

Angmering-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club

Members' Quarterly Newsletter - Spring 2024



Upcoming Tennis Events this quarter

- Monday 1st April ~ Senior Club Championships start
- Sunday 16th June ~ Club Championships start

Upcoming Social

- Saturday 20th April ~ Caribbean Night
- Friday 10th May ~ Quiz & Chips
- 20th July ~ The Club Summer Party
- 12th October A Night with Elvis

I imagine as I begin to write, (5th April), that your main 3 topics of conversation in recent days have been about income tax, the weather and, yes, potholes!! 😊

With the new financial year upon us if you do have any questions or concerns about finances then consider contacting our member Ian Howard who is a director of Wellesley, a financial advisory company & our club's main sponsor. See Ian's article on finances on the last page.



It feels as if there has been more rain and wind this winter than in previous years bringing excessive flooding everywhere particularly in the countryside. Even now Storm Kathleen is approaching the west coast this coming weekend with very strong winds and rain in the west. This will be the 11th named storm of the winter! More wind and high tides are forecast for the coming week!!

Thankfully Spring has sprung! So maybe councils will now be able to address the ever increasing number of potholes on our local roads.

Tennis News

It's great to see our ladies and men's first teams are topping the divisions in the Sussex Winter (2023-24) Doubles Leagues

Mens Doubles - Division 2 - M2

	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games
1 Angmering Men's First Team	20	7	20 - 8	41 - 18	69.5%	291 - 202
2 Weald LT & SRC - Men's 2nd Team	17	6	17 - 7	35 - 15	70.0%	252 - 158
3 Billingshurst TC Men's 1st Team	16	7	16 - 12	34 - 27	55.7%	247 - 228
4 David Lloyd Club West Worthing - Men's 1st Team	15	6	15 - 9	33 - 20	62.3%	244 - 185
5 Wickwoods Country Club Mens 1st Team	13	6	13 - 11	28 - 23	54.9%	229 - 196
6 Storrington LTC Men's Second Team	11	7	11 - 17	25 - 37	40.3%	226 - 267
7 Southdown Sports Club Men's Second Team	8	6	8 - 16	19 - 33	36.5%	194 - 233
8 Maresfield Men's First Team	4	7	4 - 24	8 - 50	13.8%	111 - 325

Ladies Doubles - Division 3 - L3

	Points	Played	Rubbers	Sets	Sets %	Games
1 Angmering Ladies' First Team	17	6	17 - 7	34 - 15	69.4%	230 - 143
2 Amherst Lawn Tennis Club Ladies First Team	15	6	15 - 9	32 - 22	59.3%	228 - 177
3 Seaford Ladies 1st Team	15	6	15 - 9	30 - 22	57.7%	221 - 195
4 Horsham Ladies First Team	12	6	12 - 12	32 - 24	57.1%	233 - 196
5 Weald LT & SRC - Ladies 2nd Team	9	6	9 - 15	19 - 33	36.5%	190 - 239
6 The Green LTC Ladies 1st Team	8	6	8 - 16	19 - 34	35.8%	164 - 234
7 Saltdean TC - Ladies First Team	8	6	8 - 16	20 - 36	35.7%	164 - 246

Doubles Workshops at the Club

If you're interested in improving your doubles skills and awareness Andrew is running a series of workshops this month.....

Thursday 18th April 1.30pm - 3.30pm (All Members)
Friday 19th April 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Men's Team Players)
Tuesday 23rd April 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Ladies Team Players)
Wednesday 24th April 7.00pm - 9.00pm (All Members)

He will be running through tactics, where to stand, intercepting and generally how to become a better doubles player. The cost is £12 per person. Book in online (the same way as you do for club sessions).

The Road to Wimbledon

Many of you will recall the success of the Club's Jessica Plummer when she was 14 years old and made it all the way to Wimbledon in the summer of 2021. Jessica beat off competition from other talented players to represent Sussex and to compete in the famous event at the All England Club.

