



HEYES GROVE NEWSLETTER

MEMBERS UPDATE: DECEMBER 2021



Merry Christmas!

As 2021 draws to a close, we would like to say a big thanks to all our members for their continued support. Despite the challenges that the pandemic has thrown our way, we are delighted to report that, all sectors of the Club are thriving. A perfect example of this is our Annual Tournament which was a great success. Finals were held in September for the Seniors and November for the Juniors. As always there was some fantastic tennis on show and great sportsmanship and team spirit all round. See below for a full report from Head Coach Gary Brown. Congratulations to all those who took part!



The Winter Tennis Season is well underway and all our teams are doing well and despite some freezing conditions, have been playing some great tennis. Matches are scheduled up until March. The Winter League team captains are Beccie Perry, Linda Roy and Anna Taylor so get in touch if you'd like to play.

We are now looking towards the summer season and are pleased to announce that we have a strong enough ladies squad to enter 3 teams into the leagues for the first time. Well done ladies, especially all those who have worked their way up from the rusty rackets sessions! So, with 3 ladies', 4 men's and 10 junior teams this season, there is plenty of opportunity to take part if you'd like. Team tennis is a great way to improve your game, fitness and to represent Heyes Grove in our local tennis community. Team captains are starting to rally their teams so if you are keen to get stuck in, speak to one of them or to Gary.

WINTER 2021



NEWS AND UPDATES



A huge thanks goes to our working party volunteers who came to the Club on 27th November despite some very wintry weather. The courts and clubhouse are looking ship-shape and the pot holes have been filled once more. There is constant storm debris at this time of year, so we ask everyone to do their bit and drag the courts after play when its dry. If we keep the courts clear of leaves and sticks, their life expectancy increases. There's a great video on our website for a reminder of the do's and don'ts. <https://heyesgrove.com/court-bookings/>. The new draggers must be kept flat after use. They cost £2500 for 4 so please let's look after them!

The AGM is now just around the corner (February 2022) and we are looking for some new faces to join the Committee. This year we have operated on a rolling chair basis. Whilst we feel this has worked well in the circumstances, it is simply no replacement for having a permanent chair. We invite members who are interested in this role to speak the Committee about what is involved. Our current Welfare Officer, Sara McSweeney, is standing down and we are looking for somebody to replace her as soon as possible. Sara has kindly offered to continue until we have a replacement. There are also other potential vacancies to join the Committee, including Social Secretary. The club needs members to step up to shape its future. It is your club so why not have your say by joining the Committee? Please contact us if you are interested and see the Committee Report below to understand what we have achieved this year and our plans for next.

Bonfire Night was a huge success in October and was enjoyed by over 100 people. Not only did we raise funds for the Club but we also raised our profile as a venue for hire for private parties and have received bookings as a direct result. Thank you to Alex and Abby Wright, Steve Holland, Gary Brown and everyone else who pitched in and did their bit to make this event a huge success. Plans are afoot for Burns Night and the Annual Dinner Dance. Sadly we had to cancel our Christmas Party due to the Covid situation but we plan to replace this with a new family event in the coming year. If any members would be interested in helping to organise a social event this year, please get in touch.



We recognise that social tennis is hugely important to our members and it is an aspect of our club that we would like to improve and expand. The Committee have agreed to start a monthly Family Social Tennis on a Sunday afternoon from 4pm in the New Year. Start date TBC. Our current Club Social sessions are Wednesday 6.45-8pm, Fridays 6.30-8pm and Sundays 2-4pm. As more people are working from home now, what do our members think about introducing a lunchtime social session on a Monday each week? And a Senior Social each Tuesday morning? Let us know your thoughts or join the Social Tennis Whatsapp groups by getting in touch with our Social Player Rep, Babs Twiney on 07796 265024

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT REPORT BY GARY BROWN

Well done to all of our finalists in what was an absolutely fantastic day for tennis at the club. We had brilliant weather and all the players, children and families really enjoyed the day. Thank you to everyone that helped behind the bar, in the kitchen or on the bbq. Also, a big thank you to all those that helped umpire the finals. You all did a great job and it was simply a fantastic day.

I'd also like to say a huge well done to all the participants in this year's tournament, which includes many players who entered for the first time this year. There were many fantastic matches leading up to the finals too, and there are lots of players that won matches but maybe still didn't quite make a final, and you all deserve huge credit. I hope you all enjoyed the challenges and your matches.

