

Editorial

Needless to say, we have all been through a difficult year but fortunately tennis has thrived despite all the many challenges and the tennis membership has grown to nearly 400 adult members. Our Club Manager, Chris Barr-Hamilton, has done a wonderful job keeping us all motivated and involved with his regular weekly update on club activities both on and off the court and it is great to see the club and the grounds looking so beautiful and with so much activity on the tennis courts by all ages.

The ClubSpark membership system has been going through some changes and this has resulted in some 'tags' being deleted. If you feel you are not getting the regular email from CBH then do let us know as it is just a matter of re-inserting your tag confirming you would like information on events.

The Committee has met regularly albeit for most of the time by zoom. However our last meeting was held in the club house and Ali Tuck, our Safeguarding and Welfare Officer, gave us a presentation on Safeguarding within the club. The LTA have recommended that all affiliated club committees should attend the training and bring to the attention of all members the relevant policies and procedures to which we all need to adhere. The full details including Ali's phone number are on the Manor Park website; hard copies are available to view on the notice board in the MP Conservatory. If any members ever have any concerns, then Ali Tuck is always there to speak to you.

We are looking forward to hosting our very first ITF Seniors Tournament to be held at the club from the 7th – 10th October. With events for men and women in the 40s, 50s and 60s age groups we have attracted a good number of entries and we are indebted to Shipmans Financial Services for providing some financial support for this event.

I am sure we are all delighted with the improvement to our changing rooms and would like to acknowledge the support we have received from the sponsors of the court-side screens and display boards, namely: Azets Accountancy, Bamford Financial Planning, Jolliffe Plumbing & Heating, The Downs Malvern College, Malvern Law, Malvern St. James, Malvern Tennis Academy, Windsor Court Care Home.

Crowdfunding



Showers: ladies above and men's below



During lockdown, we obviously had a bit of time on our hands, and a lightbulb moment appeared. We started a Crowdfunder to redevelop our pretty grim changing rooms and toilets adjacent to the squash courts. A small group of volunteers helped develop the crowdfunding page, produce the video (who will ever forget Clarke's shower scene!), find rewards, prizes and sell advertising sightscreens. With incredible support from the members, we raised over £30K, including a £7.5K grant from Sports England. After some serious hard graft from the various local contractors, and wonderfully designed plans by Vicki Advani, we have ended up with some stunning new facilities. A big thank you to everyone involved in this. An amazing result for the club!

Contribution by Chris Barr-Hamilton



England vs The Rest of the World

On Saturday 14th August 2021 Manor Park Sports Club held its 6th Annual England vs The Rest of the World Ladies & Gentlemen's Doubles Tennis Match. 56 players took part in this fun and hugely popular event. For the third successive year the match was won by England overcoming a strong Rest of the World Team by 331 games to 307 games to draw level in the series 3-3. This year's winners' drinks were again kindly sponsored by John Milton. After the match players enjoyed a delicious Caribbean BBQ prepared by Jill Holmwood and her helpers. Big thanks are also due to:

Event Organisers - Rob Redman & Ruth Jones

Official Photograph - Barry Tuck

Event Director - Simon Kilminster

Grand Slam Tournament

Manor Park hosted its 5th Annual Grand Slam Tennis Doubles Tournament on Saturday 26th June 2021. 24 quality pairs took part in this hugely popular event and the winners were as below. Big thanks to: Event organisers - Ruth Jones & Rob Redman, Tournament Directors - Simon Kilminster & Lucy Richardson, Catering - Chris's Mum (wonderful lunch) and Taco Barritos (amazing evening Tacos).

Team England: Sam Edmondson, John Clarke, Geoff Smith, Charles Houlbrooke, Geoff Titmuss, Steve Lewis, Graham Upton, Katy Lewin, Sally Lewin, Sarah Titmuss, Ruth Jones, Paul Burgess, Sarah Pass, Holly Stevens, Matt Baum, David Forrester - Smith, Pete Moore, Penny Smith, Lois Burgess, Ali Tuck, Leslie Milton, Neil Johnson, Nicky Jones, Kay Bedwell, Ian Monaghan, Jos Sclater, Andy Stewart, Andy Bond.

