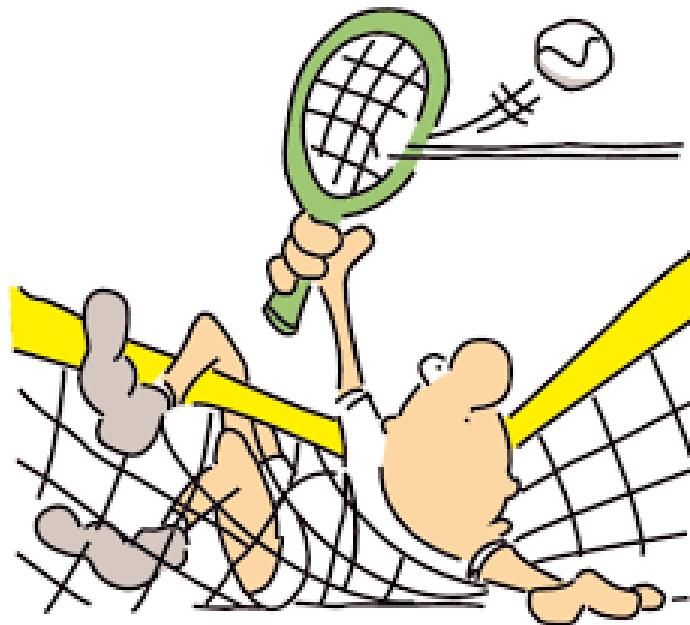




MEMBERS' HANDBOOK 2024



Thank you for deciding to re-join/join Stepps Tennis Club. Please take some time to read through this leaflet or browse our website.

Stepps Lawn Tennis Club is an active and friendly club which has been of the go since 1907. Our aim is to offer something for everyone and to welcome all those interested in tennis. We hope you will enjoy being part of our Club and playing tennis with us for many years to come. It's a great place to meet like-minded people, make friends and most of all, play tennis!

We have three floodlit all weather courts (new playing carpet laid 2023). The floodlights are free to use for all members.

We recognise that some people join to be primarily recreational or social players while others join with the aim of taking part in competition, within the club or local leagues. Interaction with others and making new friends is as important to us as the competitive side. The club's success depends on members coming down and taking part at all levels - social or match play, senior or junior. We hope you will enjoy using our courts and taking part in the a members play, club sessions, club championships or compemtitions over the 2024 season.

The club is affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), Tennis Scotland and Tennis West of Scotland.

Website



Our website is clubspark.lta.org.uk/SteppsLTC. Access to many parts is free but some parts require member login. The website is used for coaching bookings, membership payments, court bookings, and other elements. New members will be advised of the registration process once membership complete. Please visit the website to see the club information it provides.

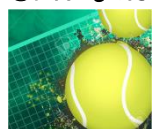
Club Committee

The club is managed by a committee of volunteers for the benefit and well-being of its members. The 2024 Committee is:

President	Bill Gardiner	presidentsteppstennis@gmail.com
Treasurer	Gavin Bell	treasurersteppstennis@gmail.com
Minute Secretary	Nadine Frediani	secretarysteppstennis@gmail.com
Welfare Officer	Dorothy Tracey	welfareofficersteppstennis@gmail.com
Club Coach	Karen Christie	kcsteppstennis@btinternet.com
Events Convenor	Kerry Towers	committee3steppstennis@gmail.com
Members	Maureen Frediani, John Scroggie, Daine Stewart	

The committee aims to keep members informed of all developments and events within the club through email, WhatsApp text and posting on the website. It also welcomes questions and suggestions from members to help make Stepps Lawn Tennis Club as welcoming, thriving and successful a club as possible. Please speak to or contact any Committee member if you need any club-related information or wish to raise anything with the Committee or wish to help in any way. Committee dates and minutes are provided on the website.

Club Facilities



The club is open for play from 9 am until 10 pm daily. Access to the courts is via the clubhouse (keypad) or the main court gates (padlock). Clubhouse and court gate access codes remain as last season and will be issued to new members on joining. The floodlight switches are located in the entrance lobby of the clubhouse. You do require, however, to provide your own playing equipment including balls.

Coaching



The club offers a comprehensive Coaching Programme throughout the year for both children and adults, in group and individual sessions, for all abilities. So there is something for everyone! These sessions are organised by our Club Coach, Karen Christie, and delivered by Karen and her qualified coaching team. For further information on all elements of coaching offered, visit the website or contact Karen directly (07759628077; kcsteppstennis@btinternet.com).

