

Back to Tennis

At long last there is a light at the end of a long three months. It will be great to see everyone back on the courts again and we can only thank all our wonderful members who have supported us over the last year to help keep the club in a stable financial position despite the loss of many hours of sport both indoors and out. As a small gesture the club is offering all members the chance of bringing a guest during April and May free of a guest fee.

Chris Barr Hamilton has kept up our spirits with his regular emails and both the Management and Tennis Committee have kept in contact with the help of Zoom and Microsoft Teams.

Members will notice tremendous improvements in the club facilities and the resurfacing of the astro courts is imminent. Thank you to all those who voted in the on-line poll for the colour of the surface. Democracy in action at Manor Park!

Plans are also being made for a fund-raising initiative to radically improve the tennis and squash changing rooms and longer term there are far reaching plans to raise funds for future developments.

Let us hope we have as sunny a spring as 2020 when we were not allowed out, so that the club can be buzzing again. We have all missed you!

Club Tournament

Club Tournament last year was a success despite the extensive early season lockdown. Coronavirus even required the finals to be spread over two Saturdays. A big plus was the on-line continuously updated status of the draw. There were almost 100 entries competing for 16 Club Tournament Trophies and it would be good to have a similar number of entries this year. The playback style plate system ensures that all entrants get two matches in each event entered, so even if the first match is one-sided the second can be close. Entry is £5 per player which covers all events entered, so try singles and/or more than one doubles. Ring round to find doubles partners now. Entry form is supplied by email to members and will be available on the club website. Trophies will be presented as finals matches are completed. Finals Day: Saturday 4 September. Closing day for entries: Friday 7 May

MACIT will remain closed until 12 April when it is hoped to offer coaching for juniors & adults there.

Junior Coaching

Easter Camps 29 – 31 March, 6 – 8 and 12 – 15 April. Term Time Programme commences as from the 19 April.

Email: tennis@malverntennisacademy.com

PROVISIONAL CLUB SUMMER CALENDAR

Courts reopen	Monday 29 March
12U County Cup	24-25 April
14U County Cup	1-2 May
10U County Cup	22-23 May
Charity Doubles	Thursday 24 June
Robfest	Saturday 26 June
American Evening	Tuesday 13 July
Benjamin Cup	Saturday 17 July
Malvern Open	18-24 July
H&W County Closed	21-27 August
Rest of World Event	Saturday 28 August
Club Finals Day	Saturday 4 September
Charity Tournament	Wednesday 8 Sept
Ripple Cup	Saturday 18 Sept
Mixed Doubles	Sunday 3 October
ITF Senior Tournament	7-10 October



Club Improvements in 2020

Improvement momentum has been maintained behind the scenes this year. Full rackets members will be aware that the substantial windfall sum received following the closure of the Hornyold Squash Club has been spent on refurbishing both the squash courts and the viewing area. Tennis members will notice the prominent new club logo sign which replaces the squash court windows, as shown in the photo above. At the same time, the roof of the squash court block has been renewed. The acrylic tennis courts have been resurfaced to restore worn patches and remedy the slippery corner of Court 10. Grass court maintenance has been improved with the hope that lawn tennis will become popular this summer. A less visible improvement is the installation of a ventilation unit in the indoor bowls hall with the aim of alleviating the risk of infection. Lower down the club estate an annex to the outdoor bowls pavilion is under construction to improve toilet facilities for both the bowlers and archers. Taken together with the decision to renew the synthetic grass court carpets this summer, it is clear that the Management Committee is in proactive mood.

Saturday Afternoon Social

After months of lock-down and a year of challenging times, it is now time to get back out on court and socialise! We are introducing a new **Saturday Afternoon Social Tennis Session**, open to all levels and abilities. This will be an arranged social session running on Saturdays from 2 pm – 5 pm (except for tournament days). It is open to all adults and to junior players aged 14 and over. This social hit will be run over 4 courts and surfaces may vary from week to week depending on court availability. Games and partners will be arranged by a tennis committee member or active club member who knows people's ability, like CBH, on the day. More details will be sent out by email in the coming months as group tennis recommences in the Spring and government restrictions allow. If you would like to help arrange the above sessions, please contact Dianah Marlow directly at dianah.marlow@gmail.com as we will be looking for volunteers to help on occasions.

100 Club

The 100 Club is being relaunched as a whole club fund, with profits allocated to each Section according to the number of members signed up. It will be organised by Chris Barr-Hamilton and Penny Smith. It has financed important tennis improvements. The lucky winners in the last draw held on 19th February 2021 were Ian Elias £250, Alison Tuck £125 and Caroline Lechmere. The plan is to have a Friday monthly draw for £100 commencing on the 26th March 2021. Please ask at the Club Office for an Application Form. Remember you need to be 'in it to win it'!

Arranged Tennis at Manor Park

When tennis courts become open on 29th March the rule of 6 will be in force. Play must be on courts booked in advance. Arranged tennis will have to be in fixed fours organised on a rota basis. Members will be invited to nominate themselves for the sessions noted below. Once the rule of 6 no longer applies there will be freedom for members to congregate as before.

Club Tennis Night: Tuesdays starting on March 30 on a rota basis. When the rule of 6 no longer applies, play will be organised from 5.30 pm on courts where available. Courts are reserved for Club Tennis from 6.30 pm. The summer season ends on September 28. Please contact Cleland Newton on con@garnerdaniel.co.uk if you wish to join the winter indoor mixed rota starting October 5.

Men's Morning: Wednesdays, starting on March 31 with courts booked from 10 am to 12 noon and running throughout the year. Men's groups also play on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays in the day and on Wednesday evenings. Please ask at the Club Office for details.

Ladies' Afternoon: Wednesdays with courts booked from 2 pm to 4 pm running throughout the year and mainly suited to those who do not aspire to match play.

Mixed Morning: Mondays with courts booked from 9 am to 11 am running throughout the year and mainly suited for those who do not aspire to match play.

Ladies' Doubles Morning: Fridays on a rota basis from 9.30 am to 11 am starting in April. For inclusion on the summer rota please contact Cleland Newton on con@garnerdaniel.co.uk. Ladies Doubles Morning moves to the indoor courts in September.

Men's Match Practice Night: Wednesdays from 6.00 pm starting on March 31.

Ladies' Match Practice Night: Thursdays from 6.30 pm starting on April 1.

Competitive Opportunities

Club Teams

Teams have been entered in the national team tennis competition. Teams compete at various levels in the county leagues. If you are interested in playing in a team, please contact a team captain as listed on-line in the Fixtures Card.

Singles Box League

An internal singles box league in divisions. Ask at the Club Office if you wish to be included.

Charity Tournament and Lunch

Thursday June 24 from 9 am to 1 pm followed by an excellent lunch.

Robfest

Saturday June 26, a men's doubles event organised by Rob Redman.

Benjamin Cup

Saturday July 17, a mixed team event organised by Chris Barr-Hamilton.

England v Rest of the World

Saturday August 28, a doubles event organised by Rob Redman.

Save the Children Ladies Tournament

A ladies' doubles event on Wednesday September 8 from 9.30 am to 1 pm with lunch included. For details, please email con@garnerdaniel.co.uk

Ripple Cup

Saturday September 18, a men's doubles event organised by Chris Skinner.

ITF Senior Tournament

An LTA Grade 4 event, October 7-10, singles and doubles, for Women 40/50/60s, Men 45/55/65s. Club members are encouraged to enter.

Adult Groups & Individual Coaching

Contact Chris Skinner on 07813 071937 or Jane Poynder on 01684 574435.