

OAKS & DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OaksDistrictTennisClub>
NEWSLETTER - TENNIS SEASON 2020/2021

Dear Member,

Welcome to the 2020/2021 season at the Oaks and District Tennis Club.

CLUB TENNIS

During the match season which runs from May to July, Tuesday and Friday evenings (5.30pm onwards) have been designated for Club play except when there are Ladies Team Practice nights on Friday. Saturday and Sunday from 2pm onwards are also available for Club play except when official coaching matches or tournaments have been organised. A match fixture list and notice to remind us all will be put up in the Clubhouse nearer the time. Also, our website will identify when matches take place. After the match season ends, all evenings become available for Club play but particularly Tuesday and Friday. Before the Summer League Men's matches begin, all male members representing the Club are invited to men's team practices on Monday or Wednesday evening (to be mixed around) and ladies are invited to their team practice on a Friday evening. Please contact the team Captains for more information.

Club play also takes place on Wednesday morning from 10.00am onwards in Winter and 9.30am onwards in Summer. Non-members are welcomed for a fee of £5 on six occasions.

SUMMER LEAGUE MATCH TENNIS

Any ladies interested in playing in the Summer League should contact Janet Braithwaite, Team Captain or Maz Gourley, Vice Captain. Ladies League matches take place at home normally on Thursday evenings or away on any weekday evening during the summer from May onwards.

Any men interested in playing in the Summer League should contact Martin Croft, Team Captain or Derek Lister, Vice Captain. One Men's team will play Summer League matches in Division 7 (home matches Monday or Wednesday) with priority for younger players and a Senior Team (anyone reaching the age of 45 or over in 2020 is eligible to play in this team), days and dates are still to be finalised. The advantage is, playing in the Senior team does not preclude playing in the Division 7 Summer league team.

Match fixtures and times will be placed on the website notice board when they are received from the LTA, (Lawn Tennis Association) and teams picked at a later date when player availability is known.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2020/2021 (Remaining the same as 2019/2020)

Adult Members:	£160.00 (£145.00 if paid by 31st March 2020 not 30 th April as in previous years)
Intermediate Members:	£ 40.00 (13 to 17 years old) and full-time education
Junior Members:	£ 20.00 (5 to 12 years old)
Family Membership	£260.00
Parent member	£ 15.00
Social member	£ 10.00
Visitors	£ 5.00 and £3 (under 18)

Historically the Parent Membership category only allows parents to play with their children, and only with children who attend coaching sessions organised at the club.

TO ENCOURAGE NEW MEMBERS, THE CLUB HAS A 'PAY AS YOU GO' SYSTEM WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SIX VISITS TO THE CLUB. THE COST OF THESE VISITS WOULD BE DEDUCTED FROM ANY SUBSEQUENT MEMBERSHIP PAID IN THE SAME YEAR.

Fees reduce by one twelfth from 1 July until the end of the next year

NB: Before a person may play as a visitor, his/her name must be entered in the visitor's book. **THIS IS A CLUB RULE.** Compliance is essential to safeguard the Club's Public Liability insurance.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED BY EVERY MEMBER OF THE CLUB AND PAYMENT SENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY BY 31st MARCH 2020 TO QUALIFY FOR PROMPT PAYMENT RATE.

Please note it is a requirement of the club for all members to complete a NEW membership renewal form each season. Many members forget to do this and just send payment. In the case of family membership each person must fill in a form with the payment. Should you require a receipt please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your form if you are sending it by post.

A new facility will be offered from this year, you will be able to make your payment via bank transfer, details will be given on the form and also you will be able to submit your registration form by email directly to the membership secretary.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

If you change your contact details, please forward them to Lynne Atkin, up-to-date information makes it much easier to communicate club news to you.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2020/2021

PRESIDENT: Colin Atkinson

CHAIRMAN: Graham Freckelton

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Colin Cockayne

TREASURER : Edward Atkin

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Lynne Atkin

SECRETARY Janet Giampalma

ASSISTANT SECRETARY **VACANT (volunteer required)**

MINUTES SECRETARY Sue Stephens

MATCH SECRETARY: Liz Twitchell

SOCIAL SECRETARY: Chris Hallam

JUNIOR COORDINATOR: **VACANT (volunteer required)**

WELFARE OFFICER: David Cockayne

LADIES FIRST TEAM CAPTAIN: Janet Braithwaite

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MEN'S FIRST TEAM CAPTAIN: Martin Croft

