

CLUB SUMMER CALENDAR

Racket Testing	Tuesday 17 April
MP Club AGM	Thursday 19 April
Wimbledon Draw	Sunday 22 April
14U County Cup	5 -7 May
Ripple Cup	Saturday 12 May
GBTW Open Afternoon Member/Non-Member Tournament	Sunday 13 May Saturday 19 May
County Mixed Event	Saturday 16 June
Civic Open Day	Tuesday 19 June
Charity Doubles	Thursday 21 June
Robfest	Saturday 23 June
12U County Cup	Sat/Sun 30 June/1 July
American Evening	Tuesday 17 July
GBTW Open Afternoon	Saturday 21 July
Rest of World Event	Saturday 11 August
Club Finals Day	Saturday 8 September
Charity Tournament	Wednesday 12 Sept
Mixed Doubles	Sunday 30 September

Tennis Court Surface Renewal

Manor Park takes pride in the quality of the playing surfaces and surrounds. Members may have noticed that the drive side fencing has been replaced, paid for from '100 Club' funds. Soon it will be necessary to resurface the synthetic grass courts and attend to the acrylic courts, both at considerable cost. It is vital to build up the sinking fund to finance this. This need for more funds is the reason for an increase in subscriptions this year in excess of the effect of inflation. Members have enjoyed the benefits of past investment. We need to continue to invest in our club.

Croquet at Manor Park

The recent survey of tennis members showed that members preferred to retain the grass courts for tennis rather than use them for croquet. There is the possibility of a 'Croquet Event', to offer members the opportunity to sample the game of croquet in association with a local croquet club.

New County Ball Sponsor

Herefordshire & Worcestershire LTA have just signed a tennis ball deal with Head. This means that all club league matches will be played with the Head ATP Ball. Head have also agreed to supply our Coaching Team with equipment and will be giving members the opportunity to try out new Head Rackets at a Free Racket Testing evening on Tuesday 17th April. As well as early Club Night players it is hoped that later in the evening club team players will come down and try out the new equipment. Head is one of the big three tennis equipment producers so we are looking forward to our involvement with them.

Attracting New Members

Pay £1 for four weeks is a new offer for potential new members this year, to start any day in May. The Great British Tennis Weekend Open Afternoon on Sunday 13th May forms part of the scheme with a full range of tennis activities ready for booking on ClubSpark. This includes on-court junior tennis, mini tennis, cardio tennis, adult tennis and free family play. Please encourage your friends to participate.

A similar offer of membership for £1 was made last August. More than 60 adults and children took up the offer. Because September was not the best time to join to play tennis, the offer is extended as complimentary membership for the month of April with the hope of gaining fully paid members as from 1st May. Please make sure that new members find us to be a friendly club.



Team Success

Congratulations to Chris Barr-Hamilton and his team 'The Dumbstruck Unicorns' who have taken the title for the second time in the MACIT Indoor Mixed League played on Saturdays. Also three of our Men's Teams are top of the tables in the H&W Winter League and our Ladies A Team is currently in second position as is our Men's A. Check out our teams' results on www.handwtennis.co.uk.

Club Night Extra for April

To encourage club night players to play on into the evening at the start of the season, floodlighting will be free up to 9.00 pm on Tuesday evenings in April. This will be especially useful for the Head Racket Testing session on Tuesday April 17th.

Arranged tennis at Manor Park

The Club's aim is to enable members to play as much tennis as suits them. Arranged tennis provides opportunities for members to find other compatible members for play at times of their own choice on courts which they may choose to book in advance. All members are encouraged to obtain court keys and gain familiarity with the tennis court booking system.

Club Tennis Night: Tuesdays starting on April 3. Play is organised from 5.30 p.m. on courts where available. The courts are allocated for Club Tennis from 6.30 p.m. All standards of play are catered for and members may come and go as convenient. The summer season ends on September 25. Please contact Cleland Newton on con@garnerdaniel.co.uk if you wish to join the winter indoor mixed rota starting October 2.

Men's Morning: Wednesdays, a roll-up session with courts booked from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. running throughout the year. Men's groups also play on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays in the day and on Wednesday evenings. Please contact Cleland Newton as above.

Ladies' Afternoon: Wednesdays, a roll-up session with courts booked from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. running throughout the year. This session is suited to ladies who do not aspire to match play.

Mixed Morning: Mondays, a roll-up session with courts booked from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. running throughout the year. This session is particularly suited to men and ladies who do not aspire to match play.

Ladies' Doubles Morning: Fridays on a rota basis from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. starting in April. For inclusion on the summer rota please tick the box on the ClubSpark form. Ladies Doubles Morning moves to the indoor courts in September.

