

ALTC NEWSLETTER

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Chair's Report

2018 saw one of our busiest years at the club with a large number of tournaments, social events and junior programmes taking place. Added to this our membership continues to grow and we are looking forward to a further twelve months of success.

Courts

The hard courts 7, 8 and 9 were upgraded last summer and are looking great. We will be having courts 1-6 serviced this year. There has been some concern over the drainage on court 1 but the situation is being monitored and funding has been set aside should any major repair work be needed. Jim is currently in the process of cleaning the white lines on courts 1-3.

The court timetable was given a comprehensive review in the autumn largely due to the growth of our junior program.

Club Tournaments

Last year saw 15 tournaments successfully completed and it was encouraging to see some new names on the tournament trophies. Lee Strongitharm, the new men's captain, is running the tournaments this year and it has been decided to shrink the finals to two weekends.

September 7/8th will be Open and Vets finals

October 12/13th will be the Handicap finals

There will also be some changes to the format of some of the tournaments. Further details along with entry forms will be sent out in due course.

Singles Box League

This is now well established and continues to be popular. The last round produced 7 leagues though not all were completed. Phil Brown is now running the box league.

Team News

We are delighted to have new captains for both the men's and ladies' teams. Lee Strongitharm is the men's captain and Jo Greenidge the ladies' captain.

The men's team have suffered from a number of player injuries and for the Surrey Winter league have reduced to 3 teams (from 4) and 2 Woking teams.

The ladies have managed to maintain 3 Surrey teams and 2 Woking teams.

Social Events and Day Tournaments

The club ran a large number of social events and tournaments last year with a special mention of the music evening organised by Raji which was a huge success.

These events do rely on a small number of members giving up their time to organise them. We would very much welcome some new volunteers to create new



events or help with existing ones. If you are interested please speak to myself or any committee member.

Fundraising

Last year we made The Sam Beare Hospice in Woking our charity of the year. This meant that all profits from our social events went to the charity. The highlights of the fundraising were the 24 hour tennis marathon by Roger White and Anda Banks. Roger alone raised £800 for the Hospice and Anda a matching amount for children's cancer.

The music event raised a further £1000 thanks to Raji and James who donated all the food. Ian Mattholie's quiz raised a further £300.

At the beginning of January, Jill Stanton, Roger White and myself visited the Sam Beare Hospice and were given a very interesting guided tour at the end of which we were able to present the hospice with a cheque for £2,851.75. This was a fantastic sum thank you all for your generosity.

At our recent committee meeting it was decided to make White Lodge at Chertsey our charity of the year for 2019.

Coaching and Juniors

We are very fortunate to have Duncan Willitts as our Director of Coaching. Duncan continues to work hard to build the club through the increasing junior programme and coaching set up. He is of course well supported by Roger White who was named *Coach of the Year* by Spelthorne. Thanks to the coaching team of Duncan, Roger and Pete our junior numbers are increasing and performance levels improving. We plan to run 4 weeks of summer camps this year.

Kate Proffitt has been doing a fantastic job coordinating our junior teams and our u11s and u13s are both through to the knock out stages of the Surrey Cup. In fact all of our junior teams have been improving their match results.

Have a great year of tennis!

– Paul Snell, Chair ALTC

Club Information

Membership Fees

Please note the strict deadline of April 1st for payment of membership fees if you want to benefit from the discount. The preferred method of payment is using online banking – see the note on the application form regarding use of an abbreviated reference.

Please inform the Membership Secretary (membership@ashfordtennisclub.co.uk) of any changes to your home address, tel nos & email addresses. Up-to-date contact lists of members can be found on the website in the members' section – you will have to register on the site to access this.

Please ensure that mailings to you do not go into your spam folders. Also, please note that mailing lists are to be used for club related matters only.

Guests

You are welcome to bring a guest. There is a fee of £5 per visit (£1 for Juniors). Each guest may only play 6 times in one season. Visitor Fees (in pound coins only) should be posted into the box adjacent to the main notice board in the clubhouse and entered into the visitors book. It is the responsibility of the member to obtain visitor fees from their visitor.

Court Etiquette

A reminder of the club etiquette – please observe the following when playing at the club:

1. Be courteous and polite to fellow players and members.
2. Wear suitable attire – it is not acceptable for members to play in jeans or wear non-tennis footwear.
3. Members are responsible for their guests and for ensuring that they pay the visitors fee and adhere to the rules and etiquette of the club.
4. Ensure minimum disruption to games being played – when going on and off court please wait for a suitable time such as at the end of a rally, crossing quickly and preferably grouping together.
5. Please ensure you shut the court gates behind you.
6. When there is play on courts 4 & 5, please use the path outside the courts to gain access to court 6.

