

## Newsletter June/July 2020

### A few words from the President



Hi WoSP members

For me personally, this has been a long-awaited Club Newsletter and one your extremely hard-working committee should be very proud of. We are no longer talking about proposals, plans, funding, etc, but have now **DELIVERED!** You can read for yourself and view the photos to see the improvements. That is no substitute for seeing the club first hand and playing at our venue, but surely that day is drawing ever nearer. Be assured the committee used the lockdown time very efficiently and in addition to co-ordinating the various improvements at the club itself, they have been active in progressing the new website, some marketing, preparing coaching plans for kids, and as if that isn't enough, they have managed to deliver on a trial basis a reduced monthly membership. The objective being to attract circa 33% membership increase and if we can do so, there is a very good chance we can hold the membership levels as those trial rates.

On behalf of all our members I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the full committee for a truly outstanding job

David McCulloch

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Throughout the lockdown, we (the committee) have been trying to keep you all up to date with the exciting improvements going on behind the scenes and hopefully you've been able to catch some of our social media posts. At the heart of everything we do, we aim to give you the best WoSP padel experience ever!

## COVID update

We know you are itching to get back on those courts but with COVID still with us, we are [guided by the LTA](#) and the [current guidance](#) re indoor courts is that these remain closed at the moment.

### FACILITIES

- Outdoor courts only should be open, with indoor courts and bubble courts remaining closed

When we can re-open, we will ensure that your safety is priority in this regard. Hand sanitisers and wipes are available throughout the club and we will update the guidance and notify you of this prior to the club re-opening. Alex Bruce has kindly donated a stand alone hand sanitising unit to the Club – looks the biz....many thanks Alex!



We are looking at various options for a '**big bang re-opening**' when we're allowed to do so. We're thinking maybe a weekend BBQ and Open Day perhaps and would love to hear from you if you have any other ideas for us to bounce around.

## Club Improvements - definitely the WOW factor

Stu has been trying out his newfound techno skills and has put together a short snazzy video showing off the club and its new features. If you haven't had a chance to view it yet, you can find it on our [news](#) section in our [website](#)

We said in our last newsletter that we had been successful in securing some funding, well we have worked hard to get the best value for every penny and have spent very wisely to improve the club for you our members.

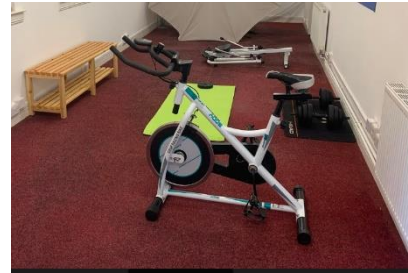
At the front door, you'll notice is our new **door entry system**. This system works with an individual fob that you as a member will receive shortly. Simply present your token to the reader and the door will automatically open sesame!. We've also installed a door bell to the right of the entry box





When leaving the club, we now have a **no-touch exit sensor**. Just pass your hand over the exit **green button** scanner and again.....open sesame!.

We've now made use of all your wonderful fitness equipment donations (many thanks again) and now, as you enter the club you will notice our **mini gym warm up area**. This is a lovely warm space to get moving before or between games.



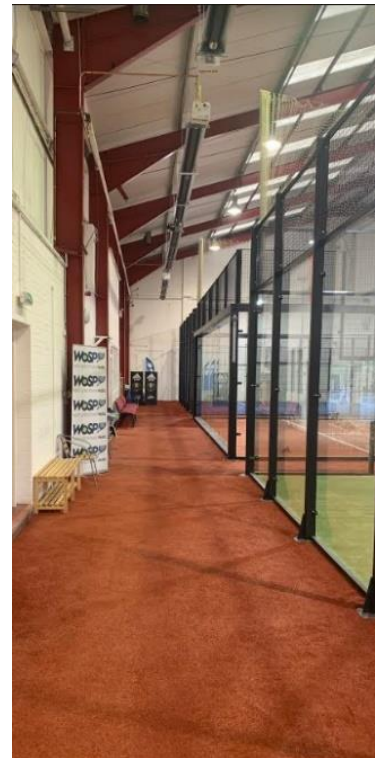
On entering the main building you'll notice loads of changes. The first big WOW is that the big overhead pipe is gone and you can freely hit those super high lobs you've been dying to try out!