The results of the senior finals were:

Ladies Singles: Emily Heywood beat Lisa Weaver

Men's Singles: Jack Cave beat Joe Brown

Men's Plate: Sam Ridgway beat Kit Niaz

Ladies Preferred Doubles: Emily Heywood/Anna Capper beat Lisa Weaver/Allison Biggs

Men's Preferred Doubles: Joe Brown/Gary Brown beat Jack Cave/Harry Brown

Mixed Preferred Doubles: Laraine Kelly/Jack Cave beat Allison Biggs/Gary Brown

Ladies Drawn Doubles: Emily Heywood/Hannah Jackson beat Laraine Kelly/Jess Dodd

Mixed Drawn Doubles: Fran Phillips/Tony Pickup beat Anna Taylor/Patrick Duncombe

A special mention to Emily Heywood who won 3 finals on the day! Treble Champion. Well done Emily!

The results of the junior finals were:

8U Mini red (Mixed) - George Odell beat Henry Cardy

9U Mini Green (Girls) - Fliss Wrathall beat Thea Jackson

9U Mini Green (Boys) - Harry Taylor beat Lucas Dodd

11U - Alex Dariev beat Mason Cellatly

12U (Girls) - Sophie Ingham beat Olivia Roy

12U (Boys) - Eddie Wrathall beat Tom Ingham

14U - Arjuna Unnithan beat Charlie Evans

16U - Bhavdeep Kurra beat Ben Stone

18U (Girls) - Abbie Cook beat Lydia Ridgway/Abi Court

18U (Boys) - Sam Ridgway beat Joe Roy



COMMITTEE REPORT

What we have achieved in 2021

A lot of work has taken place behind the scenes this year and we'd like to offer our members a summary:

- The Committee has unanimously voted to incorporate the Club. This is a lengthy process but will give more financial security enabling us to invest in the future of the club and commit to a schedule of expensive club improvements.
- We have continued to protect and increase our sinking fund, supplementing it with grants.
- Insurance health check: We have modernised and improved our insurance cover to make it more fit for purpose.
- Tax position health check: Following the AGM and EGM we have continued to carry out due diligence to ensure full compliance with current regulations. The Committee is fully satisfied.
- Banking health check: This is an ongoing issue to streamline our banking and modernise payment systems to prevent wasted profit going forwards.
- Service Contract health check: The Committee has carried out its contractual duties in reviewing all relevant service contracts.
- The Committee has improved the existing floodlights so that they now give the maximum possible light, increasing playability on Court 4.
- The Committee is engaging the services of a fencing contractor to repair our perimeter fences.
- We have assessed and adapted our welfare policy and structure to make it the best fit for the club with strong emphasis on zero tolerance on anti-social behaviour.
- We have made a commitment to hold more social events in order to drive income. To date that has included Ladies' Night, The Euros, Bonfire night, Music Night, American Tournaments,
- We have renewed our commitment to social tennis.
- Improvements to the Bar including a wider range of beer and wine and improved fridge facilities to enable better storage of stock.

What we are planning for 2022.

- To increase membership within the parameters of the Club's capacity.
- To introduce gated access to the tennis courts as per recommendations by LTA.
- To improve floodlights across all courts to increase playability to accommodate an increased membership.
- To install a defibrillator on site.
- To try out additional social tennis offerings.
- Recognising that social events are a huge income driver for the Club, the Committee aims for one social event per month.
- Continued emphasis on sustainability and community responsibility to include the maintenance of our housekeeping rota and volunteer drive. Commitment to improve our recycling and waste management facilities further.
- Set up an online kit shop which will be easy to order direct from and will create another regular income stream (although we do not plan to make a large profit on any kit items).
- Improving the lettability of our Clubhouse for private functions as this is a great source of income.
- Continued improvements to our Bar area.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY CHRIS BEIGHTON

Wow, what a summer of tennis it has been and I am delighted to let you know that our membership has again been very successful, showing growth in all categories. If we go back as little 6 years ago when membership was very low and struggling to reach 100 members, we now have a massive 382 active member associations and through our ClubSpark app we can now see how our growth has really developed this year.

We have a really strong and positive Junior section now with 138 members, 86 males and 52 female players. N.B. Our junior section includes infant, junior and student categories. This is fantastic news for our club and is particularly significant as we are part of the LTA's programme of young developing players. Thank you to everyone who supports our Juniors -our up and coming players of the future. Not only do the juniors appreciate the support but it creates a positive vibe throughout the whole Club which all members benefit from.

In the Senior section there are 202 active members with 123 males and 79 Females. We have seen this section go from strength to strength again this year with a number of new members. Many of our new members have joined because of word of mouth from current members which is such a great endorsement of our Club. It's brilliant and thank you to our existing members who support. A little shout out to our 2 newest senior members who have just joined the club, welcome Martin Lilley and Matt Petch.

