



# WELCOME TO BEEHCROFT TENNIS AND MULTI-SPORTS COMMUNITY CLUB

Beechcroft Avenue,  
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## About Beechcroft Tennis Club

A little bit of history.....

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Beechcroft was originally known as Hall Green Church Tennis Club and was founded in 1938 when local resident Miss Lane donated the land which the club stands on to the Church Of The Ascension in Hall Green. It was given on the provision that tennis was always to be played there to promote health and sport in the community.

In 1939 the first tennis courts were laid and later the same year the wooden pavilion style club house was built. The club still retains its original (and dated) club house, which was used by the home guard & the billeting of anti aircraft and searchlight platoons during World War Two.

In 1957 the club went through a difficult time, mainly because the members couldn't play tennis on Sundays, so they formed an independent club which they called Beechcroft Tennis Club which would allow Sunday play. Men's and ladies days became popular, with tournaments lasting all day. During the men's tournaments the ladies would make the men's lunches and the men would return the favour on ladies day.

Unfortunately after 75 years of history 'Beechcroft Tennis Club' went into decline. Dwindling membership, dilapidated facilities and tennis losing its popularity, almost brought the club to near closure. Not wanting to see this happen we have worked tirelessly to look for funding grants to help secure its future. In February 2014 we were successful in our application for a Sport England Olympic Legacy Inspire Facilities grant of £50K to improve the tennis courts. The club now boasts the best multi-sports surface in Birmingham. After further capital from local investors we have been able to restore the once tired clubhouse to its former charming glory, enabling it to operate.

In 2015 the re-named Beechcroft Tennis & Multi Sports Community Club offers a base for not only tennis but touchtennis, football, netball, walking football and table tennis.

From mini tennis for under 6 year olds to walking football for the over 60s, the club really has become a multi generational sports and social venue with a bright future.

Beechcroft offers sports facilities to a wide range of community groups including local schools, disability groups, sports teams, scout groups and youth clubs who would benefit from year round access to the club. Hall Green has a population of 28 thousand people and Beechcroft is the only community sports venue in the area.

The club is affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) via the Warwickshire LTA. This entitles members to free LTA British Tennis Membership and to enter the ballot for the Wimbledon tickets allocated to the club.

One of the club's members is a UK Racquet Stringers Association certified *Professional Stringer & Racquet Technician* who offers discounted racquet stringing and related services to club members.

### **Tennis Events & Social Tennis**

Social tennis is played all year round and is open to all our members. We encourage anyone who understands the basic rules of tennis to attend as it is a great opportunity to meet and play doubles or singles with other tennis players. All you have to do is turn up and you will be

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introduced to lots of friendly and welcoming members to play with for the session. It's the easiest way to meet new members and have some guaranteed tennis.

**There is currently two free session every week:**

Wednesday Social tennis 6:30-9:30pm & Sundays social tennis and training 12-4pm  
For members of Beechcroft a coach led session is available 12-1pm on Sundays with a small charge. Followed by social tennis 1-4pm. Please book these sessions via our clubspark website.

We also run fun friendly AMERICAN TOURNAMENTS throughout the year to raise money for the club and have a bit of a social. The American tournaments are open to ALL FULL PAYING MEMBERS simply write your name on the list pinned on the board in the club house. Please keep your eyes peeled for our next one.

**Junior Coaching & Social Tennis**

Our Junior programme has been designed to get the best out of our young players in an atmosphere that provides both a fun and enjoyable environment. It is our aim to give our young players the opportunity to develop their tennis skills within the framework of the club's sports ethics of fair play and competitive spirit. Our program improves agility, coordination and balance whilst developing all round tennis skills.

We now also have a Junior social tennis session every Sunday morning 9:30-11:00am.(Please see the website for our timetable or contact myself Lucy (Club Secretary) or Matt Corp (Head Coach)

**Junior Tournaments**

Mixed junior teams take part in various mini leagues & matches with other local clubs.

**Club Tournaments & League Tennis**

Team tennis is a great way to enjoy competitive tennis and there is no better feeling than representing your club.

Beechcroft has many players competing in Birmingham Leagues, Metropolitan Leagues, Vets leagues all the way down to our mini tennis players competing in the mini red competitions  
If you are interested in playing for our teams or would like more information please contact our tennis team captains Mike Thompson (Mens Captain) or (Mens vice Captain-Stuart Mansfield) and Sophie Ryan (Women's Captain).

The club has both men's and a ladies' doubles teams entered in the Birmingham Area Lawn Tennis League and two mixed doubles teams entered in the Metropolitan Summer League. These are played on a home and away basis with most home matches played on Tuesday evenings.

