

HARROW LAWN TENNIS CLUB
JULY 2013

CLUB TOURNAMENTS
Great Competitors and Sporting Spirit

Harrow Lawn Tennis Club (HLTC) held its annual Junior Tournament in June and Finals Day in July, both excellent days with plenty of quality matches.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

The organiser **Elaina Forland** was impressed by the competitive spirit shown by all the participants. 'Not only were there some very close matches, there was also very sportsman-like behaviour. It was great to see the emotional highs and lows and the younger players learning how to make match-play.'

The Lack Cup was contested by a total of nine players with the final between brothers Nicholas and Thomas Hart played on the HLTC Finals day (see below).

Other Junior results were:

Under 8's Winner: Esharna Palasuntheram

Under 9's Winner: Felix Nnochiri

Under 10's Winner: Nicholas Hart

Runner up: Ishaan Shah

Runner up: Esharna Palasuntheram

Runner up: Luke Segan

HLTC FINALS DAY

The HLTC Finals came right in the middle of the heat-wave, it was a glorious day, although tough for Champion Elena Synesi who had three finals to compete in. For the third year in a row Elena made a clean sweep in all three events: **Ladies Singles, Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles** (please see pictures below).

The Lack Cup final was also held with Alistair Lack on hand to award the cup he established. 'It was the most competitive and exciting match in the history of the Lack Cup' he said, 'It was fitting that Thomas won as the older brother, but Nicholas' competitive tennis will surely make him a winner in future years.'

All final and plate matches were played with an attitude of friendly but tough sportsmanship. Many club members, family and friends came to support the players and enjoy the tennis. 'Finals Day is a highlight in the club's annual events,' said President Wendy Driver, 'all the matches have been played to a very high standard and it has been wonderful to have such perfect weather to compliment the day'.

Results:

Ladies Singles: Elena Synesi

Men's Singles: Guillame Ravasse

Mixed Doubles: Elena Synesi & Mick Hooker

Lack Cup: Thomas Hart

Ladies Doubles: Elena Synesi and Hazel Adams

Men's Doubles: Mick Hooker and Steve Kavanagh*

* opposition withdrew injured

There were also plate events in the same categories with winners being Teresa Lemon (LS), Teresa Lemon and Teresa Dunbar (LD), Philip Sykes (MS), Barry Hurley and Charlie Brett (MD), Corinne Cooke and Barry Hurley (MxD).

The Men's Doubles final was a nail biting event with the first set going to a tie-break, unfortunately what promised to be an exciting match for the spectators was ended abruptly when one of the players badly pulled a hamstring in the second set.

Congratulations and thanks go to all players, organisers, officials and assistants who helped make finals day a great success.

HLTC – OTHER NEWS

HARROW B LADIES WIN SPRING TOURNAMENT

HLTC had two teams entered in the **Hatch End Ladies Mid-Week Charity League** earlier this year. The Harrow B team came top of Division 4, winning a trophy and also the opportunity to donate the funds raised to a charity of their choice. The funds will be given to the Welldon Activity Group a charity to assist young people with learning difficulties.

ANNUAL HLTC vs HARROW SCHOOL BOYS TOURNAMENT

The annual HLTC tournament vs the Harrow School was held on 8 June with Harrow Boys being the overall winners. The club (HLTC) is in the grounds of the Harrow School and leases 12 courts there in conjunction and cooperation with the school. The annual event is a good way for the two organisations to mix, compete and socialise together.

CARDIO TENNIS SESSIONS

Elaina Forland has introduced three cardio tennis sessions on Monday and Friday mornings at 9.30am, and Wednesday evening 7.30 to 8.30pm. It's a great way to get fit and improve or learn tennis skills. The sessions are suitable for any level of fitness and any standard of tennis player as the intervals can be taken at your own pace. It has proved very popular with attendees who say they get a better workout than in the gym and the hour passes so quickly because it's fun! Just turn up on the day, £5 members, £6 non-members.

FIRST SATURDAY OPEN DAY

HLTC is introducing a new session open to the public and potential members. On the first Saturday of each month locals are welcome to come to the courts and join in social play. All players are welcome, junior, adults, families, beginners and more experienced players. It's a great way to get to know the club, the players and the courts, with a view to becoming a regular participant.

New members are welcome all year round, including family, individual and social memberships. Please contact the club via the website at www.hltc.net



**HLTC JUNIOR TOURNAMENT
(Photos by Vicky de Lacy)**



Winner: Nicholas Hart (left), Runner Up: Luke Segan (right)



Thomas Hart



Ollie Cook(e) (spelling?)

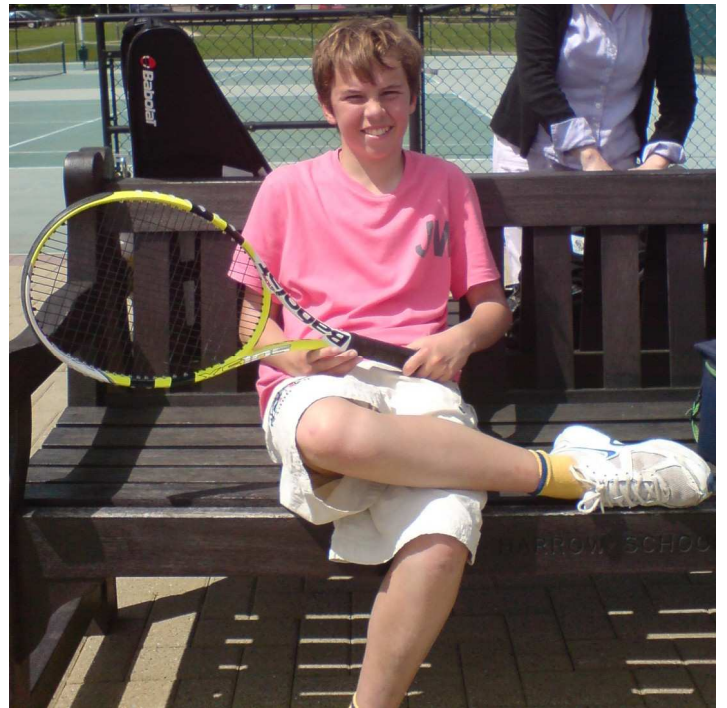


James Chalk

**HLTC JUNIOR TOURNAMENT
(Photos by Vicky de Lacy)**



Max Chalk



William Segan

HLTC FINALS DAY 2013



**(from left) Umpire Pete Rutland, Runner Up
Nicholas Hart, Winner Thomas Hart, Alistair Lack**



Ladies Singles Winner: Elena Synesi

HLTC FINALS DAY 2013



Mens Singles Winner: Guillaume Ravasse



Ladies Doubles: Hazel Adams, Elena Synesi



Mixed Doubles: Elena Synesi and Mick Hooker



**Mens Doubles: Mick Hooker
& James Kavanagh (not pictured)**

HLTC FINALS DAY 2013



**Ladies Singles
Plate: Teresa Lemon**



**Men's Singles
Plate: Philip Sykes**



**Ladies Doubles Plate: Teresa Lemon and
Teresa Dunbar**



**Men's Doubles Plate: Charlie Brett and Barry
Hurley**



**Mixed Doubles Plate: Barry Hurley and Corrine
Cooke**