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WELCOME!

Dear Members

Welcome to the new 2024 tennis season!

We would like to welcome everyone to Charlton Kings Tennis Place for another season of fun tennis.

The courts will be ready for you to start playing from Wednesday 27th March and will be open throughout the rest of the Easter school holidays during the day and evenings. Thereafter, courts will be available evenings during term-time, weekends and school holidays. You can now renew your membership by logging into your account via the 'Membership' page of our website using the following link:

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CharltonKingsTennisPlace/Membership

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We are very much looking forward to the season ahead!

CKTP Committee

AGM - Friday 22nd March

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on 22nd March at 7 p.m. at the London Inn and all club members are invited (& encouraged) to attend. We will be electing the committee for the upcoming year, all existing members will be standing for re-election and, in addition, if any member would like to serve in this capacity please get in touch tennis@charltonkingstennisplace.co.uk



From left to right existing members: Tom, Sue, Anne, Helen, Alison & John Chair – Helen Abiona
Secretary – Sue Wassell
Treasurer – Tom Goodman-Smith
Social Secretary – Anne Chappell-Smith
Members Representative – Alison Burgess
Website & Constitution – John Price

Our mailing address is tennis@charltonkingstennisplace.co.uk

Please chat with any member of the committee or get in touch via email.

Skittles Night - Friday 22nd March

Following our AGM, we will kick-off the 2024 with a social! All members are invited to a skittles evening at the London Inn from 7.30 p.m.

Please look out for the email to indicate attendance so that we can plan the evening.

Memberships

We are pleased to maintain the same memberships and prices as last season, just visit the website to renew. Please note we only accept credit or debit card payments - this just ensures automation of the membership process.

Category	Season Membership	Note: You will need a ClubSpark account to renew your membership. If you don't already
Family	£130	have an account, simply register by visiting the
Adult	£60	Membership page of the website. You will be
Junior (Under 16s)	£33	asked to complete some personal details and set
Student (Full-time education)	£33	yourself a password.

Social Tennis

Social tennis is for adults (and older juniors by invitation) and is an opportunity for club members to mix in, rotate and play sociable doubles games with different people. We just ask that players have the tennis basics i.e. rally, scoring & overarm serve. So please come along and enjoy some friendly games!

Social Tennis will run on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings. On Thursday evenings please book your sessions in advance and on Saturday mornings please just show-up!

Saturday Mornings – Starts 30th March

We will kick off the start of the season with an organised social tennis session on 30th March. You just need to turn up and we will be there to put you into games. After the first week you can just turn up at the same times and organise yourselves into games on the blue courts.

You can come to as many sessions as you like at:

10:00 - 10:45

10:45 - 11.30

11.30 - 12.15

Thursday Evenings – Starts 11th April

We will organise games on Thursday evenings at the following times-

18:00 - 18:45

18:45 - 19.15

19:15 - 20:00

To participate, you just need to complete the social tennis form before 9 p.m. on Wednesday. This year we will use WhatsApp (rather than email) to send the form and to notify members of the matches for each of the sessions.

A new WhatsApp Community group will be set-up for Thursday night Social Tennis – all members that participated last year will be automatically added but may exit the group at any time. If you aren't already "in" and would like to be added to the WhatsApp Social Tennis Community group, then please email tennis@charltonkingstennisplace.co.uk.

Members are reminded that it is difficult to rearrange matches once the schedule has been completed. However, choices may be amended any time before 9 p.m. on Wednesday by clicking on the email confirmation link received when registering. And, if for any circumstance a member is unable to attend their allocated session once arranged, they are encouraged to message the WhatsApp Community Group to indicate that their space has become available for any other member to take their space.

Please note that you will need to bring your own balls to social tennis!

Coaching



Denisa Davis, our Head Coach, will again run a full coaching programme for CKTP and is currently taking bookings for junior and adult courses. Click on the link below to reserve a place and for any more information please contact Denisa on 07803 741859 or email Dtenniscoaching@gmail.com. https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CharltonKingsTennisPlace/Coaching

Please ensure that you renew your membership before booking coaching to get the CKTP member rate.