**Club Championship**

Every year in September the club holds its championship. This comprises men's and ladies' events, both singles and doubles, and a mixed doubles event.

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## Non-Tennis Events

Not only tennis - We have many social events throughout the year, for members & their guests. These are organised by members and include:- quiz nights, petanque evenings, meals out, barbeques, a beer & skittles night and a christmas party.

## Other Multi sports activities

Please see our timetable updated every week online. We now offer a range of Multi sports activities from

### *Walking football, (Mens & Womens and Ladies only classes)*

*Please see our walking football website, facebook and twitter pages for more information.*

### *Social table tennis for juniors and adults mixed classes*

### *Football 5-10yrs, both boys and girls*

### *Netball & walking Netball sessions*

For further information about what is going on in the club, please go to the website or see the notice boards in the club house. Here you will find fixture lists & forthcoming tennis & social events.

There will also be a newsletter sent out three times a year. We do use email regularly so please make sure your details are up to date with our database.

We also have a tennis coaching whatsapp group, where text messages are sent via this of our latest sessions. If you wish to be added to this group please contact Matt – 07930 164811. If you would like to see any other additional club documents ie- constitution, treasurer report please contact the club.

## Membership Details

Membership Type	Membership price (1st April 2023- 31st March 2024)
Senior (Years 25+)	£130.00
Young Adult (20 - 24 years of age)	£90.00
Student (must provide proof of student)	£80.00

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Teenager (13 - 19 years of age)	£50.00
Junior (5-12 years of age, free for those under 5 years)	£40.00
Senior Citizen (aged 60 or over) & Unemployed (week day play only)	£70.00
Full family (2 senior memberships and 2 junior memberships) If you require teenager membership you will receive 50% off, this also will apply for any extra children needed.	£245.00
Walking Football Member (Walking football only)	£50.00
Walking Football Membership 59yrs and under, (including weekday tennis)	£90.00
Walking Football Member over 60's (includes weekday tennis)	£75.00
Dual Walking Football Membership (for both Beechcroft & Solihull Football Centre)	£85.00
Adult Netball & Walking Netball Membership (years 20+)	£50.00
Adult only Table Tennis Membership (years 20+)	£50.00

Please note all ages between 5-16 must be accompanied by an adult. An extra charge of £4.00 for a key to the club will be added for a full paying adult membership, a form of ID will be needed for this to be issued.

**Beechcroft Tennis and multi sports community Club offers several types of membership:**

All members, adult & junior, as well as parents of junior members are very welcome to any of our Social events throughout the year.

These are advertised on the notice boards in the Club house, or on our website.

The membership year runs from 1st April of that year to 31st March of the following year.

Those joining part way through the membership year may only be required to pay a pro-rata amount.

**Extra charges and visitor fee**

Application forms can be obtained from the club house or downloaded from the website.

We do also charge match fees for certain events, for example:-

-Playing in the club's championships.

-American tournament each month.

-Playing in the league teams.

This covers things like teas, meals, balls, prizes, etc.

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If members wish to bring non-member guests to play, we ask for a £6 visitor's fee for adults and £4.00 for children whose names are to be entered in our visitor's book, situated in the club house.

### **Key Contacts**

Club Secretary & Safeguarding officer, & First Aid Officer - Lucy Shahrivieri  
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The club is run by a committee of members elected by the membership at our annual AGM.

Chairman & Head Coach - Matt Corp  
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The Club is always looking for volunteers to support the running of the club, please contact one of the above if you would like to help.

### **Club Facilities**

Beechcroft is a small independent tennis club, run for its members by an annually elected committee.

Regular club maintenance is carried out by volunteers, and the committee asks for your support.

The Club has 3 Tiger Turf artificial grass, floodlit courts, a club house with men's & ladies' changing rooms, a kitchen and large meeting room, social area/games room.  
There is parking on site for approx 15 cars.

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The club gate is accessed by a combination lock with a code, this is changed regularly we will inform you of this when this is carried out.

And the club house has a key, a copy of which each member receives on joining. Court keys are kept in the club house on a hook by the fire extinguishers.

The nets need to be raised & lowered at the start & finish of playing tennis, and the court gates kept closed and locked after use.

All members & visitors playing tennis should wear recognised sportswear.

The Club only provides balls for tournaments, matches & coaching. Sometimes “used” balls are left for social tennis, but members are asked to also bring their own.

Members will be aware that the club is surrounded by local housing and we value our neighbours.

### **Club house Rules**

General use of the club house should be kept clean and tidy, kitchen area should be kept clean e.g. cups used should be washed or loaded in the dishwasher and surfaces wiped down after use. All other areas should also be kept clean and tidy, any equipment used should be returned to its original place.

