



Kingussie Tennis Club

Newsletter

Spring 2024



New Season

With the longer days and slightly warmer sunshine, it is time to plan for this year's tennis season!! We are looking forward to getting out on to the courts.

Membership

Memberships are due to be renewed at the start of May 2024. You will be sent an email with a link to renew around the middle of April. Please check your junk mail as Clubspark messages sometimes disappear there. Unless you are changing membership category please renew via this link. Please encourage family, friends and neighbours to join up too as we would really like to grow the club. No experience or ability required! New members can use the links on our website to join.

Courts

As you probably will already be aware, the club is carrying out installation of an irrigation system which should be up and running at the start of the season. This is to help the condition of the courts in dry weather and to help reduce loss of surface blaes(grit).

There may be some tasks that club members can help with and please continue to look out for emails and facebook posts to inform you all when the club will need able and willing volunteers - even if you can only spare an hour. Many hands make light work!!

Opening Tournament

We plan to hold an opening tournament on Sunday 28th April so mark the date in your diary. All welcome and there will be refreshments too!! Look out on facebook for more details. Even if you just want to watch, come along.

Club Sessions

These will be held on Tuesday evenings (from 6:30pm) and Sunday afternoons (from 2pm) as usual. This year we plan to have a court set aside for families to play tennis too on Sunday afternoons. There are racquets at the club for all ages and some short tennis nets too to make it all more interesting for youngsters.

Coaching

Unfortunately our brilliant coach Stephen won't be available this year. We are doing our best to find a replacement and very much hope to have some coaching again this season.

Highland Leagues

We have 4 teams competing in the Highland Leagues again this season. Ladies A are in Div 1, Ladies B in Div 4, Men in Div 2 and a Mixed team.

We have booked courts at Rothiemurchus for some pre-season practice. The dates & times are:

Men Tuesday April 2, 9 & 16 from 7-9pm.

Ladies Wednesday April 3,10 & 17 from 7-9pm.

Mixed Tuesday April 9 & 16 from 7-9pm.

If you are interested in playing in any of these teams please come along to the appropriate sessions or get in touch with any of the team captains – Ken, Helen, Mary or Christine.

Safeguarding

Kingussie Tennis Club takes the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously and strives to ensure a safe environment for everyone using the venue. The club commits to embedding the LTA safeguarding standards (<https://www.lta.org.uk/about-us/safeguarding/>) for LTA venue registration and has policies in place to reflect this. These can be found on the club website and on the noticeboards in the clubhouse. It is important that as a club we can evidence our safeguarding measures. There are no staff at the club so parents / carers should ensure all children under 13 are adequately supervised when using the venue.

Marjorie Deans is the welfare officer for the venue - please feel free to contact her on 07969676243 or by email balinoe@aol.com if there is anything you are concerned about or if you have any questions about safeguarding at the club.

Equipment Discount at Tennisnuts

The "Club Zone Member" scheme with tennisnuts.com provides club members with a 5% discount* both in-store and online on ALL Rackets, Shoes, and Clothing. The discount works on 95% of items on their website.

**Please note this member discount does not apply to balls, shuttles, table tennis and machines.*

Username: **KINGAUSSIE**

Password: **DISCOUNT**

Other Events

Throughout the season we will also have events such as Strawberry tea, mini tournaments, barbecues and an open day so watch out for details via email and facebook posts.

The main thing is please come along and use the courts. Booking is really straightforward though Clubspark via the club website.

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