

Angmering-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club

Adult Members' Quarterly Newsletter - Autumn 2020



Well, we seem to have been blown into October with windy conditions, a distinct drop in temperature and wet weather!! But what a different year it's been!! And I'm not talking about the strange weather patterns that brought the sunshine day after day in April/May and wind, cloud & rain in July/August. As we peer through the fog of uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic trying to see what the new 'normal' looks like hopefully tennis will remain available.

Through the summer and as we move through autumn towards winter it's quite apparent that people locally want to play tennis. This could partly be because more people are working from home, people are recognising that tennis is a healthy way to find enjoyment & exercise and that the government acknowledges that it is a sport that can be safely played at this time of Covid-19 restrictions outside in the fresh air. The Club is enjoying the benefits of this with many new members to the Club, both junior and senior. Andrew Cook has been amazing!! We are so fortunate to have Andrew organising the day to day running of the Club from the health & safety aspects to the on-court sessions, competitions & the coaching. Our sincere thanks go to Andrew and the other coaches for their hard work. Also our thanks go to your Committee, which is working hard as well to keep the Club in good health.

The Club Championships were held in September with some excellent & competitive tennis being played. Unfortunately spectator numbers had to be kept to a minimum. If you missed the results....

Men's Singles	Ben Stride beat William Taunton 6-2, 6-3
Ladies Singles	Isabella Hope beat Ellen Alliston 6-1, 6-3
Men's Doubles	Ben & John Stride beat Christopher Lawson & William Taunton 6-3, 6-3
Ladies Doubles	Isabella Hope & Grace Took beat Ellen Alliston & Sarah Hufford 6-2, 7-5
Mixed Doubles	Max Hankinson & Ellen Alliston beat David Savage & Isabella Hope 7-5, 7-6
Senior Men's Doubles	Peter Boorne & Derek Harnden bt Ian Robinson & Costas Samothrakis 6-2, 6-4
Senior Ladies Doubles	Jackie Brooks & Julie Pearce beat Liz Linton & Glynne Collins 6-1, 6-1
Senior Mixed Doubles	Peter Boorne & Joy Withers beat David & Jackie Brooks 5-7, 6-4, 6-3
Men's Singles Group 2	Cole Cooper beat Tom Cosham 6-3, 6-2
Men's Singles Group 3	Spencer Babb beat David Jessett 6-4, 6-4
Men's Singles Group 2 Consolation	Adam Dennis beat Zac Rolland 4-6, 6-3, 6-4
Men's Singles Group 3 Consolation	Mark Houston beat James Nicholls Walkover
Ladies Singles Consolation	Rachel Manktelow beat Gill Charnaud 6-2, 6-2
Men's Doubles Consolation	Kevin Payne & Karl Ross beat Spencer Babb & Elliot Horne 7-6, 6-4
Mixed Doubles Consolation	Ian Robinson & Joy Withers beat Jon Rowlings & Julie Pearce 6-2, 7-5
Senior Mixed Doubles Consolation	Liz Linton & Stuart Stoddard beat Peter White & Carole Morris 6-0, 6-7, 6-2

Club Emails...

Andrew and the Club are managing the day to day changes being made at the Club as a result of the constantly shifting Covid-19 landscape and are applying health & safety guidance & restrictions as they come into force or are relaxed by the government and the LTA. The bulletins are informative and for your benefit so please read them.

Latest Covid-19 Guidelines for the Club - Reminder

Following the latest LTA advice, as of 23.9.20, the Club sessions, coached groups and tournaments can carry on as normal with the exception of:-

- 'Rule of Six' – Please make sure you only play or gather in groups of no more than 6. When participating in any tennis activity participants must not mingle in groups of more than six before and after the activity, while maintaining social distancing with those from another household at all times. Attendees must avoid social interaction with anyone outside the group they are with, even if they see other people they know, at all times during their visit, even when arriving at or leaving the activity or in any breaks or socialising.

The Club is overlooked by a lot of neighbours and we DO NOT want to be reported if the rules are not followed so please help us to keep the Club open.

- The Club now has a QR code so if you have downloaded the NHS COVID-19 app please scan the code every time you are at the Club.
- Please continue to sanitise your hands on arrival and before departure.
- The clubhouse is open but should only be used if absolutely necessary. It is not for congregating. Stay in the fresh air.
- Anyone 12 and over inside the clubhouse MUST wear a mask / face covering until they are sat down and eating or drinking.
- Please DO NOT move any indoor or outdoor furniture. It has all been positioned carefully to maximise social distancing.
- The kitchen is open for filling water bottles only. You may also use the vending machine and coffee machine. But don't forget to wear a mask.
- The bar will continue to open on Sunday lunchtimes with the new times of 11.45am to 2pm and on Thursday evenings, (closing by 10pm at the latest). All service will now be table service with bar staff wearing face masks. So please don't forget your own. Tony and Carole will now need to keep a list of everybody that buys a drink from the bar and everybody that sits with those people. Our thanks go to Carole & Tony Chandler for their commitment to running the bar but especially through these challenging times!



Carole said to me last week....

"Thanks to all of the members and friends who have supported the bar during the Summer days. Please continue now that we are entering cooler times. We have all the necessary regulations in place inside the clubhouse."

Sponsors' Corner

Currently the Club enjoys the sponsorship of 2 local companies. Our thanks to Wellesley Wealth Advisory, our main Club sponsor, and Kreston Reeves, the Club's firm of chartered accountants

Ian Howard from Wellesley Wealth Advisory provides his views on the changing times and their effects on the economy and, importantly, our finances.....

There have been plenty of landmark political speeches in the past few months, and a few weeks ago provided another big one. It came in the form of the Chancellor's Winter Economy Plan, which Rishi Sunak gave after the Treasury scrapped the usual Autumn Budget in favour of further special measures to deal with COVID-19.

The government's goal is to reduce spending on job support schemes while also limiting damage to jobs and the economy. The new measures will replace the previous furlough scheme – which is planned to wind up shortly – with a wage subsidy scheme like the one that exists in Germany, which will continue to pay a portion of workers' wages, but only if their employer is prepared to offer them at least a third of their typical hours. The impact on UK markets was muted, largely because the announcements had been floated unofficially in the press in the days running up to his speech.

Will it work? Some economists believe that the latest announcements will help to limit further economic damage to the UK. They “go some way to cushioning the blow to the economic recovery from the new restrictions to contain COVID-19 and limiting the long-term hit to unemployment”, suggested Capital Economics, but added that they “won't eliminate the hit entirely”.

In the US, the Chairman of the US central bank warned that Congress needs to agree soon on a new economic stimulus plan. Urging lawmakers to agree on a deal soon, he warned: “The economy is recovering robustly, but we are still in a deep hole.”

The upshot of all this is that investors can expect volatility to remain in equity markets. As the winter months approach, and with vaccines yet to emerge, markets are prone to ups and downs. Mark Dowding of BlueBay Asset Management, said “For now, it seems entirely plausible for stocks to rally or fall by 10% in the space of the coming week without very much ‘new news’ at all but whilst the short-term outlook points to more volatility, the longer-term prospects for markets are brighter as ultimately, we believe that policy support and a better outlook in 2021 will mean that the current market correction does not extend too far.”

Volatility is not something to be scared of- it provides opportunity for fund managers to make money whilst an effective strategy limits downside.

Are your plans on track? Have you made any plans? Have you sense checked them? What's your strategy?

For this and any other financial topic you'd like to discuss please contact me at ianh@wellesleywa.co.uk or 07717 773807 or a free, no obligation conversation.

Stay safe and best wishes,

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