Let's not forget our fantastic Table Tennis section , even with extended COVID rules affecting their game time this year, they are holding firm with 43 active members. John will fill you in further in his report.

Overall we are in a great position leading into 2022 and thank you again to every member who supports and contributes to our Club.



HG Members are a hardy bunch. A little bit of snow doesn't get in the way of a good game!

TABLE TENNIS REPORT BY JOHN EARDLEY

With the table tennis season well underway, our eight league teams continue to be thoroughly enjoying competing again in The Trafford & District Table Tennis League, together with also having numerous practice sessions throughout the week for all TT members to come down and play and practice should they wish.

In a very competitive Division One, our Heyes Grove Gold team currently sits at the top with a narrow 3 point lead, and in Division Two, Heyes Grove Purple are currently on an unbroken winning streak of 6 matches and are well clear of the second place team. Promotion to Division One is almost a certainty for them.

Two of our members Alan Kirkham and Neil Myatt have recently set up an inter club singles and doubles competition which is currently in full swing. Our thanks go to them both for setting this up.

On a sombre note, our TT colleague Howard Gardner is currently in Wythenshawe Hospital undergoing treatment. On behalf of all of the club, we wish him a full and speedy recovery.

If anyone would like further information about our TT section, please feel free to contact either John Eardley email john@tifpc.co.uk or Steve Buffey heyegrovetabletennis@gmail.com





COMMITTEE

CHAIR: The current Committee has agreed to operate with a rotating Chair person.

SECRETARY: Rick Williams

TREASURER: Mike Walsh

WELFARE OFFICER: Sara McSweeney (Juniors)

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: VACANT

LETTINGS OFFICER: Joe Brown

BAR SECRETARY: Alex and Abby Wright

TABLE TENNIS SECRETARY: John Eardley

By joining our Club, you have become part of a thriving community. As with all clubs, the more you put in, the more you get out! Please remember that the club is run by volunteers who have busy lives, just like you. We try to be as efficient as we can but it is simply not always possible to achieve everything we'd like to. Therefore, we ask all our members to consider what you could offer to this Club.

Join the Committee and share your skills and passion for the Club.

Be part of the organising team for a social event or friendly tournament at the Club. This is a fun and rewarding way to get involved!

Join a Working Party and give up just a few hours to help with some of the essential maintenance jobs.

Can you pour a decent pint? Offer a couple of hours to our bar team so that they can enjoy the view from the other side of the bar every now and again!

Volunteer to help out at the junior coaching sessions.

Always drag the courts after you play if conditions are dry. Pick up any debris that has blown onto the courts.

Keep the Clubhouse tidy and recycle waste responsibly. This is not someone else's job.

What can I do to help?



Sign up on the Housekeeping Rota. The more the merrier!

Offer your professional/technical skills e.g. website design, marketing, social media, PR. We're all volunteers!

Offer your practical skills e.g. painting, plumbing, carpentry, electrics, gardening. We are committed to improving our facilities.



HEYES GROVE TENNIS CLUB

WINTER COACHING TIMETABLE

1st October 2021 - 31st March 2022

Day	Time	Courts used	Ability
Monday	5.30pm - 6.30pm	4 Courts ***	Juniors Intermediate (Orange/Green)
Tuesday	10.00 -11.00am	2 Courts	Pictor Academy (Disability school)
Tuesday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	4 Courts ***	Mini Red/Orange/Green & U13s Int
Tuesday	7.00pm - 9.00pm	4 Courts ***	Ladies Team Coaching
Wednesday	4.45pm - 5.45pm	5 Courts ***	Mini Red/Orange/Green - All sub-groups
Wednesday	5.45pm - 6.45pm	5 Courts ***	Mini Red/Orange/Green - All sub-groups
Wednesday	6.45pm - 8.00p.m	1/2 courts	Wednesday social night
Wednesday	8.00pm -9.00pm	4 Courts ***	Adult Beginners/Improvers
Thursday	5.00pm - 6.00pm	4 Courts ***	Teens (14-18)Intermediate/Advanced
Thursday	7.00pm - 9.00pm	4 courts ***	Men's Team Coaching
Friday	1.00p.m - 3.00p.m.	6 courts	The Willows Primary School PE
Friday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	4 Courts ***	Mini Red/Orange - Young Beginners & Tots session
Friday	6.30pm - 8.00pm	2 Courts	Club Social Night
Sat/Sun	tbc		LTA Tennis for kids & LTA Youth
Saturday	10.00am - 11.00am	3 Courts	Juniors U15s intermediate/advanced
Sunday	2.30pm - 4.00pm	2 Courts	Club Social play

*** All floodlit courts in use during these hours. Priority given to coaching session.

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