You told us in our recent survey that you wanted **heaters**, well, we've listened to you and removed the unsightly old gas warm heaters and replaced them with new super-efficient gas radiant heaters. You can operate these yourself for that additional boost when you're spectating with a coffee or in between games. For that added snug, please help yourselves to the fleece blankets we've provided too.

You also mentioned **lighting** on the blue and green courts so, we've installed new TamLite low energy high performance LED floodlights. These make a huge difference to the overall spread of lighting on the courts. We're currently working on timer switches for the lighting to save energy and club funds.



For your convenience, we now have **WiFi** and we will post the passwords throughout the club. This will also be available to guest players and will definitely be a hit with the juniors.

The club lounge '**The Jolly Volley**' clubroom has been revamped and we now have built

a breakfast bar area to allow a more comfortable viewing of the court play.



The clubhouse offers a range of hot and cold drinks, snacks on a donation basis and we operate an honesty box so feel free to dig in and keep your energy levels

up. Irene is busy making her club famous tablet as we speak.



## Club membership rates – temporary reduction

We mentioned in our WhatsApp group recently that the committee had voted to reduce the current membership subscriptions by 20%. This has been agreed on a temporary basis until the next AGM later in the year and is aimed at attracting new members so please help us spread the word. The temporary rates will be:

Single monthly £50 to £40
Couples monthly £37.50 to £30 each
Family monthly £100 to £80
Annual £550 to £440

## Welcome to our new Coach Meghan



I'm sure you'll join us in offering a huge welcome to our new coach Meghan Montgomerie. Meghan is a Level 1 LTA coach and was the head coach at West Kilbride Tennis Club. She brings a huge range of experience and has all the necessary safeguarding clearance to allow her to work with children and protected adults. Having played in Division 1 at Northern Illinois University in America, Meghan is an accomplished tennis player and has been honing these skills whilst playing Padel.

John, Stephen and Mercedes are going through the PVG process at the moment and we're so lucky to have such a

great team helping us improve.



With the development of our **Junior Padelista programme**, Meghan would like to get the ball rolling and start junior coaching. When we get started, sessions will be offered every Saturday morning from 10 to 11 am and as an introductory offer, these sessions will only cost £2 per person. I'm sure we'll have some budding stars in there.

It would be great if we could all support this new venture by encouraging your friends and family to bring their children along and give it a go. We will supply racquets at no charge. Meghan is very much looking forward to meeting everyone when restrictions are relaxed, and we'll keep you posted when we can get this up and running!

## Grants awarded

We are delighted to let you know that we have been successful in securing funding from ALDI Scotland to support the development of our Junior programme and membership. We will put this money towards buying a ball feeder and we are sure you will all make great use of this new asset.



We mentioned in our last newsletter about Gift Aid on donations to the club. Thanks to those who sent in their Gift Aid forms. Blank Gift Aid forms are in the Jolly Volley. Simply complete them and pop them in the Membership Forms box. Many thanks.....every penny counts!

## TeamApp

Just a quick reminder for those who wish to still use TeamApp, that you need to sign up again to the app. So far we have 11 members signed up.

Booking and paying for courts (for non members) is now all done via our [website](#) but TeamApp is handy to see who has put their name forward for example for league games etc.



There's also the ClubSpark [Booker App](#) for when you're on the go

## Help Us Spread the Word

Please help us to spread the word by inviting your friends to like and follow our pages and please share our posts if you can.

We hope you've enjoyed this newsletter as we countdown to the end of this lockdown and we're sure you've all been keeping those padel skills sharp by following John's posts on our [Facebook pages](#) and [Instagram](#)



**Take care and #GoWoSP**