Coaching Program 2024

Junior Coaching - Summer Term

Monday – 10 weeks	16.30 – 20.30
School Years 3 & 4	16:30 – 17:30
School Years 5 & 6	17:30 – 18:30
School Years 7 & 8	18:30 - 19:30
School Years 9 & 10	19:30 – 20:30
April 29 th	
May 6 th , 13 th & 20 nd	
(Excludes May 27 th)	
June 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th & 24 th	
July 1 st & 8 th (July 15 th spare week)	

Saturday – 10 weeks	09.00 - 14.00
School Years 3 & 4	09:00 - 10:00
School Years 5 & 6	10:00 - 11:00
School Years 7 & 8	11:00 - 12:00
School Years 9 & 10	12:00 - 13:00
School Years 11, 12 & 13	13:00 - 14:00
April 27 th	
May 4 th , 11 th , 18 th & 25 th	
June 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd & 29 th	
(Excludes Saturday 1st June)	
July 6 th (July 13 th spare week)	

Adult Coaching – Summer Term

Wednesday – 8 weeks	18.30 – 20.30
Beginner / Rusty Returner	18:30 – 19:30
Improver	19:30 – 20:30
May 1 st , 8 th , 15 th & 22 nd	
June 5 th , 12 th , 19 th & 26 th	
July 3 rd & 10 th	

Summer Holiday Camp

Monday 5 th August – Friday 9 th August Monday 19 th August – Friday 23 rd August	
School Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	09:00 - 12:00
School Years 7, 8, 9 & 10	13:00 - 16:00

Junior Coaching - Autumn Term

Saturday – 6 weeks	09.00 - 14.00	
School Years 3 & 4	09:00 - 10:00	
School Years 5 & 6	10:00 - 11:00	
School Years 7 & 8	11:00 - 12:00	
School Years 9 & 10	12:00 - 13:00	
School Years 11, 12 & 13	13:00 - 14:00	
September 7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th		
October 5 th & 12 th (October 19 th spare week)		

Welfare Officer & CKTP Policies



Sue Thomas – Welfare Officer

We are very pleased that member Sue Thomas will continue the role of CKTP Welfare Officer. This very important role is to ensure that any welfare or safeguarding concerns can be raised and investigated in an appropriate and confidential way. Sue has completed the safeguarding LTA tennis course and her contact details are as follows:

Email: suzanneclarethomas@gmail.com

Mobile: 07850 757022

Members should be aware of CKTP policies that are available on the website that include safeguarding, diversity & inclusion, code of practice, complaints, privacy and incidents.

Events

We have lots of opportunities for adults and juniors to take part in fun and competitive tennis activities, dates for your diary are below! We would also welcome volunteers to help run the tournaments, please get in touch with Anne Chappell-Smith (Social Secretary) or email.

Our mailing address is tennis@charltonkingstennisplace.co.uk

American Tournament

Mixed doubles - no partner needed Sunday 19th May 10:00 – 12.15

Australian Tournament

Mixed doubles - no partner needed Sunday 9th June 10:00 – 12:15

Singles Tournament

Sunday 7th July 10.00 - 13:00

Australian Tournament

Mixed doubles - no partner needed Sunday 4th August 10:00 – 12:15

Club Tournament (juniors & adults singles & doubles tournaments)

Matches played from June - finals day Sunday 8th September

If you want to enter doubles events and don't have a partner that's fine as we will pair you up with someone.

Michele Cooper Cup

Mixed doubles – Play with the same partner - you can enter as a pair or enter by yourself and we will organise the pairings.

Sunday 22nd September 10:00 – 15:00

American Tournament

Mixed doubles - no partner needed Sunday 8th October 10:00 – 12.15

Please have a look on our events page for more information and look out for further emails for details on how to reserve a place.

Junior Club

Junior Club is on Friday evenings between 17.00 – 18:30 starting on Friday 26th April until Friday 19th July (excluding half term Friday 31st May). It will be run by Denisa Davis, Head Coach, and is aimed at junior members in school years 7+ (younger players by agreement).

It is free to CKTP members and aimed at improver/intermediate junior players who can serve, rally and score and want to improve match skills and enjoy fun games in organised and supervised sessions.

