



Storrington Tennis Club

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

A BIG WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS

We hope that you are enjoying your STC experience so far and are managing to navigate your way around the club and sessions on offer. There is lots going on, so keep an eye on the monthly newsletter where key events will be highlighted, plus occasional emails and the clubhouse noticeboard and website. All tennis sessions are on the noticeboard and website. If in any doubt as to which session to join please contact Kate, Nigel or Theresa who will be able to help you. All adult members are welcome to join Clubtime on Tuesday (5-7pm) and Thursday (5-8pm) evenings and Saturday afternoon – no need to book in the summer months - just turn up. Thursday (6-8pm) and Saturday (2-4pm) sessions are hosted, so a great place to start and a good opportunity to meet fellow members and to get to know the club.



Our Open Day will take place this Saturday 27th April from 9.30am – 4.30pm. It will be an action-packed day for both existing and potential new members to find out more about the club. There is a packed programme including Junior coaching, Adult Cardio Tennis, Touchtennis, Pickleball, a competition for the fastest serve, delicious lunch and refreshments. There is an adult tournament in the afternoon, plus the chance to purchase

some tennis equipment, branded club clothing, and meet and chat to Nigel, our head coach over lunch. To see the full programme including timings – please follow this link and don't forget to sign-up for the Cardio, tournament, and lunch.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/StorringtonTennisClub/Events/2024OPENDAY>

KEY FOBS

Please contact Kate if you wish to have a key fob for the clubhouse.

All contact email addresses are on the noticeboard in the clubhouse and at the bottom of this newsletter so if you have any questions, please contact the relevant person.

LAST CALL FOR CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

For existing members who have not yet paid their subscriptions, this is a reminder that these need to be paid no later than the 30th April. Why not make the most of our new direct debit opportunity? After this date, you will no longer be able to book or play on the courts, enter club competitions, or represent the club in team matches. It would be helpful if you let us know if you are not anticipating renewing your membership so that we don't have to waste time chasing you!

VISITOR FEES

A reminder that adult members may introduce visitors. Before a visitor plays, he/she must sign the visitor's book and the respective member shall pay the visitor's fee, as detailed on the website under Booking/Visitors Fees. A social member may play for the same fee as a visitor but neither a visitor nor a social member may play more than 3 times in any one year, except with the special permission of the committee.

CLUB FUNDRAISING



Additional funds make a huge difference to a club of our size, enabling us to make nice additions to the club. Last year we were able to buy some new court-side benches with the money raised from Easy Fundraising, but we would like to buy more – and every little bit helps! Please consider signing up to Easy Fundraising – it only takes a minute. If you have any questions or need help with signing up, please contact Kate.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/storrington-ltc/>

The 100 Club is a privately run lottery within the club with a monthly draw of two prizes, £50 & £25 and in December we draw three lucky numbers who win £200, £100 & £75. Each participant is allocated a number that is entered into the monthly draws. The 100 Club is available to all members, friends, and family over the age of 16. The more members we have the more valuable funds are raised for our wonderful tennis club. If you would like to take part, please click the link below



<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/StorringtonTennisClub/Adults/100Club>

CLUB ADMIN

Administrator

As previously mentioned, Kate is away from the beginning of July until mid-August. We will need some help with general admin such as answering enquiries from potential and new

members, responding to emails, and giving out key fobs while she is away. If anyone would be willing to volunteer a couple of hours a week to help keep on top of the administration, please get in touch with Kate.

Litter on the courts

Could we respectfully ask that you do not leave ANY rubbish on the courts – which also includes lids to new balls. The bins have been removed from courtside but there are plenty around the grounds and in the clubhouse. Last week, there were 3 black bananas left on court 5. These have stained the court and made a real mess. The club is run primarily by volunteers, and they should not be expected to clear up litter.

Lost Property

Once again, we have accumulated a mass of loss property. If this is not claimed by the Open Day, it will go to the Charity shop. If you have lost something and are unable to come down on Saturday, then please contact Lucy Neale direct.

Clubhouse Door

Please ensure that you do not force the door open. Use your fob by tapping the pad on the left-hand side of the door outside and wait – then pull the door open. When leaving the clubhouse there is button inside the left-hand side of the door – please push to exit. If you see visitors trying to push the door, please show them how the door works and if the door is locked and you do not have your fob, please ask a member to let you in.

Fridge/Freezer

A polite reminder to make sure you shut the fridge and freezer doors properly when storing food. Recently the freezer door was found open and some of the contents had to be disposed of.

All we need now is for the temperature to rise and the rain to stay away – and then we are all set for a great season.

With best wishes

Sarah and the team

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