Men's Match Practice Night: Wednesdays from 6.30 p.m. starting on April 4.

Ladies' Match Practice Night: Thursdays from 6.30 p.m. starting on April 5. There will be free ladies' coaching from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. on May 3, 10, 17, June 7, 14, and 21. Details will be put on the notice board, targeted at different team squad players who may sign up for the relevant session. There will be a maximum number of 8 players in a session. Reserves need to be contacted if for any reason a member is unable to attend having signed for a place.

Competitive Opportunities

Club Teams

Three men's team have been entered in the AEGON national competition. Six men's teams, four ladies' teams and four mixed teams compete at various levels in the county leagues. If you are interested in playing in a team, talk to team members at Men's Night or Ladies' Night or contact a team captain. All summer club matches are listed on the Fixtures Card, together with contact details for team captains.

Club Tournament

Members are encouraged to use the club tournament form supplied by email to enter as many events as desired, singles and doubles. Entry is £5 per player which covers all events entered. 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. Ring round to find doubles partners now. Trophies will be presented on the evening of Finals Day.

Closing day for entries: April 30.

Finals Day: Saturday September 9.

Ripple Cup

Saturday May 12, a men's doubles event organised by Chris Skinner and sponsored by James Mackenzie.

Robfest

Saturday 23 June, a men's doubles event organised by Rob Redman.

Charity Tournament and Lunch

Thursday 21 June from 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. followed by an excellent lunch. There are graded leagues and mixed teams are allowed. The event is open to non-members and the charity chosen this year is Worcester Oncology Unit. Tennis Attire will also be on sale

Club American Evening

Tuesday 17 July at 6.45 p.m. This is a mixed doubles event with individual entry and partners rotating in opposite directions. There is an optional pizza supper afterwards. No advance booking is needed.

UK v Rest of the World

Saturday 11 August, a men's doubles event organised by Rob Redman.

Save the Children Ladies Tournament

A ladies' doubles event will be held on Wednesday 12 September from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. with lunch included.

Wimbledon Tickets Ballot

The ballot will again be during Sunday lunchtime, on **Sunday 22 April**, with names going into the draw between 12.30 pm. and 1 pm. At 1 pm names will be drawn to give a ticket choice order and the next round of the '100 Club' draw will be made. There will then be a period for members successful in the draw to choose their tickets in draw order. Please read the extra information about eligibility and other arrangements on the summer information sheet on the club website. If you plan to come to the bring-and-share lunch, please send an email to con@garnerdaniel.co.uk so that you can be consulted about a suitable food contribution. It is a fun social occasion even for those who are not seeking Wimbledon tickets.

Tennis Coaching Programme



Cardio Tennis takes place in MACIT on Mondays from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 7.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Adult Group coaching

Adult Groups – Acrylic Courts
Tuesday 9.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday 9.30 – 11.00 a.m.
11.00 – 12.30 p.m.

Application forms for all adult and junior coaching group sessions will be put on the notice boards in the Clubhouse and in the indoor tennis centre (MACIT). Alternatively ring Jane Poynder on 01684 574435 or send an email to info@malverntennisacademy.com.

Individual coaching

If you are interested in individual or shared lessons with one of the coaches, please ring Chris Skinner on 07813 071937 or Poynder Tennis on 01684 574435.

Opportunities for New Members

One of our Club Coaches will be involved in the Club night sessions in May to help to integrate new members into the social playing scene at the club. This will take the place of the previous Friday evening sessions where take up was disappointing.

Racket Testing

An opportunity to try out the new Head Tennis Rackets on Tuesday 17th April. Club Night and Team Players all encouraged to attend.

Junior Coaching Programme

All development and performance sessions begin week beginning 23 April

Teens Tennis 13 years upward

Monday 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.

Thursday 6.30 – 7.30 p.m.

Junior Tennis Orange/ Green 9 – 12 years

Monday and Thursday

5.30 – 6.30 p.m.

Saturday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Red 8U Mini Tennis in MACIT

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

4.30 - 5.30 p.m.

Saturday 9.00 to 10.00 a.m.

Junior Night

The synthetic grass courts will be booked for the Monday evening Junior Coaching Sessions from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Adult members wishing to play between these times should book in advance to play on the clay courts 14 & 15 or the acrylic 9 – 12. Due to lack of demand for supervised play after coaching sessions these will not take place this year though junior members can book a court if they wish but should be supervised by their parents if under 14 years of age. More information about the junior activities is given in the Junior Newsletter. Parents are welcome to view junior play from the vantage point of the new café bar in the Clubhouse.

