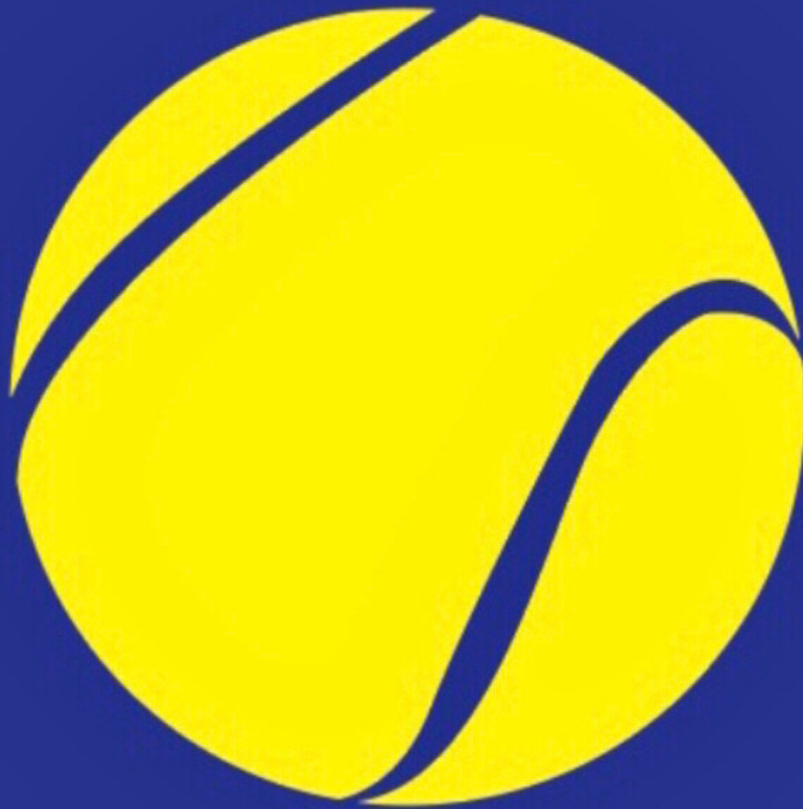


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HAYES TENNIS CLUB

HAYES LOTTERY - LEADING FROM THE FRONT

Club leaders led the way as Hayes Tennis launched its new lottery in November. Of the 13 people who bought tickets, nine were committee members, two were club members, and two non-members. With 47 numbers the total receipts were £94. A secret donation was made to the lottery by a club member.

Felicity Crowther, Hayes Chairman, said, "First prize was £40 with the winner, who asked to remain anonymous, donating their winnings to the club."

The gift will help finance the floodlight upgrade to LED lights. Second prize of £20 went to Tom Cushen, a non member, who is participating in the lottery.

Felicity said that it was not too late to join the lottery which gives you a chance to win money AND help the club's finances.

"You can participate in the lottery from just £2 a month, each number costing just £2."

If you are interested send an email to hltc.gsm@gmail.com stating your name and the quantity of monthly numbers you wish to have. For example, five numbers at £2 a number will cost you £10 a month.

Forty seven tickets were bought by 13 people for the first lottery. Three more people stated their intention to support the lottery but have yet to set up standing orders at their banks and have said they will do so in December.

Future winnings are likely to be £60 for the first prize and £30 for the second prize. But if the lottery really takes off, the winnings will be much more, and will go directly into winners' bank accounts. Profits from the lottery will help run the club.

The draw comes as the rugby and cricket sections of the Warman Trust are running big lotteries and banking high profits, and have done so for years.

Much as some tennis members wish to emulate the financial success of cricket and rugby, the tennis committee believes strongly that each person's decision to take part in the lottery must be an individual choice.

A potential source of financial support especially for the new floodlights could be the LTA. The club will also look at crowdfunding and grants from Sport England to fund them.

MATCH RESULTS

Players were busy on the courts in home and away matches. So far in this Winter 2023/2024 season the results, supplied by Steve Race, were:-

Men NK (H) 1 v Catford Wanderers- Drew 2-2

Mens NK2 (H) v Shooters Hill 5 - Won 4-0

Mens NK2(H) v Ladywell Fields 1 - Drew 2-2

Mens NK2 (H) v Old Wilsonians 2 - Lost 1-3

Mens KL 1 (A) v DL Kings Hill 4 - Lost 1-3

Mens KL 1 (A) v Kemsing - Lost 0 - 4

Ladies KL 1 (H) v Bearsted & Thurnhan L 0-4

Ladies KL 1 (A) v Hythe 2 - L

Ladies NK 1 (H) v Sidcup L

Ladies NK 1 (H) v Knoll W 4-0

Mixed KL 1 (A) v Tonbridge L 0-4

Mens KL Vets (H)v Bromley Wendover 2 L

Mens KL Vets (H) v Bexley 2 W 4-0

Mens KL O 60 (A) v Hartley L 1-3

Mens KL O 60 (H) v Margate 2 W 2-2(by 1 set)

Mens KL O 60 (A) v Canterbury 2 W 2-2(by 1 set)

Mens KL O 70 (A) v Catford Wanderers 2 W4-0

Mens KL O 70 (H) v Catford Wanderers 1 W

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



Phil Jopson

Welfare Officer Phil Jopson carried out a random spot check in the summer of safeguarding and welfare information, which found that all the club's policies met LTA standards.

