



Hadleigh Tennis Newsletter 2010

Chairman's Report

There may have been a recession, a parliamentary expenses scandal, an Ashes defeat, and Andy Murray didn't win a major, but for Hadleigh Tennis Club it's been a good year.

The Club has chalked up several notable achievements:

- Membership is up and especially pleasing is the number of youngsters we now have playing regularly.
- Our relationship with Hadleigh Town Council and the Layham Road Management Committee continues to be good and we were able to persuade them to reinstate our Ad-Hoc Play agreement.
- We were also able to negotiate an offer of 50:50 partnership with LRMC to replace the lights in the coming year....
- Young players are the life-blood of any club so we were at pains during 2009 to re-establish some Junior Coaching. Under the management of Lee Tweed from Ipswich Tennis Club, Johnny Carr held youngster's sessions through the season until the end of November.
- Our teams have also been successful in the local leagues (see below).

Looking forward we have a number of opportunities to work on in the coming year:

- Finalise the deal with LRMC and implement the new lights in time for next autumn.
- Build up junior tennis in Hadleigh. Lee has been successful in obtaining a Babergh DC grant award to improve junior coaching during 2010.
- Further recruitment is important for the sustainability of the club and could bring additional benefits of more tennis and continuing low prices. Please encourage your friends to join and bring their families down to play....and of course we would love to see previous members rejoining too.
- Sponsorship is an area that we have not pushed hard in the past. We have started discussions with a potential sponsor and hope that in the coming year we can come to an arrangement with them.

...and we have been lucky in ways that perhaps we sometimes fail to appreciate:

- We had an elongated season in terms of very well attended Club Sessions in mild weather until the end of November....and we had a well earned rest in December, January and February!
- We shared some successful social events – President's Day, a BBQ and Christmas Dinner....where we were pleased to see again some of our social members who no longer grace the courts but whose spirit burns bright.
- We had the opportunity to buy Wimbledon tickets.
- For Club Sessions we paid ~30p/hr (if you attended all the Sessions) not to mention free Ad Hoc play at other times.
- In summary we enjoyed a sociable, healthy pastime that didn't break the bank....

So, all in all, a good year for Hadleigh Tennis Club and plenty to look forward to in the coming season.

Geoff Scott

President's News

At the AGM Mike Newman stepped down as President. Many thanks must go to Mike who has been a long time servant of the Club. Mike will of course still be associated with the Club as an Honorary Social Member. In his stead we are honoured that Peter Richards has agreed to become the new President and we look forward to his first official duty when he leads President's Day.

Club playing times

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| <u>Summer season:</u> (April – Sept) | Sunday mornings | 9.00 – 12.00 |
| | Tuesday evenings | 6.30 – 9.00 |
| | Thursday evenings | 6.30 – 9.00 |
| <u>Winter season:</u> (Oct – Mar) | Sunday mornings | 9.30 – 12.00 |
| | Tuesday evenings | 6.30 – 8.30 |
| | Thursday evenings | 6.30 – 8.30 (Oct/Nov/Mar only) |
| | Saturday afternoons* | 2.00 – 4.00 |

*Preference will be given to match play, but if no matches are arranged, the court is available for club play. These courts are block booked but not paid for.

Free Ad-hoc play for Club Members has been agreed with the TC but conditions apply (see notice in club house).

Teams

Ladies

In the Winter League 2008/09 the ladies finished mid table with 15 points.

In the Summer League 2009 they won 5 out of 8 matches played which puts them 2nd in the division with possible promotion.

In the Winter League 2009/10 they won 11 out of 14 matches played with their final position not yet announced.

Thanks to Kate White for her captaincy. Kate will continue to captain the Hadleigh Ladies in 2010.

Men's

In the Summer League 2009 the gentlemen won only 3 matches and therefore are candidates for possible relegation.

In the Winter Floodlit (Div 2) the Men's team have had a very successful season winning the Division and promotion back to Div. 1 for next winter.

Thanks to Trevor Rowland for his captaincy during the 2009 season (and several preceding seasons). Jonathan Chown will captain the team in 2010.

Mixed

The mixed team played 8 matches in Division 6 of the Ipswich and District Summer League. Opponents were David Lloyd 2, Felixstowe 3, Bramford, Copdock and Washbrook. The team won 6 lost 2 and achieved 12 points, the same as David Lloyd 2. However, on count back Hadleigh won 73.6% of sets played against David Lloyd's 65.3%. Therefore Hadleigh are division 6 Champions again and will be playing in Division 5 next season!

Thanks to Peter Richards for his captaincy during the 2009 season. Debbie Young will captain the team in 2010.

Coaching and Juniors

Lee Tweed of Ipswich Sports Club manages Junior Coaching on behalf of Hadleigh Tennis Club. Johnny Carr is the Coach and will be holding Junior group sessions on Monday (5.00 – 6.00), Thursday (4.30 – 5.30) and Friday (4.30 – 6.30 improvers) throughout the season. Please encourage any youngsters you know to give it a try the sessions are a lot of fun. Johnny is also available for individual coaching of juniors and adults by arrangement.

Lee has also been successful in obtaining a grant from Babergh District Council for Junior Tennis in Hadleigh and the Club will be working with Lee on plans to encourage more youngsters to play tennis. A particular aim here is to encourage older juniors who can progress though to the Club.

Contact Lee Tweed for more information on 01473 626193 or 07787 114935.

Membership subscriptions

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| Senior Annual Membership | £95 (£85 if paid in April) |
| Student Annual Membership | £50 (£45 if paid in April) |
| Social Annual Membership | £5 |
| Visitor's fee | £2 |

Events Calendar

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| Mixed Doubles | May 16 th |
| Ladies' & Men's Doubles | June 13 th |
| Ladies' & Men's Singles | September 26 th |
| President's Day | September 12 th |
| BBQ | July 18 th |

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| Quiz Night | October (TBC) |
| Christmas Dinner | December 17 th (TBC) |

Singles Ladder

We will be introducing a new Singles Ladder in April. The top 4 people on the Ladder in September will qualify for the semi finals of the Club Singles Tournament.

Lights

For several winter seasons now we have struggled to play under very old “sepia” coloured lights. The Committee decided that it would be well worth the Club investing in renewing the light heads in partnership with Hadleigh Town Council. A proposal to pay 50% of the cost of new lights was approved at the AGM in February and we hope to have the project finished during the summer.

Website and email

We have redesigned our website. Please check it out, as we will endeavour to keep it updated with all our latest news and information as we go forward.

Go to: www.hadleightennis.org.uk

Committee Members

At the AGM the following Officers and Committee Members were elected for 2010.

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| Geoff Scott | Chairman |
| Matt Prior | Deputy Chairman |
| Brian Dicks | Treasurer |
| Paul Knowles | Secretary |
| Trevor Rowland | |
| Sarah Hawker | |
| Liz Allan | |
| Ben Hall | |

Team Captains for 2010

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| Men's Captain | Jonathan Chown |
| Ladies' Captain | Kate White |
| Mixed Captain | Debra Young |