The Rest of The World Team: Mike Marks, Jon Edmondson, George Elias, Chris Barr-Hamilton, Ian Elias, Rob Redman, John Milton, Joel Talcott, Pat Brazil, Neil Anderson, Jilly Witcomb, Rachel Prudden, Tracy Morgan, Caroline Forester-Smith, Ali Earp, Kate Forrester, Beth Pye, Grant Hume, Maddie Walsh, Jade Hume, Penny McKechnie, Cat Petchsingh, Andy Sziecko, Warren Haughey, Simona Armstrong, Xac Timmermans, Justin Walsh and Nicky Browne.

Winners:

Wimbledon - Jamie & Mike Marks

US Open - Chris Barr-Hamilton and Kate Forrester

French Open – Stuart Ramsey and Matt Baum

Australian Open – Ant Bookham and David Smith

World Tour Finals – Paul Moran and Xac Timmermans

Contributions by Rob Redman

H & W Summer County Tennis Leagues

The highlight of the summer season has been the success of the Ladies' A Team in becoming County Champions, winning all their matches in Division 1. This repeats their success in 2019. The players who represented the club were Katy Lewin (Captain), Ellie Fleming, Hannah Griffiths, Sally Lewin, Rachel Prudden, Bethany Pye, Lorraine Ristic, Regi Ristic-North, Penny Smith, Daisy Williams, Jill Witcomb. Similarly, the Mixed A Team became County Champions by winning all their matches in Division 1. The players were Katy Lewin (Captain), Paul Burgess, John Clarke, Sam Lea, Sally Lewin. Other division winners were Men E in Men's Division 7 East and Ladies D in Ladies' Division 7 East. Other teams retained their positions except Mixed D who were relegated from Mixed Division 3 West.

Update on Tennis Section AGM

The Tennis Committee is a sub-committee of the MP Management Committee and oversees all matters to do with Tennis. Over the years the Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Committee has always been so very poorly supported by members that the Committee has decided to change the format of this meeting in the hope that members who would like to bring something to the attention of the Committee or who might be interested in getting more involved on the Committee should have the opportunity to attend our next scheduled Committee Meeting. With this in mind the next Meeting of the Tennis Committee will take place on Tuesday 16th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Vaughan Hall and any member who would like to attend is most welcome to do so and should confirm attendance by emailing Elaine Fleming, the Tennis Secretary: elaine@thenoak.co.uk

Tennis Committee 2020-2021

Chairman:	Jane Poynder
Hon. Treasurer:	Geoff Titmuss
Membership Secretary:	Cleland Newton
Hon. Secretary:	Elaine Fleming
Grounds Controller:	Sam Mackenzie
Fixtures Secretary:	Joel Talcott
Club Coach:	Chris Skinner
Child Protection:	Ali Tuck
Committee Members:	Pete Clarke
Anna Laidler	Steve Lewis
Jo Marks	Dianah Marlow
Joe Riley	

Tennis Coaching

Sessions running from Monday 13th September

Adult Coaching Groups

Tuesday 9.00 – 10.30 am

Wednesday 9.30 – 12.30 p.m.

Saturday Beginners Group 11.00 – 12.00 a.m.

Junior Outdoor Groups

Older Teens 14 – 18 years

Monday 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.

Green to Young Teens 11 – 14 years

Monday and Thursday 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Orange/Green 9 – 10 years

Monday and Thursday 5.30 – 6.30 pm

Saturday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Blue & Red Mini Tennis 3 – 8 years indoors

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 4.30 – 5.30 pm

Saturday 9.00 – 10.00 am

For all information on any of the above or for booking an individual lesson contact tennis@malverntennisacademy.com

Winter Social Tennis

Rotas have been arranged for the first six weeks of the winter season for both indoor Tuesday evening mixed doubles and floodlit Wednesday evening men's doubles. Please contact Cleland Newton if you would like to play on the November/December rotas.

