

Tennis Talk

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Hello everyone,

Well, it looks like Spring has finally decided to show itself after a period of what can only be described as rotten tennis weather, so here's looking forward to the new tennis season at Uxbridge and hopefully some sunny days to go with it!

In this issue of Tennis Talk is some important information about **coaching** and also about **court priority** for both Senior and Junior matches as well as lots of dates for your diaries, so please take a moment to read it.

Remember all this stuff can be found bang up to date anytime on our website www.uxbridgetennis.co.uk so everyone can get more out of their club membership and socialising opportunities.

Sadly, as many of you will know, we must also record the recent passing of **Enid Tobin**, she was a great asset to this club and will be much missed. On a brighter note **Leo Munoz** recently won the Finchley Manor Winter Series Men's Singles 35+. He is ranked No 2 in Middlesex and no 40 in GB for Men's 35+.

As always your committee welcomes constructive comments from you, the members that can help us improve the club for the enjoyment of all. You can contact us at info@uxbridgetennis.co.uk

Have a great season and enjoy your tennis!

Hard Courts: As you know we have had our last two courts and nets etc. refurbished and they now need painting to complete the job. We will endeavour to do this with minimal disruption to members in the near future as soon as weather conditions allow.

Grass Courts: Vic, the club grounds man, advises he should have the grass ready within a couple of weeks, decent weather permitting, so be patient, as usage too early will spoil the surface for the rest of the summer.

Court Priority and Matches: We now have a growing membership, particularly among the juniors, which is great news and the sign of a healthy club. However, success can also bring potential problems where compromise is required, particularly where matches are concerned. While team captains try their best not to interfere with normal social sessions, there are times when it's unavoidable and your co-operation and understanding are appreciated, *since club matches take priority over social play*. With the grass courts soon to come online we expect these clashes to reduce, however please note on Saturday afternoons there will be several occasions when 4 hard courts will be required from 4.00pm onwards for JNCL junior matches. We suggest members note the relevant dates (posted in the hut and on the web) and adjust their session start times accordingly. Other potential days for a clash include Friday evenings for senior matches, so please keep a lookout to avoid disappointment. We are also running a trial on Sundays when the single court no.4 is dedicated solely for coaching. Thanks for your co-operation and tolerance.

Juniors News: Junior squad training has started. We currently have sessions for U14 boys and U16 girls and we're hoping to get other sessions started soon. Contact Tim for info.

Also here are some results from last September in case you missed them, congratulations to the winners!
Junior Tournament winners -

Boys U18 & U16 – **Chris Berner**, Boys U14 – **Joe Becker**, Boys U12 – **Adam Bettis**
 Girls U16 – **Karis Baker**, Girls U14 – **Leah Baker**, Girls U12 – **Monique Wilson**

The following juniors have competed in outside Tournaments-

Matthew Cummins, Alex Nangle, Harry Robson, Thomas Dodd, Chris Berner, Ben O'Neill, Joe Becker, Grace Clarke, Zoe Zymancyzk, Monique Wilson

Chris Berner (U16) & Monique Wilson (U12) both qualified and played at Queens club in the Middlesex Closed tournament since the last edition, with tough 1st round draws they did not progress through the first round, although the whole experience was fantastic and let's hope we can get some more players there this year!

This summer we have more Junior teams entered than ever before; no fewer than 8 teams will compete in the NJCL competitions! Finally a special mention to the **U16 Girls** who were promoted to Div 1 this summer for the club and take on some of the best academy teams in Middlesex. *Well done our young people!*

Coaching: We said farewell to Chris Hearn in January after many years at ULTC as he chose to pursue new opportunities elsewhere. Your head coach **Tim Blackman** has now put together a new coaching team comprising **Gerson Leitao, Dan Templar, Mikey Wilson** and **Johnny Bean** so we wish them well.

Here is the current coaching schedule:

	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9
Mon								Junior Open Coaching Session	Mixed Intermediate Social Session & informal coaching	
Tues								Junior Squad Session U14 Boys		
Wed						Ladies Intermediate Coaching	Junior Squad Session U16 Girls A&B			
Thurs	Ladies Intermediate Coaching	Ladies Intermediate Coaching								
Fri								Mini Tennis	Junior Club Night (Exclusively for Club Members)	
Sat	General Junior Mixed Squad Session (ages 8-16)			11.15 - 12.45 Junior Mixed Beginners						
Sun						Ladies Beginners & Interm. Coaching			Mixed Social Coaching Session	

Court Abuse:

Incredibly, we regularly have to remove chewing gum from the new courts! As well as being completely anti-social it's dangerous to play active sport while chewing gum, so please let's stop this now! There also continues to be a quantity of plastic drink bottles, ball can lids etc left on the court, there is no need for this so please take your litter away with you and dispose of it properly – the courts are too expensive to use as dustbins!

Offenders will be asked to leave the club and not return.

Diary Dates:

Start of Season Tournament: This Saturday 19th April at 2.00pm £5 entry

Club Tournament:

Entry sheet up 19th April, Entry sheets down 3rd May

Draw up 10th May, Tournament starts 17th May

Finals Day Saturday 12th July

Entry sheets will go up in the hut. £2 each competition entered, £5 if you enter all three, money to be given to Diane Alder.

Wimbledon Tournament and Draw:

14th May at 7pm Tournament followed by the draw at 9pm.

NB: You must be in attendance at the draw in order to be able to enter it – no pre-sign up sheet, although dates of tickets will be made available once we have them. You must also be a full member, although we may get a junior allocation as we did last year (not yet confirmed).

Bank Holiday Tournament:

Monday 26th May – Details nearer the date

Car Park Closures due to UCC matches

Sunday 29th June, Friday 4th July, Wednesday 16th July, Sunday 20th July

Court & Car Park closure:

Tuesday 24th June – NB: There is absolutely no admittance for tennis on this day

Uxbridge Lawn Tennis Club welcomes new members young and not so young!

Our Head Coach is Tim Blackman who can be contacted on 07876 173320.

The club boasts excellent facilities with five hard courts (4 floodlit) and three grass courts and shares a superb clubhouse with the other sections of the sports club where a variety of regular social functions are held.

As well as tennis, members can also enjoy other sports such as Cricket, Squash, Bowls and Rugby all available at the same location with plentiful free parking. For more details visit www.uxbridgecricketclub.co.uk

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