



Dear Member

Welcome to our Tennis Club!

Now that you have become a member we would like to tell you what our Club has to offer.

The following pages in this booklet give you information of activities and opportunities to play. Whether you are a Senior or Junior member we provide for all abilities and it's a chance to meet other tennis players and make new friends or come down and play with your partner and/or family if they are also members. We play tennis all year round and we welcome all Seniors to join in Friday evening Socials, Club nights, Club tournaments and fun and friendly American tournaments with tea and cakes. For the more experienced or keen players there are league matches. Coaching is available for beginners and Rusty Racquet sessions with our coach, Tom, for those who have not played for some time.

Senior members also have access to the clubhouse.

We hope you will enjoy all the benefits that the tennis club has to offer.

Yours sincerely

Croftside Committee

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ABOUT OUR CLUB

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIALS

- Every Friday at 6.00PM for a couple of hours.
- Co-ordinated via the Friday Night Social WhatsApp group – ask the membership secretary to add you.
- All levels of mixed abilities regularly play throughout the year, just turn up and join in!
- Play one set (or less) of doubles then swap round - a great way to make new friends and contacts and to arrange social play throughout the week.
- Whatever your level of play you will be guaranteed a warm welcome!
- For any further details or to arrange to be met at the Club on your first visit then please contact us and we will ensure you are looked after.
- Stay for a drink afterwards....

TOURNAMENTS

Every year the Tennis Club organises a senior tournament which usually runs through the main summer season culminating in a final in late September.

The different categories include:

- Mens Singles
- Mens Doubles
- Ladies Singles
- Ladies Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

This is an excellent opportunity to meet other members of the club in a competitive but friendly environment. All standards of players are welcome.

LEAGUE MATCHES

During both the spring/summer, the Club enters teams in the North East Cheshire Lawn Tennis League and South West Manchester Lawn Tennis League.

Currently, in the summer, we run 4 Mens and 2 Ladies teams, with matches being played home and away in the evening throughout the week. During home matches the courts will be unavailable for play so please check on the website for home match dates.

Mixed tennis league matches also take place during the Autumn & Winter months.

Senior members interested in playing in our league teams should contact Chris Bowden on 07768 954284 or email chris@gobrightside.co.uk or Sarah West on 07855 370768 or sjwest@talktalk.net. We also run a number of junior teams in the Junior Leagues during the

summer. Those interested in playing in these teams should contact our coach, Tom on 07506 756589 or tomhuntuttennis@hotmail.co.uk .

COACHING

Our Club Coach runs various senior group coaching sessions through the year. He is also available for 1-2-1 coaching. Details and sessions can be found and booked via the Coaching section of the website.

Junior coaching takes place on Saturday mornings throughout the year for all ages. Times of sessions depend on the age of your child so please check the Coaching section of the website.

COURT BOOKING

Please check court availability via the the Booking section of the website and book your court before coming to the club to play.

NON-MEMBERS / VISITOR POLICY

Adult club members may bring visitors to play at the club subject to the following conditions:

- Visitors may only play at the club in the presence of a current member
- Visitors must pay a fee of £5 per visit (Put cash in the box on the clubhouse wall at the right end of the decking)
- Visitors may play at the club on a maximum of 3 occasions after which they must decide whether to join the club or not.

Please note: no one whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club may be introduced as a visitor.

KEYS

Court keys costing £5, are available for adult members and children over age 11.

Clubhouse keys are £10.

Please contact Sue Bowden on 07765 283582.

WIMBLEDON TICKETS

Our Club receives an allocation of **Wimbledon tickets** from the LTA for distribution to our members by ballot.

In order to be eligible for entry into the ballot you need to have British Tennis Membership (BTM), which is free, and have opted into the ballot via the BTM website (see below).

The number of pairs of tickets that we receive is dependent on the number of BTM members affiliated to our club, who have opted into the ballot. For this reason we would strongly encourage you to sign up to BTM and opt in, even if you do not wish to actually enter the draw. Further details about Wimbledon tickets are usually sent out in April.

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP

Membership is **FREE** – *please* consider registering every person in your family who is a member of the Club. You only need to do this once – membership is continual each year. Please note also that all Junior members who take part in **any** competition (team or individual) will also require British Tennis Membership.

To obtain a BTM via the internet go to:

www3.lta.org.uk/Members/Join and then click on the first box “**Club members (all ages) FREE**”
If you have not got access to the internet you can phone on: **020 8487 7000**.

NB When registering, the full name of our tennis club is **Croftside Tennis Club**.

Members receive the following benefits (they are optional)

- Entry into the BTM Wimbledon ballot
- A British Tennis Rating
- Discounts & pre-sales on tickets for events, including the Aegon Championships at the Queen’s Club, the Aegon Classic in Birmingham & Barclays ATP World Tour Finals at the O2 Arena.
- A personalised monthly e-newsletter
- Access to special offers at www.tennis.net
- Offers and discounts through LTA partners such as tennis holiday providers, transportation, hotel stays, etc.

