

GENERAL INFORMATION

A very Warm Welcome to Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club. This document is useful for members who are looking to join for the first time but also as a document to remind existing members of some useful information when needed. This information and much more is available on the Longthorpe Lawn tennis club Website

New Members

Please visit the new Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club website which provides information on membership options, coaching, the court booking system, competitions, the tennis league update, contact information, our policies, committee meeting minutes, important club documents and last but not least our social activities. To join the club please visit the membership tab, select the membership option which suits you and click to 'join now'. You will be asked to fill in the registration form and then to pay using your credit or debit card.

Playing Tennis at the club

We offer a court booking system for making your own tennis arrangements via the booking tab which is available on the website. Courts must be booked by members wishing to play outside of club sessions

Club sessions are available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The timings of these are shown on the website & courts are shown as club sessions on the booking system. Please turn up and join in at these sessions which are a great way to practice and meet new members.

New adult members will be allocated named clothes peg for club sessions. The peg will be found on the playing board. The playing board is used for open club sessions and helps denote order of play and who is present and ready to go on court. Whatever your standard of play we can enhance your game with the help of our coaching staff.

Coaching

All coaching at Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club is undertaken by LTA Accredited coaches provided by inspire2coach. For further information contact Becky Orton email: becky@i2ctennis.co.uk

Times of Adult Club Sessions

Club sessions operate on a Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Summer start time is 2pm winter start time 1pm. Refreshments, a hot drink and cake or biscuits, are generally available at a cost of £1 per person. Evening sessions are also available on a Tuesday and Thursday evening starting at 6pm. Floodlight Tokens used on club nights will be reimbursed by the Treasurer.

Court Opening Times

Strictly no play before 9am. In summer all play must finish at 9.30pm. In winter play must finish at the following times: 9.30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 8.30pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and 6pm on Sundays.

Court Attire/Footwear

The Club agrees it is important that it maintains our accepted standard of dress on the courts. All Members are reminded that predominantly white tennis clothing must be worn on the courts by them and any visitors they may bring to play. Only tracksuits are exempt from this (Summer and Winter). White tennis specific shoes are preferred (Omni-court shoes are recommended). No ridged trainers please as they damage the courts.

Guest Players

Guest players are welcome but must be accompanied by an Adult Member. Junior guests must be accompanied by an Adult Member at all times. Members must ensure that any guest players they introduce comply with the dress code and must sign in and pay the appropriate fee (set out below) - before playing. This is essential for insurance purposes. N.B. If guest players are not signed in nor the fee paid, they are NOT insured and play entirely at their own risk.

All those bringing guest players must abide by the following rules:

- Maximum number of visits per visitor is limited to 6 per year
- Money should be posted in the Guest Visitors' Box in the Club Room or purchased online
- Guest Visitors' Fees: £5.00 for Adults and £3.00 for Juniors

Junior Members

Juniors must be in Year 5 or above but under 18 yrs. on 1st May. Children below Year 5 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED on the court by at least one Parent/Carer who is an Adult member of the LLTC. N.B. Juniors are not permitted to bring guests.

Mini Tennis

We have coaching available for children from age 5. Please contact Becky for advice/times of sessions or find these on our website.

Keys

Please note that there will be a charge for keys. They are available from Ken Wappat and are £4 each.

Courts

All-weather Courts are generally playable at all times other than in snow, frost or when there are large puddles.

We kindly ask that courts are left in good condition and please take your litter home with you or place it in the receptacles provided on every court.

Tennis Courts Lights Usage

The following points should be noted regarding the usage of the lights on courts 3 and 4. Light tokens at £2 each/half hour, and are available from Angela Axe. Her email address is axeam@aol.com

Free time

The club will provide the following free 'lit' times for members, if needed, and the normal rules will apply.

- Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 6.00-8.30 pm • Saturday and Sunday from dusk - 6.00pm
- Sunday - No light usage after 6.00 pm**

At 'free' club sessions members should use their OWN tokens if the lights are needed, but are not switched on, when they arrive. They will be reimbursed with tokens provided they note the fact in the new Lights Usage Log Book. The lighting system is designed not to allow the above times to be exceeded into the planning defined curfew times.

Care of the Environment

All members are reminded that it would be appreciated if litter, particularly bottles, are recycled or disposed of safely - and if necessary taken home.

Consideration to our Neighbours

All members should show consideration to our neighbours when using the clubs facilities and minimise any noise in the environment.

The Club House

The club house is situated at the rear of the village hall. Tea and coffee making facilities are available. (a donation of 50p when using club supplies would be appreciated). Please wash up before you go. Club balls for members use are also available on the shelves to the left of the door.

Club Championships

The Club Championships start in May and Finals Day is in September. Watch out for dates for other social events/tournaments

Local Leagues

We are very pleased that we have entered teams into the Hunts and Peterborough summer league as well as entering teams into the Peterborough and District winter league. If you become interested in playing match tennis please contact the Club Captain.

Club AGM

The AGM is expected to take place in October in Longthorpe Village Hall. All members are welcome to attend.

Security

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLUB are responsible for security of courts and equipment.

Please remember that if you are the last to leave the courts: slacken nets; lock the courts; turn off the water heater; turn off lights; drop the shutters; ensure the Store and Clubroom ARE DOUBLELOCKED and that all padlocks are locked behind you as you exit.

Thank you.

Chairman