Club Sessions

Play is only possible through court booking. This is done through the Court booking system provided on the website for which member login is required. Booking is free of charge and can be done up to two weeks in advance.

Open Sessions: Monday to Saturday from 9 am to 7 pm and Sunday from 9 am to 2 pm. During these times, any member can book court time as all members (seniors, family, juniors, junior parents) have equal playing rights.

Adult Sessions: Monday to Saturday (excluding Wednesdays) 7 pm to 10 pm and Sunday 4 pm to 10 pm. During these times, adult members (seniors, family) have precedence on court booking.

Senior Social Sessions: Wednesday from 7 pm to 9 pm and Sunday from 2 pm to 4 pm. These sessions provide an opportunity for adult members to come together to enjoy some fun social tennis. No booking required. Just turn up ready to play. Social tennis playing guidelines are provided on the website.

Adult Coffee Morning Session: Tuesday from 10 am to 11.30 am. During this time, why not come along to meet other members, play some tennis, receive some coaching advice and have a natter. A small charge is made for this session.

For further information on club session times, please refer to the website.

Team Tennis

The club fields teams in the local West of Scotland competitions. For 2024, this will comprise:

Summer	Seniors	Leagues: 2 Ladies doubles, 3 Gents doubles, 1 Gents singles. Cups: Gents Junior Calcutta (3S, 2D), Clydesdale (3@MxD).
	Juniors	Leagues: Boys 12U, Boys 16U.
Autumn	Seniors (40+)	Leagues: 2 Ladies doubles, 1 Gents doubles.
	Juniors	Leagues: TBC.
Winter	Seniors	1 Sunday doubles (GD, LD, MxD), 1 Monday doubles (3@MxD).

The Senior team captains are always on the look out for new talent. So if you are interested in playing in our teams, please contact any team captain (information provided under the Teams tab on the website). Team match information is also provided on the website (Teams ► Match Info tab).

Club Championships



The club offers Senior and Mini/Junior Club Championships across many events over the summer culminating in specific Finals days (late August Seniors, mid-September Minis/Juniors). A call for Senior entries will be made in April/May with the matches starting shortly after while a call for Mini/Junior entries occurs later with these competitions starting in June/July. The Senior Championships organiser is Kerry Towers (07944515402; committee3steppstennis@gmail.com) while the Mini/Junior Championships organiser is John Scroggie (07803532690). Further information about the Club Championships can be found on the website.

Box Leagues



The club runs singles and doubles Box Leagues over the autumn/winter period. These competitions allow you to play different members of a similar standard with promotion and relegation included. A call will be made for entry to these fun competitions in September and January. A small charge is made for entry. For more information, refer to the website or contact our Events Convenor Kerry Towers (07944515402; committee3steppstennis@gmail.com).

Social Linkages



We have a specific Stepps Tennis WhatsApp group for adult members. We would encourage members whether old or new to join this group. If you are interested in joining this group, tell the Events Convenor Kerry Towers (07944515402; committee3steppstennis@gmail.com).

Social Events

Special social events for Senior members may be organised over the season and publicised accordingly via email, WhatsApp text and on the website.

Etiquette



Please respect all players when at the club. Do not walk into the courts area when a point is in play. Proper tennis wear and tennis shoes must be worn at all times. Jeans and football strips are not permitted on the courts. Only water bottles are permitted to be taken on the courts. Soft drinks and food of any description must not be taken on to the courts.

LTA Advantage Membership



We would like to encourage all members to sign up to the LTA Advantage membership scheme which also offers prize draws of tennis goodies. It's free and only takes a few minutes online to join. Refer to the LTA website, www.lta.org.uk, for more information about the benefits of joining and the joining process itself. The more members we have signed up also increases the numbers eligible to opt-in to the LTA-run Wimbledon tickets ballot and helps more members win purchasable tickets. Note also that any member wishing to participate in club teams must have an LTA Advantage Number.

Club Policies

Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility

The club is committed to prioritising the well-being and safety of all children and adults while playing at the club and promoting safeguarding at all times for all programmes and events the club run. The club's committee and our Welfare Officer Dorothy Tracey (07791057712; welfareofficer@steppstennis.com) are responsible for operation and monitoring of these policies and should be contacted with any concerns. For all related club policy documents, please refer to the website.

Visitors



Adult members are permitted to bring visitors to play at the club. Visitors must pay £5 per visit and sign the Visitors Book located in the lobby of the clubhouse. So please remember to pay! Only two visits are permitted in a season. For further information on the club's visitors policy, please refer to the website.

I hope that you will enjoy your membership of the Club and make the most of the tennis playing opportunities we provide.

Bill Gardiner
[President]

