



## **Welcome Letter for New Members -**

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GoringTennisClub>

Dear Member

Welcome to Goring Tennis Club, we look forward to seeing you on court!

Below you will find some useful information to help you make the most of your membership:

### **Club Sessions**

The Club has several open sessions every week where you can come along, meet other members and enjoy a game:

Social Tennis club sessions

- Sunday morning 10am to 12pm - general mixed play
- Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8.30am-10.30am (approx) - general mixed play
- Friday mornings 10am-12pm - ladies only (moves to pm during Holiday camp period)

Club Night - Tuesday Evenings from 6pm - a general mixed play club session

Walking Tennis - Wednesdays from 2pm-3pm followed by tea and biscuits – term time only

### **WhatsApp Groups**

There are WhatsApp groups for Social tennis (Sunday morning and Tuesday evening), Tuesday & Thursday morning sessions, Friday ladies session and Walking Tennis. If you would like to connect with other members to arrange social play, find out who is going to club sessions or pass on a bit of news then please email [chairman@goring-tennis.co.uk](mailto:chairman@goring-tennis.co.uk) and request to be added to your preferred group/s.

### **Team Match Play Tennis**

There are A&B doubles team for both Ladies & Men along with a mixed doubles team, all of which play in the Oxfordshire Summer & Winter weekend leagues. There is also a Ladies A team which plays in the midweek league. For further information please contact Sue our match secretary at [match.sec@goring-tennis.co.uk](mailto:match.sec@goring-tennis.co.uk)

### **Junior Members**

There are a wide range of opportunities for junior play available, details of which can be found at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GoringTennisClub/TennisJUNIORS>

## **Coaching**

Coaching for all levels is available through the club and further details can be viewed at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GoringTennisClub/Coaching>

## **Events**

We run 2 x American style mixed doubles tournaments each year where couples are randomly paired, one usually at the start of June and the other usually early September. These are open to all adult players and are a great opportunity to meet other club members.

We also offer other ad-hoc events which will be communicated throughout the year.

Last Tuesday of the month is pub night at the Miller of Mansfield from 19:30pm after Club Night so either come along to play some tennis and join us for a social drink after or just join us in the pub for a drink and meet some other club members.

Club Tennis & Social Event details along with any other club news are sent by email and are also posted on our website and Facebook page. More information can be found on the Club website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GoringTennisClub>

## **Access to the Courts & Clubhouse**

The courts can be used up to 10pm, seven days a week. Courts 1 to 4 are bookable in advance on the club website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GoringTennisClub> and court 5 (the public court) is available to both members of the club and Goring parishioners and as such cannot be booked in advance. You do not have to book a court but members who have booked will have priority.

The Clubhouse is available for use by all members however the door has a key code and there are internal security shutters which require a key. A refundable deposit of £10 is required for each key and this can be arranged by contacting the membership secretary at [membership.sec@goring-tennis.co.uk](mailto:membership.sec@goring-tennis.co.uk)

Currently there is no internal toilet in the club house however we do have a temporary toilet at the rear of the building and the code for the padlock is 9876.

During the winter months members are welcome to make use of the floodlights on courts 1 and 2. The floodlight switches are in the cupboard on the right hand side at the back inside the Clubhouse. Please make sure if you use the floodlights, you turn them off upon leaving the Club as they are expensive to run. The lights automatically switch off at 10pm as this is the Club curfew time however the light switches still need to be turned off otherwise the lights will come on automatically the following day once it gets dark even if nobody is there. Upon switching off, the light in the middle at the bottom of the two courts will remain on for a few moments and will turn off automatically as will the lights directly outside the Clubhouse to enable you to safely leave the premises.

Good quality used balls are available in the Clubhouse cupboard for members 'use. Please return these after use.

There is a kitchen and seating area within the Clubhouse with complimentary tea and coffee.

The Clubhouse also contains a first aid kit and defibrillator. Remember that it is important that any accidents are recorded in the accident book.

### **Registering for LTA Advantage Play+ Membership**

Goring Tennis Club is registered with the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) and one of the benefits of affiliation is that members can apply for FREE LTA Advantage Membership at <https://www.lta.org.uk/advantage/>

Registering with the LTA for an Advantage Play+ Membership is required to register with Clubspark so you can log in and book courts.

As an Advantage member you will also receive access to offers, discounts on tournament tickets and clothing, access to the Wimbledon ballot as well as being kept up to date with the latest British tennis news.

### **Safeguarding Policies**

We acknowledge the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. The Club is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and LTA requirements. We would ask that you take time to read the Club's Welfare & Privacy Policies. These documents are available on the notice board inside the Clubhouse and on the Club website at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GoringTennisClub/AboutUs/Safeguarding>

### **Further Questions**

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to ask, contact details for all committee members and their areas of responsibility can be found on the club website at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GoringTennisClub/AboutUs/Contacts>

### **Final Note**

To conclude, we thank you for joining our club and look forward to seeing you on court. Our club is managed by a small group of committee members, all of whom are volunteers. If you would like to be involved in any aspect of the Club we would appreciate your assistance. Enjoy your tennis with us!