with a good turnout of club players and friends who came along to play or spectate. It was played on private courts in the morning, an excellent lunch in the Village Hall provided by Claire Booth, followed by the semi-finals and finals on our courts. In a fitting way, John would have been pleased with the finalists of Julie Young, Tom Emmerson, Carol Bailey and Dan Heaps. The trophy was presented by Heather Robson and her daughter Alice to Carol and Dan.

Last year's Coln Valley Tournament was another great success for the club and another thrilling final took place on our courts. The money raised is shared between the local churches and the club. It is with the help of present and past club members that this tournament is recognised as a friendly but competitive event that is played on private courts in the wonderful Cotswold valleys.

We have continued to maintain the laurel hedge that surrounds the courts with another hard cut to either side of the clubhouse. This will encourage the hedge to thicken and provide the us with the wind break we all love! We shall continue to monitor the growth of all the remaining trees.

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

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Graham Stock	Chairman/Coaching/Fabric	01451-860903	<a href="mailto:grahamstock@aol.com">grahamstock@aol.com</a>
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### WELFARE OFFICER

Chrissie Kenning is our Welfare 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](mailto:chrissiekenning@hotmail.co.uk) or ring 01285-720086.

### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

**Renewal Subscriptions for 2018 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.**

### 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](http://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 or Graham Stock 01451-860903 or 07710-868206

## CLUB TENNIS

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

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

**Friday afternoons** starting after Easter from 1 to 3pm; details from Rosemary (01285-720431) or Trish (01451-820172)

**Sunday is Club Morning** from 10.00 am to 12 noon; details from Graham Stock (01451-860903)

The session on Sundays will be free of charge with tennis balls being provided. A small charge is usually levied for the Evening Session 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.

The format is dependent on number of players attending. A normal set is played, but when both courts are in use and there are people waiting then we play 5 games. 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 - 2018

Adult coaching with Hilary Swan (01242-890213) begins after February half term. She continues to provide her excellent coaching for the adults on Tuesday and Friday 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 or individual group sessions.

Details of Junior Coaching by David Ayala can be seen on [www.chedworthtennisacademey.co.uk](http://www.chedworthtennisacademey.co.uk) and applications are made through that web site. Junior group coaching will begin on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday coaching / performance coaching will begin after Easter.

Further Adult and Junior Coaching programmes will be emailed to members as it unfolds.

Throughout 2018 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 David Ayala on 07487 714689, [david@chedworthtennisacademy.co.uk](mailto:david@chedworthtennisacademy.co.uk) for senior and junior coaching or Hilary Swan (01242-890213, [h.swan213@btinternet.com](mailto:h.swan213@btinternet.com)).

## 2017 SUMMER LEAGUE RESULTS

All Team Reports were presented at the AGM. It was an excellent year for the Ladies A Team, disappointment for the Ladies B Team and success for the Mens A Team. In summary -

**Men's A Team** – runner's up in Division 2A, so gained promotion to Div 1

**Ladies A Team** – winners of Div 2A, so promoted to Div 1

**Ladies B Team** – 6<sup>th</sup> in Div 2B, but will play in Div 3 this year

Thank you to all who spent time arranging and participating.

## WINTER LEAGUE

Due to lack of availability, particularly from the men, a team has not entered for the 2018 Stroud Winter League.

## COLN VALLEY MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

The date you need for your diary this year is **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. 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 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.

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)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Adult & Child Tournament (afternoon with tea and cake)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	American Doubles Tournament (pm with tea and cake)
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Coln Valley Mixed Doubles Tournament (all day)</b>
Date TBC July	Junior Club Championships (all day with refreshments)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	John Robson Memorial Tournament (mixed doubles)

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 2018

## 2018 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 key to clubhouse (New Members Only) £5			£	
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.

2018 SUBSCRIPTIONS	£
Family (including children in full-time education up to 23)	144.00
Individual	66.00
Student (in FT education up to age of 23 not included in family)	32.00
Youth (10-17 before 1.1.18)	25.00
Junior (under 10 before 1.1.18)	16.00

### 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

If you have not already done so please consider becoming a British Tennis Member (BTM) and opting in to the Wimbledon ballot. This is FREE and will not only enable you to take advantage of the many benefits offered to BTM's by the LTA, but it will help your club obtain an allocation of tickets to The Wimbledon Championships. You can then enter our club ballot to buy a pair of tickets. Please visit <https://www3.lta.org.uk/Members/Join/> to find out more.

