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HOYLAKE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Welcome Pack and Useful Information

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Hoylake Lawn Tennis Club

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Welcome by the Chair of the Club

On behalf of myself and the Committee may I extend a warm welcome and thank you for joining Hoylake Lawn Tennis Club.

We welcome new members whatever their tennis ability and we are renowned for our friendly and inclusive nature. If you have just joined as a social member, you will soon experience the atmosphere and enjoyment that you will find in the club house bar.

Whether it be team or social tennis that you are interested in we will point you in the right direction so that you get the best from your membership. If you are new to the sport or you would like to develop your skill level then we have resident and respected qualified Coaches on hand to help you on your way.

You will find more information later in this brochure but in the meantime if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me or any Committee member.

Best wishes

Moya Locke
Chair



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History of Hoylake Tennis Club

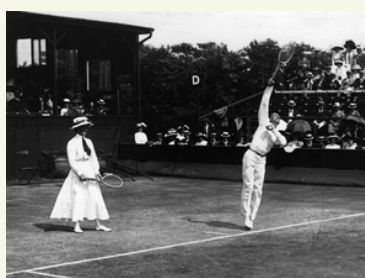
Hoylake Lawn Tennis Club has an idyllic setting situated on Eddisbury Road within the catchment district of Hoylake on the stunning Wirral peninsular. Boasting 8 fabulous all-weather courts, 3 of which are floodlit and which are enjoyed by a membership of approximately 400 members.

The Club had modest beginnings being founded in 1913 with just 3 grass courts, a hard court plus a wooden club house with a veranda. This was the beginning of a wonderful home for local tennis enthusiasts throughout both World wars, although it was during World war 1 that the courts fell into disrepair and became unplayable for a period of time. In 1931 the club purchased the land from Lord Stanley for the princely sum of £1,736.15s and so it had the independence to develop and manage itself.

Through the years the club has had many members who attained County honours but perhaps our most famous member was Selwyn Lloyd who was Chairman of the Club in 1935 before later being appointed as Speaker of the House.

The club came close to extinction in 1971 when threatened with a shortage of members despite the annual subscription being a modest £5. It happily survived and 2 years later added a further 3 hard courts as the club enjoyed a successful revival. However, disaster struck in 1985 when a fire completely destroyed the old wooden clubhouse. However, like a phoenix the club rose from the ashes and the clubhouse was rebuilt as we know it today. In the same year the remaining grass courts were replaced with artificial surfaces. The club was a founder member of the Wirral Tennis League and has hosted many County events.

The club continues to go from strength to strength and this includes the addition of 3 floodlit courts and thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Committee and volunteers the future of the Club is in good hands and assured for future generations.



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Your Committee

Your HLTC committee will make decisions on behalf of the club and will take on duties to ensure everything runs smoothly. Its purpose is to serve the club members.

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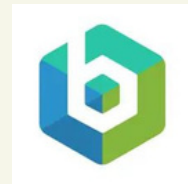
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Booking a tennis court

More often than not if you want to arrange your own game of tennis you can just turn up at the club and as long as a court is available go ahead and play. However, if you want to guarantee the availability of a court you can book it online using the HLTC ClubSpark system. ClubSpark can also be downloaded as an app on your device. In simple terms and relevant to court bookings, 'ClubSpark' is an LTA management system that allows registered LTA club members to book a tennis court at the venue where they are a member. Follow the guidelines below in order to access and book/cancel a court:

Player bookings made easy



1. Visit the HLTC website
2. Choose a time to play. Select the time and date when you want to play.
3. Receive an online access pin code.
4. Start playing.

The system is managed by HLTC member Kate Maitland. Enquiries should be emailed to mail@hoylaketennisclub.co.uk.



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Coaching

Craig Longman (CLS Coaching) is our long established and well respected on site Head Coach. Craig organises coaching to suit all ages and all levels. Whether you are interested in one to one coaching or to join one of Craig's groups then please do not hesitate to contact him for further information.

Craig's mobile:- 07739 714 764



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Social tennis & events

Social tennis is the heartbeat of our club and is enjoyed by the vast majority of the membership. All abilities are welcome and it's great fun and the perfect way to meet other members especially when you are new to the club. Just turn up, mix in and then relive those great winning shots after play in the bar. The club has two fixed social tennis times which operates all year round and in addition individual members have organised more social groups which are at various times both weekday and weekend. If you want to get fit and improve your tennis at the same time then join in with our regular cardio tennis sessions. Also from time to time the head Coach at the Club organises fun tournaments.