Court Care

When the clay courts are dry please use the drag mats after each set to enhance and smooth over the court surface. White lines will be more visible if the line sweepers are used. Please do not sweep the courts if they are damp as using the drag mats will only cause the surface to deteriorate. Brooms and line sweepers can be used at any time.

Court Booking

With the increase in tournaments being played, please make sure you check the court timetable for usage and avoiding taking courts allocated to social play. Use the online booking system to book matches especially at busy times.

Tennis Balls

Please ensure you bring good quality balls to all social sessions and mark them clearly to avoid confusion. Brand new tubes of 4 Head ATP and Dunlop Fort tennis balls can be purchased at the bar for the very competitive price of £4. Slightly worn match balls are usually available at £1 per 4.

Ball Machine

The ball machine is available on court 7 to members over the age of 16. A training/demonstration session is necessary before using for the first time - this can be given by the coaches as well as members Jim Kitchen, Martin Godbold and Ann Pritchard.

Please read and adhere to the ball machine usage guidelines displayed. Also avoid using damp, worn or soft balls as they can cause the mechanisms to jam and malfunction.

Defibrillator

There is a defibrillator in the corridor by the table tennis entrance, which can be used in case of an emergency by any member, whether qualified or not.

Clubhouse Opening Times

The front gates are opened Monday to Friday around 8.00 am – the entrance to the toilets and table tennis are also unlocked. At weekends the front gates and entrances should be open by 9.00 am. The front gates and the clubhouse may be open at other times by key holders but this cannot be guaranteed. If for any reason you need access at other times please make arrangements with a key holder (tennis members who have access are Len Claremont, Keith Claxton, Tessa Whitehorn and Martin Williams). The key code for the rear entrance to the clubhouse toilets is C1290. The same code is used for the door into the table tennis hall and the gate by the Kids Zone. The main clubhouse and the kitchen are alarmed and can only be opened by a member who is designated to de-activate the intruder alarm.

Coaching

Duncan is the Director of Coaching Programmes, responsible for devising and structuring the junior and adult programmes as well as running team coaching sessions. He is available for team sessions and private coaching with team players. Individual rates: £35 (1hr), £28 (45mins) and £20 (30mins).

Roger is the Head Coach. He is responsible for implementing and running the adult and junior coaching sessions. Roger has also set up our cardio tennis programme and gives private coaching for all age levels. Individual rates: £30 (1hr), £23 (45mins) and £17 (30 mins).

Petr is a senior club coach. He is responsible for delivering both adult and junior coaching sessions. Petr is available for all levels of coaching. Individual rates: £30 (1hr), £23 (45mins) and £17 (30 mins).

Racket Restringing

Restrings start from £15 and are strung on an electronic machine with top-rated strings to ensure high quality and accuracy throughout. Roger stocks a wide range of string types to suit all needs and styles and is able to advise which option will suit you best. Strings can be ordered in if not in stock and you can provide your own strings if you have them. A variety of grips are also available. Restrings are always turned around quickly and professionally.

Call or email Roger (07709 593464 / roger@taketennislessons.co.uk) and he will make arrangements to collect etc.

Diary Dates 2019

March	Mon 4th	Opening date for entry to all Open, Vets & Handicap Tournaments
	Sun 17th	Junior Club Tournament (from 2:00pm)
	Sat 30th	ALTC Open Day (Juniors 9:00 – 11:00am, Adults 2:00 – 5:00pm)
April	Mon 1st	Membership subscriptions due
	Fri 12th	Junior Club Tournament (from 1:00pm)
	Fri 12th	Wimbledon tickets draw (7:15pm) – <i>Rob F</i>
	Mon 22nd	Easter Monday social play pm
	Tue 23rd	Adult Beginners Course (7:30 – 9:00pm) 5 week course
	Sun 28th	Closing date for entry to all Open, Vets & Handicap Tournaments
May	Mon 6th	Bank Holiday social play pm
	Fri 10th	Games Night (7:30pm) – Paul & Lee
	Sun 19th	Spring Invitational Tournament (from 2:00pm) – <i>Lee</i>
	Mon 27th	Bank Holiday social play pm
	Fri 27th	Junior Club Tournament (from 1:00pm)
June	Tue 4th	Adult Beginners Course (7:30 – 9:00pm) 5 week course
	Sun 9th	World Cup Tournament (2:00 – 5:00pm) – <i>Keith/Kevin U</i>
	Sat 15th	24 hour Tennis Marathon (from 2:00pm) – <i>Roger & Lee</i>
	Sun 30th	Junior Club Tournament (from 2:00pm)
	Sun 30th	'1 up 1 down' Wheelchair Tournament (12:00 – 5:00pm) – <i>Noel</i>
July	Fri 5th – Mon 8th	Manor House weekend trip – <i>Raji</i>
	Sun 14th	Beginner/Improvers Fun Tournament (2:00 – 5:00pm) – <i>Kerry</i>
August	Sun 25th	Sliding Handicap Tournament (2:00 – 5:00pm) – <i>Kevin & Pauline U</i>
	Mon 26th	Bank Holiday social play pm
September	Sun 1st	Ladies' Day – (2:00 – 5:00pm) – <i>Mary</i>
	Sat 7th	Club Tournament Finals: Open & Veterans
	Sun 8th	Club Tournament Finals: Open & Veterans
October	Sat 12th	Club Tournament Finals: Handicap
	Sun 13th	Club Tournament Finals: Handicap & Lucky Dip
November	Sat 16th	Annual General Meeting (4:30pm) Bowls Pavilion
	Sun 17th	General Knowledge Quiz Night (7:30pm) – <i>Ian M</i>
December	Sun 1st	American Tournament – <i>Duncan/Roger</i> & Christmas Lunch in the Clubhouse (timings TBC)

