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# Highbury Tennis Club Newsletter

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The club encourages social and competitive tennis at Highbury Fields. We have six adult doubles teams playing competitively as well as many members playing regular social tennis. All newcomers of all ages are welcome. Please email us for information.

**Highlights:**

- **New committee voted in at AGM**
- **Club growing with 80 signed-up members for 2014**
- **Winter Floodlit League:**
  - M1 triumphs**
  - L1 v L2 result**
- **L3 enjoys surprise promotion**
- **2014 TOURNAMENT**
- **Racquet restringing**
- **Aquaterra loses Islington contract**



## CLUB SOCIAL

Special thanks to Simon Moore for hosting a very jolly club social evening at his tapas bar, the **Highbury Arts Club**, on 16th October. It was a great opportunity to meet the wider club membership and fun was had by all.



## NEWS FROM THE CLUB AGM

**Our new club committee is:-**

**Chair:** Roseanna Pollen

**Secretary:** Jenny James

**Treasurer:** Caroline Griffiths

**Coach:** Wendy Proudfoot

**Other committee members:** Henry Horton, Sarah Mulligan, Susannah Oxley, Dee Tamlin, Judith Laurance and Fraser Matthews.

The club is indebted to our first Club Secretary, Sarah Mulligan, who retired from the post at the AGM. Without her sterling work we would have struggled to get the club established.

## NEXT CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee is next meeting on Monday 24th February. If there are any topics you would like the committee to discuss please speak to one of the committee members who can raise it

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to our super efficient secretary, Jenny James, the club had 80 paid-up members by the end of January ensuring members are entered into the ballot for 2014 Wimbledon tickets.

We are pleased to welcome seven new members: Katrina Wilson in L1, Catriona Burns and Amber Matthews in L3, Jane Grimston and Angela McCallion in L4 and Hugh Grover and Alex MacHorton in the Men's teams

New members are always welcome. Whether you are looking for a new friendly club, returning to tennis after a break or starting from scratch, there'll be something for you. Speak to one of our coaches for an assessment and they'll make a suggestion for how best to improve fitness and develop your game.

**Wendy: 07711 604 002**

**Viren: 07973 179580**

Wendy runs a "Rusty Racquets" group on Mondays for those who have been off the courts for a long time.

Everyone is being given a club membership card. If you haven't received yours yet, please speak to your captain who will be handing them out.

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## SUNDAY SOCIAL TENNIS

The Sunday sessions from 5 to 7 p.m. have proved very popular and ran most weeks up to Christmas. They'll be starting again soon so keep an eye on your emails to book a place. If the session is full you have first refusal for the next one. Men and women are welcome so this is one of the few occasions when we can play mixed doubles within the club. The club subsidises the session so it typically costs £3 per person for 2 hours. If you have any questions, please email Henry Horton on:-

[hh.horton@gmail.com](mailto:hh.horton@gmail.com)

See Page 3 for News about the 2014 Summer Tournament

## NEWS FROM THE WINTER FLOODLIT LEAGUE

This winter we have had one men's team and two ladies' teams taking part in the Middlesex Winter Floodlit League 2013-14.

**The men** are having a great season in Division 8, currently positioned at the top with two matches to go. They asserted their dominance in their recent clash with Conway IV who have been nipping at their heels and have proved tricky in previous encounters. Our men showed their grit and determination countering awkward lobs, moonballs and aggressive serves to deliver a stunning clean sweep, 16-0.

Captain, Henry Horton, applauded his team's resolve, saying they constantly

adjusted their tactics and delivered terrific shots the moment they had a chance, displaying ruthless finishing power. He says that Conway were worthy opponents and the scoreline didn't do them justice.

There's no room for complacency though. With two matches to go, one against Pavilion who are jockeying for top place, the men must remain completely focused to ensure promotion.

**Standings of Mens Doubles - East Division 8**

	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 Highbury Tennis	66	5	66-14	33-7	82.5%	225-107	67.8%
2 Pavilion II	58	5	58-22	29-11	72.5%	204-133	60.5%
3 Conway IV	42	5	42-38	21-19	52.5%	179-164	52.2%
4 Totteridge IV	40	5	40-40	20-20	50.0%	158-170	48.2%
5 Winchmore Hill III	39	5	39-41	19-21	47.5%	169-192	46.8%
6 Ravens III	24	4	24-40	12-20	37.5%	126-162	43.8%
7 Our Lady of Muswell III	15	4	15-49	8-24	25.0%	112-171	39.6%
8 Fortis Green	4	3	4-44	2-22	8.3%	66-140	32.0%

We have **two Ladies' teams** in Division 5 facing tough opponents. The upside is that they can help each other by passing on tips about teams they have met but the downside is that they have to play each other.

On a glorious sunny Sunday at the start of February, they lined up for the moment of truth. It was a very good-natured match with L1 prevailing with a score of 12-4.

L1 is currently placed at the top of the division but they have played more matches. L2 has some challenging opponents coming up over the next few weeks and we wish both teams well.

**Standings of Ladies Doubles - Division 5 East**

	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games	Games %
1 Highbury Tennis I	50	6	50-46	22-20	52.4%	194-178	52.2%
2 Enfield I	45	4	45-19	23-9	71.9%	164-116	58.6%
3 Finchley I	38	4	38-26	17-11	60.7%	127-107	54.3%
4 Barnet II	35	5	35-45	17-22	43.6%	167-183	47.7%
5 Mayfield III	28	4	28-36	14-18	43.8%	137-142	49.1%
6 Highbury Tennis II	28	5	28-36	13-17	43.3%	123-145	45.9%
7 Stormont III	27	4	27-37	12-17	41.4%	125-146	46.1%
8 Vicars Moor II	21	4	21-27	10-14	41.7%	88-108	44.9%



**FROM LEFT** Susan, Megg, Poonam, Kalsang, Sarah, Vicky, Melissa, Susannah



## LADIES TEAM 3 PROMOTED

In a surprise move Highbury Ladies Team III were promoted into Division 8 for the imminent summer season. L3 just missed promotion last summer but the League needed to adjust numbers and they felt that our team was ready for the move. L3 players have trained hard all winter having set their sights on promotion, so everyone is ready to meet their new opponents and prove their place.

Photo shows L3 at a recent training session, getting ready for the summer season **FROM LEFT:** Christina, Deborah, Amber, Anne, Jennifer, Judith, Caroline, Dee and Ana.



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## HIGHBURY TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2014

A provisional date has been set of **Sunday 15th June 2014**. Pencil this into your diaries.

The annual Highbury Tennis Tournament is a regular Highbury Fields fixture. As well as raising funds for the club, 50% of profits is paid each year to a key charity. Events include Men's and Juniors Singles, Mixed, Family, Ladies' and Junior Doubles.

## COURTS REPAINTED



Our thanks to Islington Council for repainting the white lines over the winter. Further improvements are scheduled for later in the year provided grant money is forthcoming.

### BELOW

**No one will be sorry to see the back of winter...**



## RACQUET RESTRINGING

For excellent restringing services contact **Viren** or **Hitesh Soma**.

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## AQUATERRA AXED

Aquaterra has lost the contract to run Islington's sports facilities. New appointee GLL has pledged to run the services at a profit but says that prices for users and concessions will remain unchanged for the time being.

We are pleased to learn that Anthony Jarrett, who handles all our match bookings, will continue to be our prime contact.

## PARKING WARNING

Two club players received penalty tickets parking on Highbury Grove on a Sunday after midday. Parking rules change if there is an Arsenal home match so be vigilant to avoid a similar fate.