



Welcome to our new year where we are now underway with Tournaments, Matches and enjoyable tennis – FOR YOU:

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

The **Brown & Co** has got off to a flying start in Andrew's new format which is proving very popular as it gives all players more games before they arrive at the knock-out stages.

The **Doubles Handicap** and the Level Tournaments are being drawn soon, so if you would like to be included contact Andrew asap with or without a doubles partner

SOCIAL DOUBLES AND LUNCH

We play alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-noon then stop for soup, bread and cheese. All good fun, sociable, all handicaps welcome. Dates for the diary are: 1st, 13th, 22nd Nov; 4th, 13th Dec.

CHAIRMAN'S STEP LADDER – Join the great Fitbit Challenge. Wear the club fitbit while you play for an hour or have a lesson, and record your number of steps – it could even improve your tennis! Currently Ken Smith is top of the leader board with an amazing 3234 steps, with Tom Marriott close on his heels at 3066. Can you beat them? There will be prizes ...

EAST ANGLIAN LEAGUE – This is a new local competition also instigated by Hugo. Teams of 4 with handicaps 35 – 65 play an evening match, singles & doubles, home and away, at each club, Newmarket, Cambridge, Hatfield and Prested. We lost the first match at home to Prested, so need more players for the away match on 15th November. Following this we have a home game on 13th December v Cambridge. If you would like to play in any of the matches please let Andrew know.

24-25 NOV 18 FOUNDERS' CUP Organisers IAN LINDSAY & ANDREW KNIBBS

The application form has been sent out, but *see below for details*. This tournament is for everyone who kindly made loans when we were in the process of buying the club 8 years ago. It's a handicap doubles with pairings being drawn at the club. If you are coming from a distance and would like to stay over, we have members who would offer accommodation, or we can recommend the Bedford Lodge, Best Western Heath Court or Rutland Arms. (It is not a racing weekend).

NATIONAL LEAGUE – Good tennis to come and watch

Away matches 2nd NOV DIV 8 v HATFIELD; 16th NOV DIV 6 v Morton Morrell; Dec 16th Div 8 Holyport

Home Matches: 10th Nov Div 8 v Middx; 18th Nov Div 6 v HOLYPORT; 8th Dec Div 8 v MCC

CLUB MATCHES see our website for the full list

During the last month we beat Cambridge away 5/2; Lost 2/1 to Old Harrovians and hosted Bristol & Bath - their 2 players *flew* up from Bristol to play! Unfortunately Petworth have cancelled our home match in early November

There is a Fixture List on the Notice Board and we are always looking for new and old players to join us for a sociable day, lunch included. Sign up if you would like to play, or contact the Match Managers or Andrew. Next matches are

11 NOV 18	HATFIELD	HOME	PHIL PAYNE
2DEC 18	MORTON MORRELL	AWAY	IAN LINDSAY

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION due on 1 October

Please check that you have paid the correct amount as subscriptions went up by £20 per adult member on 1st October this year for the first time in our 8 years as a new club. If you did not manage to increase your standing order in time, the extra £20 will be added to your court account. You may pay when you come in to play or make an extra payment online.

Please also settle all court fees outstanding from last year before the end of October.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tues 13 November

We will be considering a number of points which were suggested at our recent "away day" for possible improvements to the club. Is there anything which you would like us to include?
Any comments/questions to John Saville

T&RA MEMBERSHIP

Non-T&RA members are now blocked from using the RTO handicap and booking software, so this is creating a lot of extra admin for Andrew when they wish to play. So, to the minority of regular players who have not yet joined the T&RA, we urge you to do so as soon as possible

The T&RA offers various memberships from Associate (£28 p.a.), Over 70 & Junior rates, up to Full (£63.50). **All** levels give you access and listing for handicaps, club court booking and monthly billing, as well as public liability insurance on court, and supporting the infrastructure of your game.

A joining form is attached, or follow the links from our website Members Area to join online.

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

Now that the 2018/19 season has started, you may wish to treat yourself to a new racket or club shirt. The warm Newmarket fleeces are very useful in the present cold weather! If you are playing in club matches or the inter-club leagues, club colours would be appreciated. A price list is attached.

With best wishes for the new season

Hazel Dunn, Membership Secretary

NOTES

CLUB RACKETS AND CLOTHING

Standard	£150
Standard (Round handle)	£160
Club Special	£185
Gray's Extratec	£260
Gray's Extratec (round handle)	£270

CLOTHING from current stock or to order

T-Shirts	£15
Polo Shirts	£25
Club Fleece	£35
Shorts	£27.50
Track Trousers	£35

There are also a few Rose Bowl shirts still in stock

FOUNDERS CUP

This is a handicapped doubles event, and based on our previous experience we intend to hold the initial rounds on the afternoon of Sat 24 Nov 18 with the finals day on Sun 25 Nov 18. There will be boxed round robin competitions on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning set up in accordance with players' availability. Winners of the boxes will go forward to later rounds on the Sunday, with the grand finale on Sunday afternoon. We will arrange food and drinks for the weekend as part of the competition, and the matches will be marked. We will keep costs to the minimum, but will have to charge for use of lights, the food and for marking.

As your next step it would be most helpful that if you think that you would like to compete please provide the following information **to the pro by Thursday 15 November 2018:**

Name:

Handicap:

Likely availability in terms of day and session (morning, afternoon or evening):

Further details will then follow.