

HIGHBURY TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the first Highbury Tennis Club Newsletter!

We aim to publish twice a year.

HTC is a 'nomadic' club with no club house or club sessions so you may not know much about anyone else outside your own team - this is your chance to find out more. Firstly you may like to check out our web page on <http://www.tennisonhighburyfields.co.uk/content/highbury-tennis-club>.

NEWS!

HTC players have just finished playing in the Slazenger Winter Floodlit League, fielding one Men's and three Women' teams. Here are their reports:

Ladies 1 Capt. Susannah Oxley

It was a difficult winter season as we had a lack of available players. Even though we won't be going up this year, it was very close and there were very few points in the end between the teams. There were some fun matches and it's all good practice for the summer season. Well done to everyone that played in the sometimes freezing conditions and thank you to other teams for providing extra players.

Ladies 3 Capt. Caroline Griffiths

This was our first time in the winter floodlit league and the Ladies' III team did fantastically well. As I write we are placed 3rd out of 7 teams but a few below us have a match in hand so we may yet slip back. Playing in the cold and under floodlights proved to be very different from our summer league experiences but, unusually for us, we had the huge bonus of being able to play our home matches at home, which the summer court shortages deny us. Like the seconds, we fielded everyone who wanted to play so 14 players had a match or more. This was the last series before Team III is split into III and IV for the summer so it was particularly lovely that so many of us had a go. Thanks to everyone for remaining so upbeat particularly in those unforgettable sub zero temperatures!

Ladies 2 Capt. Sarah Mulligan

The team did brilliantly! We got off to a late start because of the weather and by mid February had only played 2 matches; however we squeezed in the last 5 very quickly and ended up in an extremely respectable 2nd place which means we'll be going up to division 5 next winter! We are a large squad (12 active players) but everyone who wanted to play had a game, with most people playing at least twice. A big thanks to Viren for his excellent coaching and support, and even bigger thanks to members of the squad for their excellent play, team spirit, good humour and obedience (with the doodle diary!!). Long may it continue!

Men's 1 Capt. Henry Horton

The campaign got off to a shaky start as the team found itself four sets down due to a harshly applied technical default owing to a series of unfortunate events. The spirit of the squad was born at that very moment as we rallied together to win the remaining rubbers and take the match. In hindsight a precedent had been set for all other matches as the team sharpened its act and took to task anything thrown at it - including the harsh weather conditions and our 'treacherous courts'!!

The rewards for the fine work is guaranteed promotion next season and acknowledgement by the tournament organiser of an even higher division placing depending on the summer performance.

Wimbledon ballot

We were allocated 6 pairs of tickets for Wimbledon 2013 and opted for the LTA to do the ballot on our behalf. The lucky winners were:

Jenny James (Ladies 4)
Katharine Edwards (Ladies 4)
Roseanna Pollen (Ladies 2)
Jens Hills
Fraser Matthews
Philip Wigan

Not all our members have linked themselves to Highbury Tennis Club on the LTA website which means we may not have been allocated as many tickets as we could have been. If you think you might be one of those please go online and check. Or email highburytennis@gmail.com and we will arrange for an easy link to be sent to you.

Did you know?...

* The club currently has 77 members: 28 men and 49 women.

* We are fielding 4 women's and 2 men's teams for the upcoming Slazenger Summer League 2013.

* The committee consists of team captains, club coach plus one or two other club members.

* Committee meetings are held about twice a year.

New for 2013 - Highbury Tennis Club ladder!

This is now ready to launch so if you want to join please find yourself a same-sex partner who is also a member of the club, but not necessarily in the same team, and email highburytennis@gmail.com with your names and the contact details of one of you - we are using free software designed for a singles ladder and adapting it for our use, and it only has room for one person's contact details. Once we have the ladder set up you will be emailed with details of how it works, rules etc. If you want to play but can't find a partner easily, why not try a bit of HTC pot-luck? The Club Coaches will partner you up.

Dates for your diary

Highbury Annual Tennis Tournament – Sunday 23rd June 2013

This is an All-Day tournament with the emphasis on fun and family tennis. Doubles for Family, Juniors & Ladies. Plus Singles for Men, U/12 & U/9. Cups, Prizes and Picnics in the Park.

Email highburytennis@gmail.com for more details, costs and the Entry Form



Highbury Tennis Club Hoodie

What better way to intimidate your opponents than to step onto the court in Highbury Tennis Club kit? We work with T Shirt Studios as they offer us a discount for large orders and the quality of the clothing is excellent.



- Logo on front left hand side
- Highbury Tennis Club written across the back
- Printed onto white and pale colours, embroidered onto dark colours
- Price £30 incl. delivery. Children's price is less - please ask

All size info & specifications on the T Shirt studio website: www.tshirtstudio.com
Select "hoodies" (women's, men's or children's).
To see full range of colours, select 'embroidery' under the 'printing option' tab.



To place your order or discuss options, contact Caroline Griffiths:
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Any profit goes to Highbury Tennis Club.

And finally....

If anyone has any skills they think would be useful to us, or would like to get involved in any aspect of running the club, administering the tennis ladder, website design, being on the committee, etc, now or in the future, please let us know!

GOOD LUCK everybody in the forthcoming Summer league matches!

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