Please note that dates and times are subject to change. Members will be contacted via e-mail with confirmation and details closer to event dates. **Other events will be added throughout the year!**

Tea Rota & Board Duty

Tea Rota

- Please ensure you have arranged with your partner provision of cakes, tea, coffee, milk and sugar.
- Switch on hot water urn around 4pm.
- Prices are 50p per cup of tea/coffee and 50p per slice of cake.
- Please wash up and dry and put everything away.

Board Duty

- Please swap date if necessary and amend list on Club Notice Board.
- The board will run from 2:00 – 5:00pm.
- Everyone expects you to play tennis too – others will cover!



April	Sat 6th	Francesca & Marcus Zweifler
	Sat 13th	Frankie Bedi & Kathryn Ringshaw
	Sat 20th	Janet Crook & Greg Balfour-Evans
	Sat 27th	Ian Mattholie & John White
May	Sat 4th	Penny & David Allen
	Sat 11th	Keith Claxton & Jim Kitchen
	Sat 18th	Steve Madigan & Paul Snell
	Sat 25th	Kevin & Pauline Uwins
June	Sat 1st	Diane Henderson & Bunny Smith
	Sat 8th	Ann Pritchard & Lee Strongitharm
	Sat 15th	Ian Mitchell & Clive Mitchell
	Sat 22nd	Raji Sharma-Drake & Helen Barnett
	Sat 29th	Alan Hall & Sue Brown
July	Sat 6th	Mirjana Calic & Phil Brown
	Sat 13th	Jo Greenidge & Craig Bolshaw
	Sat 20th	Susan Rocca & Jeff Howe
	Sat 27th	Colin Stewart & Elias Mattar
August	Sat 3rd	Freddie & Lauraine Levett
	Sat 10th	Sue Clifford & Keith Henderson
	Sat 17th	Mary & Len Claremont
	Sat 24th	Steve Bolt & Jill Stanton
	Sat 31st	Tessa Whitehorn & Esther Waghorn
September	Sat 7th	Kane & Ross Bolton
	Sat 14th	Roy Ranger & Pam Hersey
	Sat 21st	Marion Lyden & Eric Howard
	Sat 28th	Rene Laryea & Martin Godbold