A disciplinary committee has now been set up comprising Phil, and the Men's and Ladies Captains, Steve Race and Sally Hills.

Looking forward after the festive season, the club has an open day on December 30 when the clubhouse will be open from 9.30am. There will be two hours tennis from 12 till 2pm, which will be open play for all who want to join in.

OPEN DAY DEC.30

Overall, the day is for club members, family and friends. Coaching groups, including juniors, will also be there, possibly on a dedicated court from 10am to 12noon.

Attendees are asked to bring food and share, such as pizzas, which can be heated in the club kitchen. The bar will be open from 12 to 2pm. So if the weather is bad and prevents play the club will still run the social side. If you have any queries or comments please contact Andrew McIver.

People wishing to join the tennis club should be directed to the form on the Membership Page of the Hayes' website. This contains a form for filling in with slots for name, class of membership, date of birth, if under 18, and the sub due, which can be sent to the Chairman Felicity Crowther's home address, which is specified alongside her home phone number.

Felicity's email address is also given if would-be members prefer to use that method. Payment by cheque is also offered, using her home address for posting.

NEW BAR

In the New Year, Nigel Gallagher, the Warman Club Chairman, plans to bring forward plans for an estimated £20,000 refurbishment of the club's bar area.

Nigel commented in the summer, "The back of house in the bar is tired, dirty and inadequate. Internally the bar needs much doing and we will need considerable funds."

Another visible change is likely to be a new honour board for the tennis club. The present one, which goes back to 2018 and is full, has been taken down, after a decision of the committee on November 22.

When Sally heard Adele in Caesars Pally

By Sally Hills

Sitting in our caravan in April, Rebecca announced that she had entered a lottery for a chance to buy up to four Adele tickets in Vegas in August. Well, there's not much chance of that happening, I thought, so didn't think much more about it. Later that week Rebecca got the slot and we were both frantically searching ticket types (all expensive), seating plan (couldn't afford any too close), watching the ones we wanted suddenly become unavailable (panicky that we wouldn't get any now we'd decided to go) in The Coliseum in Caesars Palace, and the same for hotels and flights. Plus, we had friends to offer the extra two tickets to. And that was the start of our summer adventure.

The friends' bit was easy as we often go on holiday with Catherine and Janette and they were an instant "yes." Next came flights and we decided that Vegas was a long way to go for a week so perhaps we should look at another US of A holiday spot and New York was our first choice, both being fans of Broadway shows. And so ensued the booking of flights and hotels to cover our requirements.

Rebecca and I set off in late July and arrived in New York to a humid 38 degrees C and were instantly bombarded by many smells (cannabis being the predominant one due to it being legalised), sights and sounds as we found our way around the 'city that never sleeps'. Our hotel near Times Square was very disappointing but we made the best of it and went about booking shows to see, which included Sweeney Todd, starring Josh Groban, Aladdin and Wicked, which were all excellent. Top tip was to go directly to the booking office in each theatre as they gave us the best ticket price to be had. We did the Uptown and Downtown bus tours, ferry to Staten Island, Grand Central Terminal (if you've been you'll know) and ate some tasty coloured bagels on our travels. We also managed a day trip, 3 hour each way train ride, to Pennsylvania to visit my nephew and his young family – phew what a very hot and busy week!



At the magnificent Bellagio hotel and casino

Then after 6 nights in New York we boarded a United flight to Vegas Baby. We met up with Catherine and Janette who were staying at the Wynn, and we got a taxi to The Bellagio, which was an excellent choice of hotel right in the middle of the strip and next door to Caesars Palace which proved convenient for the nightlife. We were met by temperatures of 42 degrees C which meant we spent a lot of time in the air conditioning, as well as a few speedy visits to the pool, but the hot wind felt like being blasted by an industrial hair dryer so didn't stay long.



**Before Adele's show
Rebecca, Sally, Janette &
Catherine**

I introduced Rebecca to roulette which gave us many hours of enjoyment and quite a few dollars in winnings, giant slot machines, a delicious brunch at The Wicked Spoon, dinner in Paris with C&J, cirque du soleil 'O' in Bellagio. And the highlight of our trip – the wonderful Adele. I don't know what I expected but it was better than I could have imagined, she was a great entertainer and sang beautifully and put on a magnificent show for everyone there including the four of us. Magical!!

Then too soon our adventure came to an end and we packed our bags (Rebecca's being a lot heavier on the return journey!!) all our wallets being much lighter to return to Blighty where Keith had stayed home to look after Pepper the dog. Poor Keith!!

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