ALL members are asked to ensure that the club house & gates are locked, if they are the last to leave the site, also please ensure windows are shut, electrics are off and doors are locked.

### **Junior membership**

Parents should be aware that adults will not always be present at the club during the day, so children cannot be left unsupervised and on their own at any time. We would also like you to be aware of the attached “Codes of Practice”

### **Appropriate equipment**

Appropriate sportswear & footwear should be worn for coaching sessions & competitions. (No studs) only trainers, astro turfs or tennis trainers to be worn.

Below is a simple guide for parents on which size racquet, which size court & what colour ball their child might use.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Ball colour</u>	<u>Court size</u>	<u>Net height</u>	<u>Racquet size</u>
8 & under	red	12m x 6m	80cm	17” - 23”
8/9	orange	18m x 6.5m	80cm	23” - 25”
10	green	full	full	25” - 26”
11 & over	yellow	full	full	27”

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## Code of Practice for Parents & Guardians

Beechcroft Tennis and Multi Sports Community Club - Is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents/guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to register any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with...

**Name- Lucy**

**Position- Club Secretary**

**Who will then refer the matter to the relevant authority**

**All our policies are on our website and on our notice boards.**

As a member of Beechcroft Tennis and multi sports community Club you are expected to abide by the following code of practice:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules of tennis and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept judgements made by officials.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Allow your child to play in the Mini Tennis colour stage that is appropriate to them. This Will ensure they enjoy playing the game, develop their skills and gain confidence.
- Purchase balls and rackets that match the stage your child is in.
- Be patient. Steady progression is unusual in children, peaks and plateaus are common.
- Your first question following any match should be: "Did you enjoy it?" not "Did you win?"
- At no stage should you communicate with your child or interfere with the on-court helpers and referees during a match – just enjoy the game and let officials take care of the rules!

All of our policies are within our clubhouse on our club noticeboard, however if you would like to see these you can access these via our club website or email me and I can send them over to you.

## Tennis Court etiquette

The rules of tennis are set by the International Tennis Foundation and can be found here <http://www.itftennis.com/abouttheitf/rulesregs/rules.asp>

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Tennis etiquette is different from the rules of the game. It covers a broad range of actions and behaviours which are traditionally considered acceptable on and around the tennis court.

Here are

some actions and behaviours we would like to recommend to our members!

- When playing please wear recognised sports clothing (not jeans etc) and most importantly "Tennis Shoes ". This is for two reasons, first, other shoes mark and damage the courts and second, non tennis shoes do not grip the courts as well and can cause accidents and avoidable injury if you were to fall or slip.
- Please do not walk behind players whilst a game or a rally is in progress, this is to avoid distracting other members and most importantly to avoid any potential accidents on court.
- If you are trying to cross a court please wait until you are invited to and it is safe to do so.
- When you are crossing courts it is normal to do so at the rear of the court and not at the net.
- When you decide to cross behind other courts, do so as quickly as possible and don't stop for a chat on the way.
- If a stray ball comes onto your court don't knock it back immediately, wait until the owners are ready and then hit it to the server's end.
- During play and particularly between games, keep the amount and volume of conversation down to a minimum necessary to play and enjoy your own games. Too much social chatter or debate can be disturbing to those on adjacent courts who came to play tennis.
- Line calls can be a problem and the majority of experienced players use what the Americans call the 'honour system'.
- Only call the lines on your side of the net.
- Call clearly and firmly what you see and what you honestly believe to be correct.
- If you are not absolutely certain or didn't see the ball clearly, the ball was IN and must be given in the opponents favour.
- If occasionally you have serious doubts as to your opponents eye-sight, 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.
- If you feel your opponents regularly have difficulties making correct calls, start looking for different opponents!
- If in social friendly matches there is some doubt over a line call, offer to play the point again rather than cause undue aggravation and time wasting.
- Do not criticise your partner or opponent, be positive and offer encouragement instead.
- Body Language - Tennis can be a frustrating game if you are not getting your serves in or not hitting your shots, but try to remain upbeat and happy. Your opponent and/or doubles partner doesn't want to be playing tennis with someone who is miserable, so cheer up! You are more likely to play better tennis if you are calm, relaxed, focussed, and in a positive frame of mind.

**At the club, we pride ourselves on only sending email when we have something interesting to say, and we certainly only want to email you if you are interested in what we do. You may opt out from this at any time just get in touch via email or our 'contact us' page on our website and let us know.**

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And finally, may we take this opportunity to welcome you to our club, we hope you enjoy the facilities, the company and your tennis.

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