Charity Tournament

The annual charity tournament, held this year in aid of Croyn's and Colitis UK, was held on the 24th June with 23 pairs competing. Thankfully again the sun shone and £636.00 was raised on the morning. An excellent lunch was provided by Anna Paisley and Jane Bain brought a wonderful display of tennis clothing.

Club Tournament

There was a super day of tennis at Finals Day on Saturday 5th September. The sun shone, the tennis was fantastic, the beers flowed and pizza was scoffed down. Everyone had the perfect day, whether watching or playing. There were amazing performances by both Katy Lewin and Ellie Fleming in the ladies' singles final, with Katy edging it in three sets. It was definitely the match of the day to watch. There was heartbreak for Paddy Hyde, who got injured in the middle of his Men's Doubles Final and then was unable to compete in the Men's Singles Final. A big thank you to everyone who came down to the Club to watch. There really was a special atmosphere. Roll on next year.

Competition Results in Summer 2021

The following Manor Park players won in the following events:

Grade 3 Malvern Open

- 18U Girls Doubles - Sally Lewin and Bethany Pye
- Over 35s Singles - Rachel Prudden
- 16U Girls Doubles - Bethany Pye and Oliwia Sztorc
- 16U Boys Singles - Sam Laidler

CFS Herefordshire & Worcestershire County Championships

There was success for Manor Park players in the Herefordshire & Worcestershire County Champs as follows:

- Ladies Singles - Katy Lewin won the Herefordshire & Worcestershire Ladies Singles defeating Latesha Grant in a closely contest final winning in a championship tie break 10-8 final set
- Ladies Doubles - Ellie Fleming and Katie Horsburgh defeated the Lewin Sisters
- 16U Boys Singles - Sam Laidler
- 14U Boys Singles - Jack Bulbulia
- 9U and 8U Girls singles - Ruby Taylor
- 18U Girls Doubles - Sally Lewin and Bethany Pye
- 16U Girls Doubles - Bethany Pye and Oliwia Sztorc
- 12U Girls Doubles - Madeline Walsh and Gina Obrey

Manor Park Club Tournament Winners

Main Events

- Ladies Singles – Katy Lewin
- Men's Singles – Paul Burgess w/o
- Ladies Doubles – Katy and Sally Lewin
- Men's Doubles – Paul Burgess and Chris Skinner
- Mixed Doubles – Paul Burgess and Katy Lewin
- Family Doubles – Sam and Tom Laidler
- Men's Veteran Singles – Rory Guilding
- Men's Over 60s Doubles – Rob Redman and Charles Houlbrooke
- Mixed Over 50s - Rory Guilding and Alice Davey
- Mixed Doubles Plate – Sam Lea and Holly Stevens

Plate Events

- Ladies Singles Plate – Caroline Forester-Smith
- Men's Singles Plate – Blake Roberts
- Men's Doubles Plate - Will Orgee and Jo Marsh
- Ladies Doubles Plate - Sarah Pass and Alison Earp
- Mixed Doubles Plate – Sam Lea and Holly Stevens
- Men's Doubles Over 60s Plate – Pat Brazil and Steve Lewis

Junior Events

- 18U Battle of the Sexes Singles – Bethany Pye
- 18U Girls Doubles - Bethany Pye and Lois Burgess
- 14U Boys Singles - Oliver Ruddick
- 14U Boys Doubles - Monty Cooper and Oliver Ruddick
- 14U Mixed Doubles - Oliver Ruddick and Maddie Walsh
- 10U - Ben Williams
- 9U - Zoe Walsh
- 8U - Harry Mifflin