

# **NEWS**

# **April 2022**

Welcome to the latest news and events for all our members

#### JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT

We are pleased to announce that there are now three sessions on Junior Club Nights, every Friday during term-time:

5.30 - 6.15pm - Foundation to Year 3

6.15 - 7.00 pm - Year 4 to Year 6

7.00 - 8.00pm - 11 to 17 year olds

The sessions are free to members. Snacks and drinks are also available. No need to sign up beforehand, just come along!

#### **CLUBHOUSE ACCESS**

Keys for access to the Clubhouse cost £7 and can be obtained by sending an email to Janet Adams on NPTCkeys@gmail.com. If you use the Clubhouse, please make sure that you wash and dry up any mugs/plates used and that you leave no food debris behind (even in the bin!). If the bin bag needs replacing, new bin bags can be found in the cupboard beneath the sink. Please put the old one in the large refuse containers at the entrance to the Sports Ground.

# **QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

Let's fill our courts with play to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee! On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, it would be great to see all our courts booked out for the whole day. The Clubhouse will be decorated with balloons and bunting to help that celebration mood. Come and play, meet other Club members and enjoy our beautiful

courts. Even if you have other things planned, it would be great if you could squeeze in at least 30 minutes of tennis. You can book your slot for this day from 13th May. Bring your friends, family and neighbours and, for this day only, there will be no guest fees. Refreshments available or bring a picnic.

#### FRENCH-INSPIRED CLUB TOURNAMENT



Our popular season of Club tournaments is back for the summer! The first is set to celebrate the French Open Championship. Make sure you enter soon to make sure of a place. The play will be in doubles; you don't

need to enter with a partner as this will be organised at the draw stage.

### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Look out for an email in the next couple of weeks with details of the Club Championships. The Adult categories will be:

- Men's Singles
- Ladies' Singles
- Men's Doubles
- Ladies' Doubles
- Mixed Doubles
- Men's Over 45 Singles

There will be a change of format this year, to give more opportunity of matches in the early rounds. Instead of a straight knockout formula, with only the winners going through to the final, we are planning a consolation plate competition too. The finals and the plate competition will be played on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

For juniors, there will be a round robin format for red, orange, green and yellow ball players (the date for these to be announced). The finals for the yellow ball players will also be played on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

# **BALL GATE**

The padlock code on the bottom gate (the ball gate) has been changed and this will now remain locked. There have been several instances in recent weeks of the gate being left open and unlocked. This compromises the security of the courts, so sadly we have been forced to take this decision.

Still on the subject of gates, please do not prop the front gate open for more than a few minutes at a time or it will harm the gate mechanism.

#### **CLUB CLOTHING**

We have some fabulous clothing available for adults and juniors in our club colours. Choose from a range of T-shirt styles and Hoodies. Junior items can also feature their name on the back, and you can get caps and kit bags too.

## For details go to:

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/newportpagnelltennisclub/ClubClothing

You may need to copy and paste this link into your browser – or go the Club website and you will find all the information about Club clothing under the 'More' tab on the Home page



# **GUEST POLICY**

All members can bring guests to the courts by registering their names and paying online when making the court booking (£3 per hour per guest). The same guest can attend occasionally but should not be a regular playing partner. If your guest wishes to play regularly then they should become a member too.

Do you have any news to share with other members? If so, please email Jenny Spencer at jenny@theoldredhouse.net