

# Poynton Tennis Club

## Newsletter

### Reopening after lockdown!

Firstly, we hope you're all well and that you've managed to keep yourself busy during lockdown! The courts have been open for several weeks now and we have made a few changes. We have only opened 4 of our courts to ensure everyone was a safe distance apart from others. We implemented a one way system for entering and exiting the courts. We provided hand sanitiser next to all gates. The main gates to the carpark were locked as we asked members to walk or cycle to the courts. We also asked members to book a court if they wished to play. All of these measures were in place to ensure we all had the safest experience possible. We are now in a position to make the following changes:

The one way system on entering and exiting the courts will not be enforced. We do however encourage members to use all three of the gates to the courts and select the most appropriate gate to use to ensure safe social distancing. From Saturday 4th July, we will be opening up an extra hard court (court 2) and an extra astro court (court 4). This will mean 6 of our 7 courts will now be open. We have made the decision to keep court 2 (astro) closed. This is so if any of our members wish to have a bit more space they can do and book court 1. Also, court 1 is where most of the current coaching sessions take place. Leaving court 2 closed will prevent any of the coaching balls interrupting anyone else's game. The court booking system will allow these courts to be booked automatically from 4th July.

As it stands, the main club have decided to keep the carpark closed. We ask all of our tennis members to continue walking or cycling to tennis. New bike stands have been installed around the carpark. If you need to drive to tennis then please find a sensible place to park on a side road close to the club.

We will still be providing antibacterial wipes and hand sanitiser next to all of the gates to the courts.

Court booking has been a huge success. It's great to see so many members playing socially, playing box league matches or coming down as a family. All members will need to continue to book courts. No play will be allowed without booking a court.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

All events postponed until further notice due to Covid-19

#### GATE CODE

We have recently changed to code for the gates to the courts to '6019'

#### LOTTERY

Congratulations to this months lottery winners!  
1st - Alp Baytan  
2nd - Suzanne Cantillon  
3rd - Yvonne Loynes. If you would like to enter the lottery then please contact Viv green [vivienne.green2@ntlworld.com](mailto:vivienne.green2@ntlworld.com)

#### CLUB CONTACTS

If you have any general tennis enquiries then please contact Mike Atherfold 07984 973887  
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#### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

FACEBOOK: Poynton Tennis Club

INSTAGRAM: poyntontennis

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## SOCIAL TENNIS SESSIONS

Due to the pandemic, social tennis sessions have been put on hold. We hope to be able to safely restart social sessions for adults over the next few weeks with a few changes. Members will have to book on to these sessions and there will be a cap on numbers to ensure we follow all of the social distancing rules.

## SINGLES BOX LEAGUES – ADULTS AND JUNIORS

We introduced box leagues for adults and juniors when we reopened the courts. These have proved to be really popular with over 50 members taking part. If you didn't take part in June and wish to enter in July then please contact Mike Atherfold by Monday 29th June at the very latest. Box league information can be found on the clubs website.

We have also started a doubles box league. The next run will start at the beginning of August.

## TEAM TENNIS

All of the leagues we are involved with have cancelled their competitions for this summer season. We're hopeful that it will be safe for the winter leagues to take place from September. More information to follow.

## COACHING

Currently, we're only able to offer private lessons on a 1 on 1 basis. If you're interested in booking a lesson the please contact Mike Atherfold. Moving forwards we hope to offer some sort of summer holiday camp for juniors and restart group coaching in September. More information to follow

## MEMBERSHIP – REFER A FRIEND!

As tennis is such a safe sport to play, why not tell a friend about our great club! Membership is reduced by 17% at the moment to account for the missed time we experienced at the start of the season.

## PARENT BLOCK GUEST

Due to the change in general tennis activity, the club have made the cost of a parent block guest fee free for this year. This allowed the parent of a mini or junior to come and play with their child. Please make sure you make the most of this and use the courts with your children!

## Club website and online court booking

Upon reopening the courts, the LTA advised members of tennis clubs must book a court using an online system. We chose cclubspark to do this job. As well as providing us with a great court booking system, we also created a new website! Our new address is [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/Poynton](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/Poynton)

Its full of useful information and we will be updating it further over the next few weeks. On the court booking page, all members are currently able to book 3 courts per week. Over the next few weeks we will be implementing a system where different membership categories will be able to book different amounts of courts and a t different times of the day per week. This is to allow members who pay the highest membership tariffs the opportunities to book more courts.

## CLUB CLOTHING

Available in a range of sizes. Contact Mike Atherfold



## BALLS

The LTA advise that where possible, all players should use their own marked balls. Mike Atherfold can provide you with with a full range of Head tennis balls from mini balls to regular ones. To arrange a delivery please contact Mike

