



Berwick Tennis Club

Members' Handbook



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'We are a small but busy tennis club run by dedicated volunteers for players of all ages and abilities to enjoy a knock on court and friendly social chat off. For the more serious players, we have several teams competing in local Borders leagues and we run regular internal events and competitions for our members.'

**Nick McCreath,
Chair**

Welcome to Berwick Tennis Club

Berwick Tennis Club is located in the historic town of Berwick. Our courts overlook spectacular views of the Tweed estuary and the North Sea with clear vistas of the Northumberland coastline and stunning sandy beaches. We play on four all-weather courts at Pier Fields. Throughout the year we have a busy programme for both juniors and adult as well as many social events. Tennis lessons and coaching sessions are also available for juniors and adults on a group or one-to-one basis.

How to use your handbook

This handbook is designed to optimise the benefits of your club membership. It includes our code of conduct, details about league tennis, social events, an annual calendar and our various safeguarding and diversity and inclusion policies.

Your membership

Annual membership runs from 1 April to 31 March and entitles you to unlimited use of the tennis courts at Pier Fields.

You are eligible to attend club nights free of charge. You will receive regular information on the club's coaching programme, tournaments and other activities.

Team Tennis

If you want to play in any of the teams please contact Sue Nicholson: suemnicholson25@gmail.com



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**Help support
the club: join
our 50:50 club**

**50:50
CLUB**

Win half the pot
every month

- Only £5 per month
- Pay SO, DD or BACC
- Open to everyone
- Draw last Sunday of month
- Prize money 50% of month's pot
- Other 50% helps improve club facilities

How to book a court

Berwick Tennis Club members and non-members can book courts online using the LTA's ClubSpark website portal or by downloading the ClubSpark booker app. To book a court, members and non-members will first need to register on ClubSpark (or be registered with the LTA).

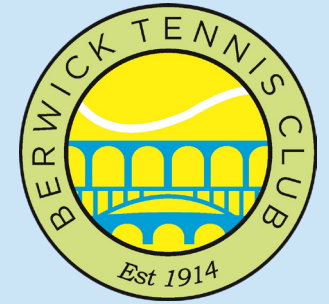
Members can book courts FOC. Non-members can hire the courts from £10 for a one -hour session or £20 for two. The following simple rules apply:

1. Courts can be booked up to 14 days in advance.
2. Individual members are restricted to booking a single court per day.
3. You can only book one court at any one time. If eight of you are playing, two people will need to book a court each.
4. Courts can be booked in periods of 30 minutes up to a maximum of 2 hours per individual booking for members. Non-members can only book in hour sessions.
5. When booking a court, please select the time that you want your session to finish and the court you want to play on.
6. Please vacate the court if a member or non-member has booked that court at a specific time and is waiting to come on. You can

only finish the point you are playing.

7. If a booking is no longer required then it should be cancelled as soon as possible so that other members can book the court
8. After submitting your booking request you will receive a confirmation by email.
9. Members inviting guests to play are responsible for collecting payment from their guests.
10. Berwick Tennis Club reserves the right to remove the booking facility from individual members if the booking system is not used appropriately.
11. All players using the courts agree to abide by the club rules, our code of conduct and our court booking terms. They can all be found online at our website.
12. Please keep the court gates closed at all times and ensure they are locked when leaving.

If you want to play on the courts, it's strongly recommended that you make a booking to avoid disappointment. Please note that there are times when the courts are in use for coaching, club sessions, and matches and these can be seen on the court booking system.



Members are welcome to invite non-member friends to play at the club. However, it is their responsibility to collect the guest fees.

Code of Conduct



We operate an online court booking system ... please use it to avoid disappointment next time you want to play.

1. We are all keen to enjoy our sport, so we have a simple ground rule to make the playing experience more enjoyable: 'Stay clean!' This encompasses our courts, our language and our play.
2. Please make sure you leave the courts free of litter, collect in tennis balls for other players to use and don't let the frustrations of the game make you an unpleasant person to play with.
3. Please do not walk behind players whilst a game, a rally or coaching is in progress. This is to avoid distracting other players and to avoid any potential accidents on court.
4. If you are trying to cross a court please wait until you are invited to and it is safe to do so.
5. 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.
6. During play and particularly between games, keep the amount and volume of conversation down to the minimum necessary to play and enjoy your own games. Too much chatter can be disturbing to those playing nearby and, in between games, can hold up play for people waiting.
7. Line calls can be a problem and we recommend the use of what the Americans call the 'honour system'. (i) Only call the lines on your side of the net (ii) Call clearly and firmly what you see and what you honestly believe to be correct. (iii) 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. (iv) If occasionally you have serious doubts as to your opponent's 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.
8. If you feel your opponents regularly have difficulties making

- correct calls, start looking for different opponents!
9. 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.
10. Do not criticise your partner or opponent. Be positive and offer encouragement instead.
11. Overall, use your best judgement. We all want to be competitive but don't let your emotions get on top of you!
12. All members must show tolerance, courtesy, good manners, fairness, honesty and integrity in their dealings with other members, officials, club members' guests and playing and social visitors.
13. The club opposes discrimination in any form. All members have a responsibility to make everyone feel welcome and to ensure that membership is a positive experience.
14. All members should act responsibly and look to protect and ensure the safety of everyone at the club at all times and particularly to consider the well-being and care of junior players and visitors.
15. All club members should respect the rules of the sports of tennis and cricket and address disputes with dignity and appropriate language.
16. All club members should try to protect and further the club's good reputation at all times. When representing the club, all players and officials will observe the principles in this code of conduct.

Club Policies

Diversity and Inclusion

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Statement

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Coaching

Richard Ward – an LTA Qualified Tennis Coach (Level 4), fully registered and insured and member of Tennis Coach UK (British Tennis Coaches Association)

Coaching History

- LTA County Performance Officer – Northamptonshire
- Performance Director, Kings Park Tennis Centre Performance Academy
- Head Coach, Corby Tennis Centre

Coaching experience at Beginner, Club, County, National and International levels – adults, juniors and minis

- Coaching – Group and individual
- Re-stringing
- Equipment Supplier

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Hazel Ward – LTA Qualified Tennis Coach (Level 3), fully registered and insured and member of Tennis Coach UK (British Tennis Coaches Association)

Coaching History

- LTA County Development Officer – Northamptonshire
- Club Programme Coordinator & Head Coach at Northampton LTC
- Coach at Northampton High School

Coaching experience at Beginner, Club and County levels – adults, juniors and minis

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Useful Links

LTA <https://www.lta.org.uk>

British tennis membership <https://www.lta.org.uk/member>

Tennis Borders <https://sites.google.com/site/borderstennis>

Ian Ballard – racket restringing ibthegreenman@gmail.com 07737 972141

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Richard Ward – racket restringing rwtennis@btinternet.com 0790 6928454

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