Now it's the chance for other talented juniors at the Club by participating in the girls tournament at the Club on Saturday 13th April 4.30pm to 7.30pm.



Notice about this event has been advertised in the Club Bulletins. All players must be 14 & Under and born between 2010 - 2013. They must also have a ITF World Tennis Number between 23.0 & 40.9. Winners of both events go through to the County Finals which take place on the 13-14 July. Please sign up online in the same way that you would for Saturday Morning Coaching. Entries cost £6 per person.

Annual Ladies Open Doubles Tournament.

On Wednesday 24th April we are running our annual Ladies Open Doubles Tournament all day between 9am & 5pm. Only court 1 will be available to book between those times.



The Yeomans Honda Worthing Senior Club Championships

The Yeomans Honda Worthing Senior Club Championships commenced on Monday 1st April with the finals taking place on Saturday 11th May and Sunday 12th May. The draws are on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse.

A note from our Chairman

With the tennis season kicking in and, hopefully, better weather to come I thought I would take this opportunity to look ahead and mention some upcoming tennis events, particularly for parents' diaries who have children/juniors at home.....

The Junior half term camps will be held on 28th, 29th and 30th May. Then Junior Week and the Junior Club Champs will begin on Monday 29th July until Saturday 3rd August when the finals will be held.

The Gents toilets are nearing completion. It appears that the small leak that was discovered from the external building cladding has been repaired which means that the carpet can be fitted hopefully in the next week or so

Membership renewals reminder... If you are planning to renew then please do so as soon as you can as they were due on 1st April.

Your used tennis balls are still being recycled by Elaine Phillips. I understand she has donated 200 balls to East Preston Infant and Junior School, which were gratefully received. She has also donated 100 balls to the Sussex Police Dogs for their rewards!

Alastair.

Results of the Adult Member Survey 2024

The following is a comparison of the members' responses to the 'Overall Opinion' question between 2022 and those this year....

	2022		2024	
No of Responses	62	%	81	%
Excellent	28	44	32	40
Very Good	27	45	34	43
Good	7	11	11	14
Fair	0	0	3	4
Poor	0	0	0	0

Highlights:

- There was a higher response rate this year but still some way to go to get more voices heard
- Those rating the club excellent/very good in terms of overall opinion remains broadly consistent between 83% - 89%

Social Events

'Kick off' the new year party!

Although this had to be delayed until Saturday 16th March it was a great night and enjoyed by all. With party goers bringing their own food in order to keep costs down, a busy bar and music & dancing to Lorna and The Juice it was a fab evening!



Many thanks to Paulette and her team of helpers, to the bar staff and to The Juice!!

Brave The Shave **MACMILLAN** CANCER SUPPORT

On Saturday 23rd March our Dave 'The Brave' Bush "Braved the Shave" for Macmillan Cancer Support by having his head shaved. Wielding the 'razor' was Jo Solomon!!

At the same time as Dave was braving the shave Gill Charnaud, Sue Boros and Yvonne Summers ran another 'Pop-Up' Café, the second one this year, which was again superb!! Bacon and/or fried egg rolls plus croissants and various jams with, of course, coffee. Very tasty indeed! It was nice to see Mums & Dads who were at the Club for their children attending Juniors' morning partaking in a roll and coffee and supporting Dave's shave.

Dave has raised over £800 thus far. However, it's not too late to donate to the charity by visiting:-

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/>



The Equinox Braai Evening on Thursday 4th April

A fun evening was enjoyed by all who attended. And of course the Players' Lounge Bar was open!



I didn't see any druids though!!

Thanks to Darren and those who helped on the night!

Upcoming Social Events this quarter.

Caribbean Night

On **Saturday 20th April** we will be holding a Caribbean Night. Tickets for members are £17.50 & non-members are £19.00. Please sign up in the clubhouse.