Court Timetable

DAY	TIME	ARTIFICIAL CLAY COURTS						HARD COURTS		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MONDAY	09:00-16:00	Free Play						Group Coaching		
	16:00-18:00	Free Play		Bookable	Group Coaching					
	18:00-19:00	Free Play		Bookable	Free Play		Bookable			
	19:00-22:00	Team Practice								
TUESDAY	09:00-16:00	Free Play						Group Coaching		
	16:00-18:00	Free Play			Group Coaching					
	18:00-19:00	Beginners / Improvers Social	Bookable		Beginners / Improvers Social			Coaching	Beginners / Improvers Social	
	19:00-22:00	Beginners / Improvers Social	Bookable		Beginners / Improvers Social			Beginner / Improvers Coaching		
WEDNESDAY	09:00-16:00	Free Play			Full Members Social Play			Group Coaching		
	16:00-18:00	Free Play			Juniors Group Coaching					
	18:00-19:00	Full Members / Improvers Social Play			Bookable	Team Practice & Full Members / Improvers Social Play ¹		Group Coaching		
	19:00-22:00				Bookable	19:00-20:00 Cardio Tennis 20:00-21:30 Improvers Coaching				
THURSDAY	09:00-16:00	Free Play						Group Coaching		
	16:00-18:00	Free Play			Juniors Group Coaching					
	18:00-19:00	Free Play						Group Coaching		
	19:00-22:00	Full Members Social Play						Coaching	Bookable	
FRIDAY	09:00-16:00	Free Play						Group Coaching		
	16:00-18:00	Free Play			16:00-18:30 Juniors Group Coaching					
	18:00-19:00	Full Members / Improvers Social Play		Bookable	18:30-22:00 Full Members / Improvers Social Play			Coaching	19:30-22:00 Bookable	
	19:00-22:00	Full Members / Improvers Social Play		Bookable	18:30-22:00 Full Members / Improvers Social Play			Coaching	19:30-22:00 Bookable	
SATURDAY	09:00-11:00	Juniors Group Coaching			Juniors Group Coaching			Juniors Group Coaching until 11:30		
	11:00-14:00				until 11:30	League Matches / Junior Tournaments ²		Coaching	League Matches / Junior Tournaments ³	
	14:00-16:00	Full Members Social Play							Coaching	From 14:30 Full Members Social Play
	16:00-17:30	Full Members Social Play								
	17:30-22:00	Free Play		Bookable	Free Play		Bookable	Group Coaching		
SUNDAY	09:00-10:00	Free Play						Group Coaching		
	10:00-14:00	Full Members Social Play			League Matches have Priority					
	14:00-16:00	Beginners / Improvers Social		Bookable	Beginners / Improvers Social	Junior Tournaments / League Matches ⁴		Junior Tournaments / League Matches ⁴		
	16:00-17:30	Beginners / Improvers Social		Bookable	Beginners / Improvers Social	Junior Tournaments / League Matches ⁴		Junior Tournaments / League Matches ⁴		
	17:30-19:00	Free Play		Bookable	Free Play			Free Play	Bookable	
	19:00-22:00	Free Play		Bookable	Free Play		Bookable	Group Coaching		

Notes: **1.** Priority to Team Practice, bookable by team captains only. **2.&3.** Bookable by team captains and Kate Proffitt (priority to adult team matches) **3.** From 11:30 to 14:30 **4.** Junior Tournaments have priority

Club Tournaments

The Club Tournaments are open to all Full Club Members and are designed to give everyone in the Club a chance to enter and potentially win. This year we will be running 7 Open tournaments (including 2 Plates), 5 Veteran tournaments, one Supervets Handicap, 5 Handicap tournaments and 3 NEW Lucky Dip Entry Tournaments, subject to having sufficient entries.

Other changes this year are:

- the Ladies' Open Singles event will be a round robin competition
- eligibility to enter all Vets tournaments has been simplified to be for over 50's
- the finals of the various tournaments will take place over 2 weekends (not 3) in September and October (see table below).

Please ensure you are available for the Tournaments Finals dates before entering.

Tournament Entries

Full details including match formats, payment methods for entry, organising matches and first round deadlines will be sent out to all members along with the entry form.

Only paid-up full members of ALTC - subscriptions to be paid by 1st April 2019 - will be eligible to enter the tournaments.

Completed forms, along with ALL appropriate fees will need to be returned to the club's organising committee by the deadline date of **Sunday 28th April 2019** for all Open, Veterans, Handicap *and* Lucky Dip events to ensure entry/entries.

Good Luck!

~Lee (tournament organiser)

Dates for Finals

Open Tournament	Ladies' Singles (Round Robin Final)	Saturday 7th September – 12:00
	Men's Singles	Saturday 7th September – 13:30
	Mixed Doubles	Sunday 8th September – 12:00
	Men's Doubles	Sunday 8th September – 13:30
	Ladies' Doubles	Sunday 8th September – 15:00
	Men's Singles Plate	Saturday 12th October – 12:00
	Men's Doubles Plate	Sunday 13th October – 12:00
Veterans Tournament	Mixed Doubles	Saturday 7th September – 15:00
	Men's Singles	Saturday 7th September – 16:30
	Men's Doubles	Saturday 7th September – 18:00
	Ladies' Singles	Sunday 8th September – 16:30
	Ladies' Doubles	Sunday 8th September – 18:00
Handicap Tournament	Ladies' Doubles	Saturday 12th October – 13:30
	Men's Doubles	Saturday 12th October – 15:00
	Ladies' Singles	Saturday 12th October – 16:30
	Men's Singles	Sunday 13th October – 12:00
	Mixed Doubles	Sunday 13th October – 13:30
	Supervet's Doubles	Sunday 13th October – 10:30
Lucky Dip Doubles Tournament	Men's Doubles	Sunday 13th October – 15:00
	Ladies' Doubles	Sunday 13th October – 16:30
	Mixed Veteran's Doubles	Sunday 13th October – 17:30

Wimbledon Tickets 2019

The Wimbledon Championships run from 1-14 July 2019

OUR DRAW WILL BE HELD AT THE CLUB HOUSE ON FRIDAY 12th APRIL at 7:15pm

If you have opted-in to the Wimbledon Draw on the LTA website and you have paid your 2019 Club subscription you will automatically be included in the draw and no further action is required.

