

Club Championships

ADULT entries by 31 May to

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Who will be our Club Champions this year? It is time for all of you to step up and enter the Club Championship competition which will run through the summer, culminating in Finals Day on 17th September. The categories for the **ADULT** competition are:

- Women's Singles (plus Plate)
- Men's Singles (plus Plate)
- Women's Doubles (plus Plate)
- Men's Doubles (plus Plate)
- Mixed Doubles (plus Plate)

If you wish to play in the Doubles but don't have a partner, please let Nigel know when you enter and indicate that you would like to be paired up. Entries are needed by 31st May and the draw will be made on 1 June. Once the draw has been made, you can organize to play your matches to suit your schedule, although bear in mind that there may be several rounds to get through, and others may be waiting for the result of your game so that the next round can start. All first-round losers will go through to the Plate competition which ensures that all who enter will get at least two games (and usually more) in each category.

JUNIOR to enter - email Gavin

gavinfowell@aol.co.uk or

Kerry (kerryt100@yahoo.co.uk)

The competition to find our **JUNIOR** Club Champions will be held on the weekend of 24th and 25th June. The timetable is shown on the poster and then the yellow ball players, like last year, will play their finals on the same day as the adults, Sunday 17th September. The poster opposite is on the noticeboard at the Clubhouse.

There were a good number of entries last year for both adults and juniors, but we are looking for even more this year. The more entries there are, the more worthwhile the competition. This is a competition for players of all standards - you might not become the Champion, but you will play with and meet a whole range of other Club players.



Court Bookings - A Reminder

Whether a new member or an established member, please read!

- Members can book courts up to 14 days in advance, for a maximum of 6 hours in any week.
- Make sure you sign in (top right of page) via your own login (choose the LTA British Tennis Membership free sign up if not already a member).

- Make sure you select 'View as member' above the booking calendar not as 'View as guest.' Court booking is FREE to all current members.
- ALWAYS put your name in the contact field by choosing [Me](#) or your booking may be cancelled. Doing this will also link the booking to your own personal code for the gate entry system and to operate the floodlights if necessary. Remember that your personal code will only work if you have made a court booking.
- If you can't use your court booking, please remember to cancel it by clicking on the booking in the booking calendar.
- ALL non-member guests must pay the guest fee - choose [Advanced Options](#) on the bottom left and add them as 'guests' and pay the fee by credit card.

French-inspired Club Tournament

TO ENTER: Text or WattsApp
Angela Bramham on
07884012295



Our first Summer Tournament will coincide with the French Open in Paris, so if you feel inspired by what you see on TV, come and have a go. All adult members and older yellow ball players are eligible to enter.

How does it work? On the day each person will be randomly assigned a partner to play doubles with for a set number of games. There will be several rounds and each time you will play with a different partner. Eventually winners will be found!

Entry is £5, payable on the day by cash or credit card. New balls will be provided and there will be drinks and light refreshments afterwards. It will be a sociable and fun occasion. So, hope to see you there!

Looking for the bin fairy?

Oh wait! There isn't one!

Most ball canisters can be recycled, so please take them home and put them in your recycling bin. There is no recycling at the recreation ground.

Our Club is run by volunteers, who work hard for the members. However, none of us have volunteered to clear up after you! Please take responsibility for your ball cans and if they have metal tops, please do not leave these lying anywhere. They are very sharp and could easily injure someone.

Please help to keep the Clubhouse clean and tidy.



PLEASE - no food to be left in the bin either (that includes banana skins!!)

Meet the Member

Have you got a tennis story? We would love to hear it. Please contact Jenny Spencer on info@newportpagnelltennis.net

I'm Cathie Carter. I joined the club during lockdown in 2020 when some friends encouraged me to come along to this warm and welcoming club. They were not wrong.

In such a short time I have made so many new friends and taken part in lots of social



sessions, themed tournaments, the club championships, competitive league matches, and I have definitely benefitted from some group and individual coaching sessions with Gavin.

I am now on the committee and am captain of the B mixed team.

For the past 40 years my main focus (other than my wonderful family) has been coaching and volunteering in netball and I am amazed how tennis has now become such a huge part of my life.

Lockdown affected us all in so many ways, but for me I discovered a new club, a new group of friends and somewhere I just love to spend my time. There really is something for everyone in this amazing club.

Social Tennis Sessions

If you want to meet other members, play a wider variety of people or just have a lot of fun, these sessions are for you.

Adult Social Tennis sessions take place every week throughout the year. Meeting and playing with a range of others is a sure way to improve your play. You don't need to book, just turn up. The gate code for these sessions is 9574.

- Tuesday evenings, 6.30-7.30pm, for Beginners, Almost Beginners, Rusty Racquets.
- Wednesday evenings, 6-8pm, and Sunday morning, 10-12pm, for more confident players.
- Friday mornings, 10-30-12pm, for Vets players

For Juniors, Junior Club Nights take place every Friday evening during school term time. Non-member Juniors are also welcome but pay £2 for each session.

- 5.30-6.15pm, for Foundation to Year 2.
- 6.15-7pm, for Years 3, 4 and 5.
- 7-8pm, Year 6 to age 17 (yellow ball).

Trevor Hill, 1956-2023

It is with great sadness that we write that one of our members, Trevor Hill, passed away on Tuesday 25th April. Trevor was a regular at the Social Tennis sessions and helped to organise various tournaments in the past couple of years. He was a member of the Committee and acted as Match Secretary until he became ill last year.

Trevor was well-known for raising a great deal of money for charity. We intend to honour his memory by holding a fund-raising tournament later in the year to raise funds for one of the causes dear to him.