Denisa will need you to complete a registration form before attending the first session. Please find the link to the Junior Players Registration Policy below and email Denisa DDtenniscoaching@gmail.com for the registration form to complete. Also, please be aware of the Junior Players Registration Policy on the 'Information' page of our website.

League Tennis

Gloucestershire Summer League (adults and older juniors by invitation)

The 2023 season was lots of fun with many members participating in league tennis. The Men's A team finished 3rd place and the Men's B team finished in 5th place. The Ladies A team came 4th in their league and the Ladies B team finished 3rd. Ladies B narrowly missed out on 2nd place & promotion due to only "sets %" difference with the 2nd placed team!

We are pleased to continue to support two men's teams and two ladies' teams in the Gloucestershire Summer League.

Charlton Kings Ladies A (Helen Abiona, captain) - Division 3 Charlton Kings Ladies B (Cathy Morton, captain) - Division 4 Charlton Kings Men A (Mark Smith, captain) - Division 4 Charlton Kings Men B (Mark Smith, captain) - Division 6

If you are interested in playing for any of the teams please contact the captains for more information. You can take part as a regular, occasional or reserve player and we are always pleased to increase our squads!

Club Kit

Club T-shirts and hoodies are available in navy-blue and white. Different sizes are available for both adults and children. Prices start from £9.50 and can be ordered through Universal Uniform.

www.universaluniformshop.co.uk/find-your-club/charltonkings-tennis-place.html



Online Court Booking System



Courts can be booked using the online court booking system, Club Spark.

Term Time		School & Bank Holidays	
Monday – Friday	17:30 - 21:30	Monday – Friday	09:00 - 21:30
Saturday - Sunday	09:00 - 17:00	Saturday - Sunday	09:00 - 17:00

Online court bookings are free, and it is recommended that you book in advance to ensure availability. Bookings can be made two weeks in advance.

Members are asked to book any available 'blue' courts (i.e. courts 1, 2 or 3) before booking the 'green' courts (i.e. courts 4, 5, 6 or 7). This is to efficiently manage the putting up and down of the nets by the Balcarras sports centre team.

To book a court, visit our website under 'Court Bookings' or simply visit this page and sign in using your ClubSpark log in details. If you would like to book your court by mobile phone or tablet - download the free ClubSpark Booking App on iOS or Android, or search for 'ClubSpark' on the App Store.

Court Access

The gates to the courts should be open during all our opening times. If you arrive and they are locked, please report it to a member of staff in the Sports Pavilion Reception or if no one is available at the time, please email to let us know.

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Bringing a non-member

The school and ourselves are keen to ensure the facility is only accessed by staff, pupils and members of the club unless by prior arrangement. Members may invite a non-member up to three times a season. After this they must join if they want to continue to play at the club.

If you wish to bring a non-member as a guest, you must book a court via Club Spark and include the name of the non-member during the booking process.

Tennis Friendlies WhatsApp

We have a WhatsApp group for members who want to arrange their own doubles or singles games. It is a great way to connect with other members to arrange games especially if the forecast is looking good. We ask that the chat is kept to tennis related stuff!

If you would like to join the WhatsApp group email your number. If you were in the group last year we will keep you in unless you let us know otherwise.

LTA Advantage Membership

Formerly British Tennis Membership



Many members are already LTA Advantage Members, and this is a free benefit of being a club member. It ensures you receive regular updates from the LTA.

You should be allocated an LTA Advantage Play+ account which gives you the opportunity to apply for Wimbledon tickets in the Advantage Ballot which takes place in January each year. If you are only allocated an LTA Advantage Play account (i.e. without the +) you should be able to correct this by logging into your membership, go to *View Account*, then *My Account* and then *Manage My Advantage* and do the upgrade there. If that doesn't work, you should send a query to their helpdesk.

In your account you need to select 'my venues' and select Charlton Kings if you have not done so already (you can be linked to more than one club). Please note that if you going to play Summer League Team Tennis you are required to register if you have not done so already.

To know more about becoming an LTA Advantage member click on the link below to find out more.

LTA Advantage