Wednesday 6pm to 9pm (Use of flood lights during the winter months)

Sunday 3pm onwards (During summer months members take it in turn providing sandwich and cake tea)

We organise social events throughout the year which take place in the club house and are extremely popular and nearly always sell out quickly.



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Team tennis

Hoylake LTC take part in winter and summer league tennis and LTA national leagues as well as friendly matches organised with local clubs. If you are interested in playing for Hoylake LTC please contact the club captain or Craig the Head Coach.

Summer leagues

Wirral league Mens - 2 teams in 2nd div and 3 divisions

Wirral league Ladies - 4 teams in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th divisions

Chester league Mens - 1 team in 1st division

Chester league Ladies 1 team in 3rd division

Chester league Mixed 1 team in 2nd division

National club league 'Cheshire' Mens 1 team in division 1

National club league 'Cheshire' Ladies 1 team division 2

Friendly matches organised with Wirral clubs - played on Thursday evenings home and away games. All are welcome to join. Please contact Clair Miller if you are interested.

Winter leagues

Wirral league Mens 4 teams

Wirral league Ladies 4 teams

National Club league Mens 1 team in division 1

National Club league Ladies 1 team in division 2

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Junior section

We have a thriving junior development programme offering opportunities encompassing training sessions, fun play and match play. Development starts with mini tennis for the little ones. A range of activities are on offer to all school age groups and are conducted under the supervision and direction of the Club coach and the Junior coordinator. Consultation with the aforementioned will provide you with all the information you need. Also the Club Coach organises full and part time junior camps during school holiday periods.

Junior Co-Ordinator (Amalie Hughes)

mobile 07855 951 383

Club Coach (Craig Longman)

mobile 07739 714 764



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Safeguarding

At Hoylake Tennis club one of our prime considerations is the safety, welfare and ethical behaviour of members and visitors to our venue and therefore in line with national LTA policies we have an appointed Welfare Officer. We are delighted that we have Clair Miller leading on this vital role.

Clair is a Trustee of the club and a long standing and well-respected member. A former Teacher she has completed the LTA course on Safeguarding and in addition she is the Club Captain and a member of the HLTC committee.

If anybody has any concerns/suspensions about inappropriate behaviours they should contact Clair in the first instance.

Clair can be contacted on: 07732 30 0893

‘We believe an inclusive culture will deliver lasting change with more people from more diverse backgrounds wanting to get involved, and stay involved, in our sport’.

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The 100 Club

The 100 club is an HLTC initiative which has now been successfully running for some years. It provides for additional funds for the club but perhaps more importantly for its participants it provides the opportunity to win hundreds of pounds on a quarterly basis. To opt into the 100 club you will need to buy a number which currently costs £3 per month and is collected by way of a Bank Standing order. Contact Steph Singleton on ssingletonwkgs@hotmail.com for details.





The Tennis Ten Commandments

Tennis etiquette covers a broad range of things which are traditionally accepted as correct behaviour . Their purpose is to ensure that we all enjoy our tennis and have consideration for our opponents and the other players around us; whether that be during inter-club league matches, social tennis or engaged in lessons with Coaches.

1. Do not walk behind other courts while play is in progress. Ideally wait until the end of the game or at least wait until the end of the point.
2. When you are crossing courts it is preferable to do so at the rear of the court and not at the net.
3. When crossing behind other courts do so as quickly as possible.
4. If a stray ball comes onto your court don't knock it back immediately. Wait until the players are ready to receive it and then hit it to the servers end.
5. During Play and particularly between games keep the amounts and volume of conversation down to a minimum. Loud social chatter can be disturbing to those on adjacent courts especially when inter-club matches are in progress.
6. Line calls can be a problem! We expect the players to use the following honour system:-
 - a) Only call the lines on your side of the net
 - b) Call clearly and firmly and what you honestly believe to be the correct call.
 - c) If you have serious doubts as to your opponent's call, ask politely if they are certain as to the accuracy of their call. If they say that they are, get on with the next point.
 - d) If during social friendly matches there is doubt about a line call, offer to play the point again rather than cause upset and time wasting.
7. Scoring. The server should keep the score and call it out clearly.
8. Mark your balls. You are more likely to get them back.
9. Court bookings (See Clubspark booking) If you book a court in advance and then you do not need it, please cancel asap so that others may use it.
10. Please wear recognised tennis clothing and in particular you should always wear manufactured tennis footwear which are specifically designed for movements in all directions.