If you have opted-in to the Draw but do NOT now wish to attend the Championships please indicate this in the section at the bottom of this page*. This will avoid you being included in the draw. If you subsequently decide that you do want to be included in the draw you can do so up to the date of the draw.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Tickets will be drawn in pairs.

Your Committee remain committed to ensuring that the maximum number of club members who wish to attend the Championships are given the opportunity to do so and they consider that the best way to achieve this is for members to partner with other club members, this will also give members 2 opportunities to be successful in the draw and double your chances of obtaining tickets. **Partnering is however entirely voluntary but if you do wish to partner with another club member please indicate so in the section at the bottom of this page**.**

If you do not wish to partner and are successful in the Draw you are entitled to take a guest of your choice to the Championships who need not necessarily be another club member.

All Members are encouraged to attend the Draw on 12th April. If you are in attendance at the Draw and your name is drawn out you will be able to select the tickets of your choice from those available. If you do not attend it will not affect your chances of being drawn out and if you are you will be allocated the best pair of tickets left available at that time.

Please fill in this section if applicable:

*I have opted-in to the Wimbledon Draw but **do not** now wish to be included please tick

**I have opted-in to the Wimbledon Draw and would like to partner with:

..... who has also opted into the draw.

Name:

Membership Renewal Application 2019/20

WR Sports Club is the umbrella association appointed to principally promote, assist, support, provide and maintain facilities for Ashford Lawn Tennis Club, Ashford (Middlesex) Bowling Club and Ashford Table Tennis Club. Your membership of ALTC automatically includes your membership to WR Sports Club giving free access and use of the clubhouse and facilities at Woodthorpe Road, Ashford.

How your information will be used and stored

The information you provide us will be used to process your application to be a member of WR Sports and Ashford Lawn Tennis Club. Your contact details will be safely held in the clubhouse and used only for the purposes of communicating events, activities at the club or to contact you in the case of any incident/emergency. Your information will not be shared with anyone outside of the WR Sports and ALTC committee (consists of voted in members, Director of Coaching and Head Coach) and will be safely stored. Your personal information will be kept for a maximum of 2 years after you cease to be a member for the purpose of contacting you about the possibility of renewing your membership.

We would like to publish your name, telephone number and email address on the restricted area of the ALTC website which only members can access for the purpose of other members being able to contact you regarding tennis club related matters such as tournaments, arranging a game, events and for league matches. If you agree, it is important that you tick the relevant boxes below.

I agree to my name and the following details being published on the website

Telephone number (Home landline) Telephone number (Mobile) Email Address

Full Name(s):

Address:

Post Code: Email address:

Tel. No. Home: Mobile:

Please tick membership category applied for:

Category	Annual Fees	Annual Fees if payment received by 1st April
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Member	£210.00	£200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Member Couple	£400.00	£380.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	see below*	see below*
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekdays only (9am-6pm, excl Bank Holidays)	£75.00	£70.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student (ID card required)	£110.00	£100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner/Improver	£110.00	£100.00

*Family discounts of £10 are available to full members

For enquiries regarding adult membership please call Chris Field on 07581 124985

Signature(s): Date:

Amount enclosed: £ (Cheques payable to 'Ashford (Middx) Lawn Tennis Club')

OR you can pay by Bank Transfer. Sort code: **20 - 46 - 73** Account no: **80121142**.

Please tick here if paying by this method

As space is often limited when adding a reference to an online payment, please use the following abbreviated format (Janet Crook is used in this example): 'MembCrookj', representing Membership, then 1st five letters of the surname, and then the first letter of the forename.

After signing, please send form (+ cheque if applicable) to Membership Secretary, Ashford Tennis Club, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middx, TW15 3JX. Forms can also be left in an envelope in the secure box at the bar. **Fees are due by 1st April 2019 (no refunds given)**

Your membership subscription includes a payment to WR Sports Club (hereinafter called "the Club") which grants you sporting membership of the Club. You hereby undertake to contribute to the assets of the Club, in the event of the same being wound up while you are a member, or within one year after you cease to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Club contracted before you ceased to be a member and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding-up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding £1.