

# Hartford Tennis Club

**Newsletter**

**Spring 2008**

## Now 'probably' The Best Club In South Cheshire

The work is done the courts look amazing the lights brighten up the club and we are still in financial stability. The club has been waiting fifteen years for the floodlights and then two set come along with quick succession, sounds like the local bus service.

The thanks must go to John Melliush and his team of lenders. The LTA, Liverpool Sports and Arts, Cheshire Network Fund, Cheshire Youth Grant, Sport Relief and Awards For All have contributed to the project by giving us grants, to bolster the £30000 of club funds drawn from our reserves. Without these grants the project

would have been impossible and we would have had to settle for resurfacing the bottom two courts with Tarmac and no lights. The construction was done by Ken Platt and his team; they have worked tirelessly through appalling conditions but have managed to provide us with a fantastic facility.

The courts have been laid in conditions that we would say were not conducive to the ideal conditions for Artificial Grass laying. The end result is unfortunately the playability will be a little spongy for a while and it will seem that there is too much sand on the playing surface. If the sand is taken off, the pile of the carpet will bend over and the courts will be prone to flooding, so it is an unfortunate necessity, but with a little patience the sand will work into the surface and we should end up with a fantastic playing surface.

The courts will require a huge amount of maintenance, and the work will have to be done when it is done. The work will be carried out on a voluntary basis so if the courts are out of action please have a little patience and let them carry out their work.

Please help the club by removing anything that you take on court with you, the ground staff are forever removing water bottle tennis ball cans and most increasingly the metal lids off pressurised tubes. The edges of these lids are lethally sharp and it is unfair to expect somebody to tidy these up for you. So thank you in anticipation.

### **New Committee**

#### **CHAIRMAN**

John Melliush  
01606 882568

#### **TREASURER**

Philip Benjamin  
01606 889360

#### **SECRETARY**

Jacqui Wood  
01606 784095

#### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

Mary Followell  
07862242396

#### **TEAM COORDINATOR**

David Glenn  
07703501188

#### **TOURNAMENT SECRETARY**

Andrew Moores  
07724523244

#### **HOUSE OFFICER**

Trish parker  
01606

#### **HEAD COACH**

John walsh  
07801822855

## **Team Practice Sessions Start**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Contact Dave on  
07703501188

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## **Interested In Playing For The Teams?**

Contact David  
Glenn

07703501188

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**DO YOU  
HAVE AN  
EMAIL  
ADDRESS  
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PLEASE SEND  
MARY AN EMAIL  
IF YOU WISH TO  
BE ADDED TO  
OUR  
ELECTRONIC  
MAILING LIST

## **No Winter Blues For Pre-Arranged Club Sessions**

Pre arranged club sessions are proving more and more successful as the year goes by. Over 70 different people have been involved in the four sessions playing from 8 till 10 in the cold wet winter evenings. The hope is that these sessions can be extended to accommodate more people as the facilities improve at the club.

The introduction of the first set of lights has transformed the club, but as the number of available courts doubles the hope is that so will their usage. There are very few clubs in the area with more than three courts floodlit, let alone six.

If you are interested in playing in the evening during the winter please contact either David Glenn or Mary Followell (numbers on page 1), and we will try and add you to a session with a similar standard of player.

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## **Drill Till You Drop Day Session**

Monday 9.00am 10.30pm

Limited to 8 People

10 Weeks

£60

Please sign up in the clubhouse

[www.hartfordtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.hartfordtennisclub.co.uk)

# Club Tournament

**Entries in by 5.30pm  
Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Draw 8.00pm  
Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Finals Day 1pm  
Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**You can enter any three of the  
following events for which you  
are eligible**

**Mens Singles, Ladies Singles,  
Mens Doubles, Ladies Doubles,  
Mixed Doubles.**

**Entry fee £2 per event or 3 for £5**

**If you don't pay you  
don't play**

**Enter by posting your entry fees  
to**

**Mr A Moores  
5 Webbs Court  
Northwich  
Cheshire  
CW9 8RU**

**Watch the noticeboard for more  
details and application forms.**

**Look out for the Singles Ladder  
Tournament to run after the  
main club tournament.**

## Astro Courts

The courts have cost a huge amount of money and should last 9 years with regular maintenance. This is where you come in!!!!!!

After you have finished playing on the courts you are requested to brush them!!!!

The best known method for this is by dragging a piece of Astro Turf around the court from tram to tram!!!!!!

If this is not done an irregularity in the sand spread will occur and the fibres will become damaged.

Therefore we urge you to look after them by brushing them after you have finished. If you find the brush too heavy two of you can pull it around instead.

Thank you in anticipation !!!!!!!

## Floodlight Booking

**The system of booking courts could change for next winter. We are currently looking at the bookings being shown on the web site so that members can see when courts are available. There will be an administrator of this booking process and you should be able to book courts over the phone. These should be then processed and appear on the screen in the clubhouse.**

## Mail out Information

Due to the incredible new web site (currently under re construction) and the regularity of its updates it has been decided to try and have its access numbers increased.

So, after this newsletter there will be no more post outs of certain pieces of information.

The newsletter will be sent electronically to all those that have registered their email addresses with Mary ([hartfordtennisclub@googlemail.com](mailto:hartfordtennisclub@googlemail.com)). For those that have not, or do not have access to computers there will be a number printed and will be available from the clubhouse so keep your eyes peeled.

We will be trying do our bit for the environment, whilst at the same time trying to save the club money.

The idea is to eventually have a computerised notice board in the clubhouse that rotates information so that all those without their own computer can still access the web site info, rules etc.

## Tennis Club Booklet To Be Abolished !!!!!

As a cost cutting exercise and as a result of the actual usage of the booklet it has been decided not to provide members with one this year!

Instead we are urging members to find any information they may require from the web site (currently under re construction) if they have access to a computer. If you do not have access to a computer, fear not, as all information posted in the booklet previously will now be published on the notice boards. Newsletters will still continue to be produced to keep members updated on new events and forthcoming sessions.