Junior Tournaments

The tennis section supports junior tennis by hosting weekday open and county closed junior tournaments. Members are asked to bear with these events and to use the grass and clay courts on occasions when the synthetic grass and acrylic courts are allocated to junior tournament matches.

Junior Holiday Camps

Four day junior holiday camps will be held at the club during the following weeks, indoors and on the clay courts.

Red/Orange Minis 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Orange/Green/Teens 11.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

3 – 6 April, 9 – 12 April

17 – 20 July 30 July – 2nd August,

6 - 9 August, 13 - 16 August,

20 - 23 August.



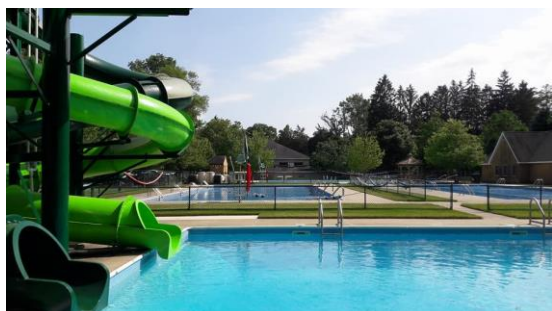
Every week at camp we would have different theme days. These consisted of dressing up. Yay! (wasn't my thing before coming to America). The themes where; 4th of July (wearing red white and blue), favourite team shirt day, neon day, tie-dye day, Ramapo shirt day. We had a carnival day and water day where the camp scheduled for the kids to go on rides which the camp had hired and put out the evening beforehand. Carnival day was the hottest day of camp, and the day I wasn't in any shade as I was managing a ride. Every Wednesday lunch time was pizza day, it was exciting for week one but after that I'm glad to say I don't want to see another pizza in a while and I love my salads. Other nights we had theatre night where the children who selected theatre for 4 weeks would put on a show for their fellow campers and then an evening show for the parents.

Manor Park to USA

Summer and pizza for a lifetime Lucy Sanders Club Coach

This past summer I decided to take my interest in tennis coaching to America. I applied through camp America website and within 2 months of applying I got offered a job at Camp Ramapo in New York State. Lucky for me this camp was a day camp, which meant the children of the camp would leave after camp at 3.30. Camp consisted of 750 children and 150 staff.

A normal day at camp for me was a start at 8am with a meeting with all 22 international staff (group on the top right photo) discussing what was happening on that day and what was happening in the following weeks. Then I would help to park the first 8 yellow buses out of 63 (thank god it wasn't all 63) before heading on court to coach tennis. Each



day consisted of seeing 6 bunks of children 16 children at a time for 30 minutes and then the children would have electives/ options where they could choose tennis over the other activities at camp for an hour. Other activities included soccer, American football, art and crafts, cooking, horse riding, rock and ropes, swimming, pioneering, junior sport, go-karting, batting cages, gymnastics and theatre. What really impressed me about this camp was how they have everything adjusted to the size of the child. So, the basketball hoops adjusted in height, they had 2 mini tennis courts marked out and separate to the main tennis court, they had 3 soccer pitches different sizes. After coaching for 6 hours in the heat or rain we would then get our daily reward/ treat of ice-cream and then clean up parts of camp before heading home. For 2 weeks of the 8 week camp we would have sleep away weeks for some of the children. This meant they slept in their bunks and would have evening meals and activities in the evening.

Being a day camp meant I had a day off and I was lucky enough to go and explore 90% of New York, I went up the Rockefeller building, had a day out in central park and took a free ferry to see the statue of liberty, eat expensive food and get lost in NYC. The 2nd trip to NYC a friend and I were catching a subway which should have taken 10 minutes, however, we ended up in Jamaica... for a Brit and only knowing Jamaica is in the Caribbean this was worrying when I saw the street sign. Luckily google maps (superhero of the summer) managed to direct us back into Manhattan. I'm glad to say I have mastered New York's grid set up and the subway, it only took me 3 months...After camp had finished my visa allowed me to travel for 30 days before I would have to go home. My travels took me to Boston for a week visiting Harvard University and walking the freedom trail and visiting the oldest baseball stadium home to the Boston Red Sox. I then went to flushing meadows in NY to watch of course the US Open and basketball. Then down south to Palm Beach Florida to go to the space centre and universal studios in



Orlando. My aim for the summer was to see as many sports as I possibly could, I managed to see the New York Jets (American football), US open (Tennis), The Liberty's (female basketball), and New York Yankees vs the Red Sox (baseball). I also aimed to use as many transportations as I could; bus, cars, trains, subways, planes all done and slightly mastered. Besides the Hurricane Irma shortening my travels (that's another story to be told) I have had a fantastic holiday and would recommend traveling to the USA. It's a completely different world over there. I'll definitely be back.