Quiz and Chips

On **Friday 10th May** we will be running a general knowledge quiz in the clubhouse. Teams of 6 maximum. The entrance fee of £12.50 for members & £14 for non-members will cover participation in the quiz, prizes and a delicious fish and chips supper. Doors at 6pm, quiz from 7pm and food around 8pm. All proceeds go to your club. Please sign up on the noticeboard in the clubhouse or contact Jon Rowlings or Carole Chandler.

Sponsors' Corner

Welcome to Yeomans Honda Worthing new sponsors of the Club for 2024 and who are sponsoring the Senior Club Championships. Yeomans Honda is based at Littlehampton Road, Ferring, Worthing (opposite Asda). It is available for new and used Honda cars and is offering discounts on new and used car purchases as well as servicing to club members.



The Club now enjoys and very much appreciates the sponsorship of 7 local companies...

Our thanks to Wellesley, our main Club sponsor and sponsors of the Club Championships, Brennan & Chatterton Estates, our local estate agents, who sponsor the Box Leagues, Cloud 9 Contractors, our local building company and sponsors of the Junior Championships, Kreston Reeves, the Club's firm of chartered accountants, Mr&Mrs Cheese / The Village Larder, a delicatessen based at Squires Garden Centre, Washington and No. 109 The Wellness Clinic, a private, doctor-led health and wellbeing centre offering a range of professional services from GP, medical & surgical specialist consultations to talking therapies & physical therapies, situated at 109, Sea Road in East Preston.

Ian Howard from Wellesley contributes an article in each of our quarterly newsletters in which he provides his views on the changing financial landscape and the potential effects on our finances. So please read on.....

As the UK prepares to welcome a new tax year this 6th of April, Jeremy Hunt presented to Parliament a wide range of benefit reforms and tax reductions in his 2024 Spring statement. Let's delve into what these could mean for you and your money.

Spring Budget 2024: The Highlights

Millions of workers stand to benefit from a decrease in National Insurance Contribution, with employed individuals set to receive a cut from 10% to 8%, and self-employed workers from 8% to 6%. This is in addition to the 2% cut announced in the 2023 Autumn Statement, which came into effect on 6th January with this further reduction coming into effect in April 2024. However, personal tax thresholds remain frozen until April 2028, which will still see an increase in payments for many households.

The chancellor further announced a new stocks and shares ISA which is currently in its consultation phase. The British ISA will enable savers to further allocate £5,000 allowance for investment in UK equities. This will be in addition to the current £20,000 annual allowance already available with other ISA products. In addition to this, the government will allow multiple subscriptions to ISAs of the same type every year from April 2024, as of 2023's Autumn Budget.

Despite speculations preceding the latest statement, Inheritance Tax (IHT) remains unchanged, and Capital Gains Tax (CGT) retains its existing framework, except for a significant change concerning gains from non-exempt residential properties.

The Spring Budget, with its challenges, sees favorable reforms for many, but what developments can we expect for your pensions in the upcoming tax year?

Navigating Pensions in April 2024

Although the annual allowance will remain at £60,000, pensioners are set to receive an impressive 8.5% boost in their State Pension from 8th of April. This stems from the government's commitment to maintaining the State Pension triple lock which ensures that income does not lose value over time.

As part of the ongoing initiatives to stimulate investment in UK Equities, the Chancellor introduced new reporting rules, requiring pension providers to publicly disclose where their funds are invested, and how they have performed.

As we look back to last year's Spring budget, those with substantial pension savings will benefit from the abolishment of the Lifetime Allowance this upcoming 6th April 2024.

Whilst the Treasury's Spring Budget 2024 saw no further changes in the world of pensions, it goes without saying that the new tax reductions and pension reforms from previous Budgets will have a notable impact.

Global Perspectives

Ongoing geopolitical tensions have had limited implications on international performance, however, the upcoming US election scheduled for later in the year may have a more significant impact on global markets.

The constantly evolving economic landscapes and taxation policies make it even more crucial to plan ahead, stay informed and be proactive in managing your finances.

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You can contact me on 01444 244551 or email me at ianh@wellesleywa.co.uk.

Best wishes and see you at the Club soon.

Ian

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