CLUB RULES

1 MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 Players use the facilities entirely at their own risk and the Club accepts no liability for loss, damage or injury howsoever caused.
- 1.2 The Club cannot be held responsible for the safety of Juniors using Club facilities, at any time, whether they are attending a supervised session or not.
- 1.3 Senior members have access to courts and clubhouse. Junior members are given court access only when accompanied by an adult.
- 1.4 Members are expected to wear appropriate tennis clothing at all times, and in particular tennis footwear in order to avoid damage and marking of the court surface. Shirts must be worn at all times. Players who are considered by the committee to be improperly attired may be asked to leave the court.
- 1.5 Members must comply with any information or signs that are displayed at the courts and/or in the clubhouse regarding suitable footwear.
- 1.6 For reasons of safety and in order not to distract players, non-players are not permitted on court.
- 1.7 The playing season will extend throughout the year, subject to the courts being fit for play.
- 1.8 The Committee reserves the right to refuse or terminate membership of any member who is deemed prejudicial to the interests of the Club, in line with the Club Constitution.

2 SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 2.1 Annual subscriptions are due on 1 April. Players are not permitted on the courts unless their Club subscription has been paid.

3 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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| 3.1 Adult | anyone 18 or over and not a student |
| Joint | a couple or partners |
| Family | a couple or partners including all children in full-time education |
| Young Junior | any child currently up to and including year 6 on 1 st April |
| Junior & Student | for child currently in year 7 -13 or full-time student up to age 23 |

4 NON-MEMBER POLICY

- 4.1 Adult club members are allowed to bring visitors to play at the club subject to the following conditions
- 4.2 All visitors must be signed in by a current member before play commences
- 4.3 Visitors must pay a fee of £5 per visit
- 4.4 Visitors outside the area may play with a member for £5
- 4.5 Visitors may play at the club on a maximum of 3 occasions after which they must decide either to join the club or not.

5 COURT USAGE

- 5.1 Certain dates may be allocated by the committee for organized events, eg tournaments. These will be shown as such on the Court Booking section of the website.
- 5.2 Please check court availability on the website and book your court before coming to play. Courts cannot be booked more than two weeks prior to play.
- 5.3 If you have to change your plans, please remember to cancel your booking so that other members can play.
- 5.4 Members are asked to book no more than one session in a week.
- 5.5 Sessions can be booked for either one or two hours. Two hours is the maximum booking.

6 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

- 6.1 Each year the club organises internal tournaments in the following categories: Mens singles, womens singles, mens doubles, womens doubles and mixed doubles.
- 6.2 Entry sheets are posted on the notice board in the club house in mid-summer and those who wish to participate should sign up in the relevant categories.
- 6.3 The club tennis captains will arrange the draw and will arrange doubles partnerships for the mens and womens doubles. This is to ensure a close, competitive tournament.
- 6.4 Couples can choose their partners for the mixed doubles or asks the captains to allocate a partner.
- 6.5 Deadlines for each round will be sent to the participants. Failure to complete a match by the deadline will result in a walkover against the defaulting participants. The captains will adjudicate in any dispute.

7 LEAGUE MATCHES

- 7.1 Players are only eligible for team selection if they are fully paid-up members.
- 7.2 All members wishing to be considered for the team will be invited to attend at least ONE try out session prior to team selection.
- 7.3 The Club Captains, in conjunction with Committee will decide the number of teams to be entered for each season.
- 7.4 A match fee will require to be levied, with the approval of the Committee, and collected by the team captains. This is to cover the cost of match balls and after-match refreshments and drinks provided for opposing team players.
- 7.5 Junior matches must have an adult in attendance and fees for these matches will be set as appropriate to cover the cost of balls and refreshments. The adult in attendance is responsible for providing squash and biscuits.

8 COURT ETIQUETTE

- 8.1 Please do not move across or behind any court when play is in progress for safety reasons and also as a courtesy to the players on court who may be distracted or interrupted. Players should wait until the completion of at least a point, if not a game, then leave by walking around the perimeter of the adjacent court as quickly and discreetly as possible and shut the gate behind them.
- 8.2 Spectators and all non-players are not allowed on court.
- 8.3 Line calls should be made quickly and clearly and the receiver of the ball has the final say.
- 8.4 Members are asked to please put their litter into the bins provided or take it home with them.
- 8.5 On any open session/social night, players are expected to bring their own balls.
- 8.6 Refrain from using foul language or any form of threatening, racist, intimidatory or abusive language or behaviour towards other players, club officials, coaching personnel or spectators.
- 8.7 At the end of your game, if no-one is waiting to play, please lower the nets and drag the court using the equipment provided.
- 8.8 All members must ensure the clubhouse doors are shut and locked before leaving the club, even if there are other members still on court.

9 WELFARE & SAFEGUARDING

- 9.1 At Croftside we take welfare and safeguarding of all our members very seriously. We have policies in place for Welfare, Safeguarding, Diversity & Inclusion, Social Media and Changing Room Use. We ask all our members to familiarise themselves with the policies which can be found on our website [here](#). Our club welfare office is Sarah West and she can be contacted on 07855370768 or sjwest@talktalk.net. If you have any questions or wish to raise anything at all then please get in touch.

10 POLICIES

- 10.1 The club has developed a number of policies covering Privacy, Safeguarding, Whistleblowing and Diversity and Inclusion. These can be found on our website [here](#).