

# **OAKS & DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB**

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**NEWSLETTER - TENNIS SEASON 2021/2022**

Dear Member,

Welcome to the 2021/2022 season at the Oaks and District Tennis Club.

This Newsletter follows on from the AGM which was scheduled as a "Remote" meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 due to the Covid 19 Pandemic lockdown restrictions currently in place.

**Clearly, the information provided in some sections of this newsletter is subject to change due to the ever-changing government restrictions with regard to fighting the spread of the Pandemic.**

## **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 as visitors for a fee of £5 each session for a maximum of six occasions.

## **SUMMER LEAGUE MATCH TENNIS**

Any ladies interested in playing in the Summer League should contact Liz Twitchell, 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 2021/2022 (Remaining the same as 2020/2021)**

Adult Members:	£160.00 (£145.00 if paid by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021)
Young Adult:	£95.00 (21 to 30 years old)
Intermediate Members:	£40.00 (13 to 17 years old and in 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 (£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.

**In view of the limited opportunity to play during the 20/21 season due to the Covid 19 pandemic restrictions, the committee have agreed to the following concessions for existing members for the 2021/22 season (to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021).**

- For all adult members who joined in the season 2020/21 there will be a concessionary fee of £80 for the year 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022.
- For all young adult members who joined in the season 2020/21 there will be a concessionary fee of £60 for the year 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022.
- For those intermediate members who joined in the season 2020/21 there will be a concessionary fee of £20 for the year 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022.
- For those junior members who joined in the season 2020/21 there will be a concessionary fee of £10 for the year 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022.
- For those family members who joined in the season 2020/21 there will be a concessionary fee of £170 for the year 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022.
- For those parent members who joined in the season 2020/21 there will be a concessionary fee of £5 for the year 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022.

**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.**

For new memberships throughout the year, fees reduce by one twelfth from 1<sup>st</sup> July until the end of March 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 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2020 TO QUALIFY FOR PROMPT PAYMENT & CONCESSIONARY RATES.**

**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.

**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 2021/2022

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## 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 2021**

SUMMER LEAGUE – 1 Ladies team

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](http://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 Christmas Day, Good Friday or Easter Sunday.**

## **WIMBLEDON TICKET DRAW**

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we have no definite confirmation of how this will proceed at the moment for this year. At present we understand it is likely that there will be fewer people allowed to go to Wimbledon itself and if so, this will impact on the Ballot and the number of tickets available to all clubs. We may be asked to organise the Ballot as usual or the LTA might organise it themselves with us providing them with names of members who are interested. Our Wimbledon Ballot organiser is Andy Twitchell and he will notify all members as soon as we are told exactly what is happening.

## **COACHING FOR JUNIORS AND ADULTS**

Please contact Connor Evans – [eyeontheballcoaching@gmail.com](mailto:eyeontheballcoaching@gmail.com) for coaching details 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](mailto:webmaster@OaksTennis.co.uk) or email to William-atkin@hotmail.co.uk.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

There is currently nothing scheduled but hopefully we can resume with our social events later in the year – to be advised.

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 2021/2022 season.

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