

A BACK TO TENNIS SPECIAL EDITION

HEYES GROVE NEWSLETTER

MEMBERS UPDATE: MARCH 2021



As of 29th March 2021, Heyes Grove Tennis Club will be open again for tennis. Table tennis is due to return on the 17th May so a little longer to wait! We are so excited at the prospect of seeing our members back at the Club enjoying their sport and although things won't quite be back to normal, it is a step in the right direction! Please keep reading for the lowdown on the social distancing guidelines that we will all need to follow.

Thank you to all our members who attended our virtual AGM in February. We were delighted to see so many of you there. For a full who's who guide on the Committee this year, read on! In case you missed the AGM, here are some of the highlights of 2020:

- Despite the pandemic, our membership has increased which is fantastic news for the Club.
- All 6 courts have been deep cleaned and rejuvenated.
- Various Covid support and Sport England grants were obtained last year.
- Heyes Grove has been selected to host the Fred Perry Tournament again this year.
- We have gone digital with our ClubSpark booking system!

We would like to express our thanks to Gary Brown who replaced Laraine Kelly as interim Chair from June 2020 until the AGM.

Since the AGM, we have more good news! We have received a further Covid relief grant of £13.8k and a further grant from Sport England is anticipated although not yet confirmed. We have a new bar team who bring bar management experience and are raring to go on the 12th April. 3 new court draggers have been purchased so that we can keep the courts in good condition. We have ordered some new fence screens for courts 4-6 which will really smarten them up. And last but not least,....the road! This featured heavily in our feedback questionnaire as an area that requires improvement. As you know, our hands have been tied on this as the Club does not own the road. However, thanks to some masterful negotiation by our Head Coach, Network Rail (who are carrying out construction work next door) have agreed to make substantial repairs to the road and already there is a significant improvement as a result. Fantastic!

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TENNIS!



GETTING BACK TO TENNIS



MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again when we ask you to renew your membership (by 1st April 2021!). We have updated our membership renewal method and it is now a simple online process. Here's how:

Visit clubspark.lta.org.uk/HeyesGroveTennisClub/Membership/Join select your membership and pay online by BACS. For a clear step by step guide visit our website and go to the Join Our Club section where you will find all the information you need.

BOOK A COURT

Our court bookings system has also moved online. Log in to your ClubSpark account and find Heyes Grove Tennis Club to book your court.

COVID

We are so excited to get back to the business of playing tennis. We ask all our members to familiarise themselves with the current Covid-19 LTA guidelines on playing tennis safely. These can be reviewed on the LTA website. In summary, singles and doubles play is possible but is subject to the Rule of 6. Coaching is allowed in groups of 15 juniors per coach and 12 adults per court. The Clubhouse must remain closed for the time being although access to the toilets is allowed. Please continue to wash or sanitise your hands before entering the courts and do not attend the Club if you have any symptoms or you are isolating. Any donations of bottles of hand sanitiser (500ml plus) would be greatly appreciated to help the cause.

LIGHTS

Whilst the Clubhouse is closed, tokens for the floodlights can be purchased from Gary Brown directly and payment should be made online to the Heyes Grove bank Account with either the reference LIGHTS MP/LP (Men's practice or Ladies' practice if applicable) or LIGHTS/Surname for general play. This must be done in advance of play.

DRAG THE COURT

Please remember to drag the courts after play, unless the weather is wet. If you need reminding, watch the How To video on the website www.heyessgrove.com/court-bookings/.

VOLUNTEER

Our Club is run by volunteers and there are loads of ways you can help out. Join a working party - these are regularly announced via Whatsapp messaging and/or Facebook and might involve pulling some weeds, filling a pothole, clearing debris from the courts, cleaning the BBQ. Anything you can offer, will be appreciated. A special mention to Babs Twiney who always does our lovely hanging baskets which really brighten up the Clubhouse. When we get back to having a working bar and private lettings, there is always a job to be done - cleaning the kitchen, emptying the dishwasher, clearing glasses, emptying bins! So what are you waiting for....muck in!



C O M M I T T E E

CHAIR: The current Committee has agreed to operate with a rotating Chair person. The first few months are set as follows:

April: Richard Odell May: Ben Scandrett June: Will/Sally Ingham

SECRETARY: Simon Rigby (replacement required)

TREASURER: Mike Walsh

WELFARE OFFICER: Anna Capper (replacement required)

TOURNAMENT/MATCH SECRETARY: Gary Brown

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Chris Beighton

GROUNDS SECRETARY: Ben Scandrett

PLAYER REPRESENTATIVES: Rich Odell and Barbara Twiney

COMMS SECRETARY: Will and Sally Ingham

SOCIAL SECRETARY: Jo Whitmore and Vicky Darwin

LETTINGS OFFICER: Joe Brown

BAR SECRETARY: Alex and Abby Wright

TABLE TENNIS SECRETARY: John Eardley

V A C A N C I E S

The Committee has started a formal recruitment process for the position of Welfare Officer. This role is crucial to our Club and is a strict requirement of the LTA. The LTA has recommended that we conduct a short interview to ensure that the applicants are aware of the requirements and responsibilities attached to this role. The role of Secretary is also open for applications.

Applications supported by a proposal and seconder must be received by the 1st April 2021 in accordance with the email sent to all members on 22/3/21

We take this opportunity to extend a huge thanks Alex and Abby Wright who have recently volunteered to manage the bar which is such a vital part of our Club from a social point of view but also in terms of the Club's income.

HEYES GROVE TENNIS CLUB

SUMMER CLUB PROGRAMME TIMETABLE

1st APRIL 2021 - 30th SEPTEMBER 2021

Day	Time	Courts used	Ability
Monday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	4 Courts	The Willows Primary School PE
Monday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	4 Courts	Heyes Lane Primary School ASC
Monday	4.30pm - 5.30pm	4 Courts	Mini Orange/Green
Monday	5.30pm - 6.30pm	4 Courts	Juniors Intermediate
Tuesday	10.00 -11.00am	2 Courts	Pictor Academy (Disability school)
Tuesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	4 Courts	Juniors Intermediate
Tuesday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	4 Courts ***	Mini Orange/Green & U12s Int/Adv
Tuesday	7.00pm - 9.00pm	4 Courts ***	Ladies Team Coaching
Wednesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	6 Courts	Mini Red/Orange/Green - All sub-groups
Wednesday	5.15pm - 6.15pm	6 Courts ***	Mini Red/Orange/Green - All sub-groups
Wednesday	6.30pm - 8.00pm	2-5 Courts***	Club Social Night
Wednesday	8.00pm - 9.00pm	4 Courts ***	Adult Beginners/Improvers
Thursday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	6 Courts ***	Teenager Intermediate/Advanced
Thursday	7.00pm - 9.30pm	6 courts ***	Men's Team Coaching
Friday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	4 Courts	Mini Red/Orange - Young Beginners & Tots session
Friday	5.15pm - 6.15pm	2 Courts	Mini Orange
Friday	6.30pm - 8.00pm	2-5 Courts***	Club Social Night
Saturday	9.30am - 11.30am	4 Courts	LTA Youth Start and LTA Youth
Saturday	12.30pm - 1.30pm	4 Courts	Juniors U12
Sunday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	2-5 Courts	Club Social play

Sessions in bold are Club sessions. Free to attend. £2 per player for floodlight use.

*** All floodlit courts in use during these hours. Priority given to coaching session. Please agree with Gary, if you require a court.

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