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Len Hutton
Steve Lloyd
Malcolm Andrew

WIMBLEDON BALLOT ADMINISTRATOR Hannah Summers
(retiring after 2020 ballot)

WEBSITE MANAGER Will Atkin

FUND RAISING EVENTS

These are held throughout the year and help to finance on-going costs, so all support and/or help organising these events is and will continue to be greatly appreciated.

WORKING PARTIES.

Members are encouraged to come to the Club to help clear courts, clean the pavilion and general club maintenance. This helps to keep costs down.

LEAGUE TEAMS 2020

SUMMER LEAGUE – 1 Ladies team – Club kit available from Janet Braithwaite
SUMMER LEAGUE – 1 Men's team, 1 Men's Senior Team

MATCH FEES

Match fees are £3.00 per player per match **both home and away**, plus the cost of refreshments for home matches.

TENNIS BALLS

The club provides new tennis balls for every league match played at home. These balls are then made available to members to use at the club if required. Please look after the balls and retrieve them if they go out of the courts. Please return them to the clubhouse when you have finished playing with them.

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP (BTM)

For those of you who have not signed up for BTM the membership is still free for the time being. Anyone wishing to play competitive tennis must be a BTM, as you must register your results with BTM to get your LTA rating. Register on-line, the website is www.lta.org.uk/BritishTennisMembership. Benefits include, advice from top coaches and players, exclusive discounts, player ratings, online tournament entry, monthly e-newsletter and entry into the Wimbledon ticket draw at the club.

MAINTENANCE OF CLUBHOUSE AND GROUNDS

Whilst at the clubhouse it is appreciated if all members help to keep the clubhouse and grounds clean and tidy. **PLEASE TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME WITH YOU**, the tennis club **does not** have a dustbin collection facility.

CLUB SECURITY AND FLOODLIGHTS

If the security lock number is changed you will either be asked to contact a Committee Member or be told. Please note the floodlights operate on a time switch. ***The lights must be out by 9.30pm, this is a club rule.***

NB - A reminder that no play is permitted on Good Friday or Easter Sunday.

WIMBLEDON TICKET DRAW

Members of the club who are registered BTM members will be invited to a ticket draw at the clubhouse when our ticket allocation is known. Please **do** register for the Wimbledon Ballot as the number of tickets is dependent upon the number of members registered. Tickets are paid for either on line or over the phone. You have two weeks to pay for them and they will

be sent to your home. We hope to make it a social evening; more details will follow when we know our ticket allocation and dates. Please note that whilst all members of a household are eligible to enter there can only be one allocation per household. The ballot will be held on **Tuesday, 21st April 2020 at 7.30pm**. Please check the website and club notice boards for information.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO OPT INTO THE WIMBLEDON BALLOT BY MIDNIGHT ON THE FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2020

COACHING FOR JUNIORS AND ADULTS

Please contact Janet Braithwaite until a new Junior Co-ordinator is appointed for coaching details and/or please refer to the web site.

OAKS TENNIS WEBSITE

Our website address is <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OaksDistrictTennisClub> - all up-to-date information is available on the website, if you have anything you wish to be included please email webmaster@OaksTennis.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Quiz night – Friday, March 13th, 2020 at 7.30pm (see Chris Hallam for further info)

Open Afternoon – Date tbc

Wimbledon Ballot and Bring and Share Supper, Tuesday, 21st April 2020 in the Clubhouse – the draw will take place at 7.30pm prompt.

Ladies Charity Tournaments – Friday, June 12th, 2020 & 2nd or 9th October 2020 (tbc), (see Chris Hallam for further info).

BBQ & Mixed Tournament – Date TBC

Christmas Party – Date TBC

Any further events will be publicised by email and posters in the clubhouse.

If any problems are encountered whilst at the club, please contact any of the listed Committee Members who will be very pleased to help you.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter, the Committee hope you have a very enjoyable 2020/2021 season.



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