

Newsletter/Minutes May 2020

A few words from the President



A warm welcome to our very comprehensive May Newsletter, which we hope will outline the amount of work and effort your committee are continuing to deliver during these difficult times. I am still in Spain, and as lockdown here was a few weeks ahead of the UK, take comfort that at least our de-escalation phase started this week,

and so hopefully your lockdown extension in place could potentially be the last one with exit strategy that allows Padel to follow. To give you some hints at rules that 'may' apply on return to padel I'll summarise the conditions applied in Spain: Sanitizers on arrival (WoSP already have in situ), only singles for the first two weeks (not as enjoyable, but after 8 weeks of no play its an opportunity to ease your way back to play and regaining your touch and everything you learned from Fran) – wearing of a glove on the non-dominant hand, and of course social distancing.

My thanks as always go to our hard-working committee and trust you will enjoy the newsletter content and the impending improvements planned for the club – despite pandemic on our return I hope you are all as excited about the club progress as I am and all eager to get back on court.

Please stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you all at the club soon.
David McCulloch

The committee had another successful teleconference meeting on Monday the 4th May 2020. As we did last month, we thought we would combine this newsletter with some of the content from the minutes of that meeting. Although the Club is still closed due to Covid-19, we wanted to let you know that the committee is extremely

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busy behind the scenes, sourcing funding, making applications, securing the best quotes for works, all in preparation for the day that we can once again play our Padel!

Club Improvements

In the past month, Stu has been fantastic in preparing the Club and making improvements every week.

The first thing you will notice when you come in is that the Club frontage has had a wee freshen up with some painting outside.



You'll also instantly notice that the Club is generally brighter. This is because the nets that separate the courts have been cut and profiled to the shape of each court. This lets in more light and gives loads more space in the walkways.



All the red walkways have been freshly painted and instantly lifts the appearance of the Club

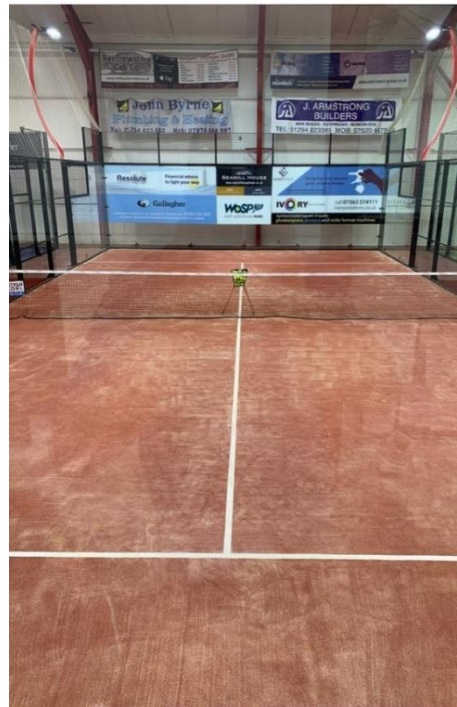


The courts have all been re-sanded and brushed with our newly purchased drag brush and are looking tip top!

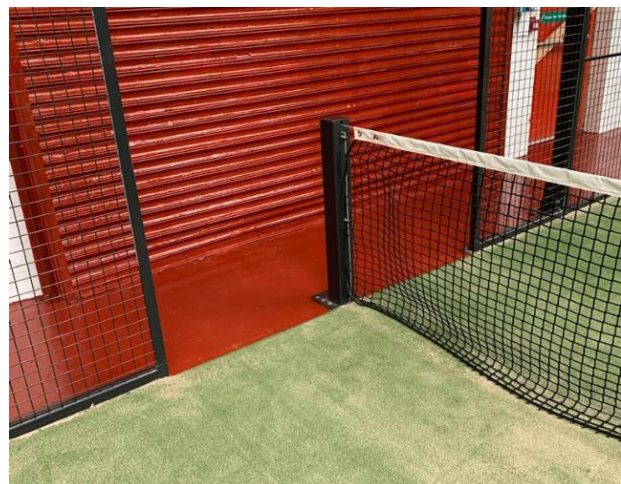


Can we ask that when we're back on those fabby courts, that you please hang the brush back up after use as this will keep the shape of the bristles in good condition.

We have had comments that the wind and leaves continually blow under the big red roller door so we have now sealed this up, and given it a paint. Hopefully it's not so draughty over there.



All the glass is sparkling clean and we have recently installed a rowing machine as we start to establish a 'warm up area'. We hope to add a static bike or cross trainer so if any of you have any 'keep fit' equipment languishing in your garage, we'll find a good home for it. Let Mo know if you do



Our wee lounge area is looking good too and we're sure a wee lockdown nibbler has been in the fridge pinching all Irene's tablet. You know who you are ... George 😊

Thanks Stu for all your dedication and hard work!

Grants awarded

The Club has recently been successful in receiving 2 funding awards. Discussions are ongoing with the committee on how best to prioritise this funding to ensure the sustainability of the Club during these

hard times but you can rest assured that all funding will be used prudently to benefit the Club and the members.

The logo for 'giftaid it' is written in a black, cursive, handwritten-style font. The word 'giftaid' is in lowercase and 'it' is also in lowercase. The letters are connected and have a fluid, personal feel.

One of the awards has the flexibility to allow us to continue to support the 50% reduction in monthly subscriptions for May and June. However, some of you expressed the wish to continue to pay the full amount and that is amazing. Where this is the case, the Club is now able to claim Gift Aid on donations for those continuing to pay the full monthly membership. Mo recently sent out a separate email to members who had not 'ticked' the Gift Aid box on signing up to their membership. If you would like to donate at some point and happy for us to claim Gift Aid, please send the completed form back to Mo at mbdrain@gmail.com. Scanned copies are perfect.

If on the other hand you find that due to current circumstances you are no longer able to meet the commitments, please contact Mo in confidence on 07800926768 or contact her at mbdrain@gmail.com

[Club Development Plan – Post-Covid19 – Growing the Membership](#)

The committee has spent a fair amount of time drafting a Club Development Plan for 'Growing the Membership'. Our main aim is to ensure the Club's survival and the plan sets out areas for improvements to the building itself and areas/services that will attract new members and enhance **your** playing experience. In developing this plan, we have taken on board what you have told us via our recent survey, what we already know from talking to you and we've been creative in our thinking. We'll tell you a bit more in the next newsletter when the plan is finalised, but this is some of our thinking so far:

- Potential new membership packages eg juniors, students
- Installing Wi-Fi, awaiting final quotes.
- New swipe card door entry system, all quotes are now in place and a contractor has been chosen.
- CCTV and building alarm upgrade - after door entry work.
- Heating - extending the lounge area outwards towards to the courts to provide a larger warm viewing area. Awaiting further building quotes.
- Advertising/Promotion/New signage - awaiting quotes after relaxation of lockdown.
- Ladies shower partitions screens - awaiting quotes.
- Improve lighting on the green and blue courts
- Vending machine



Club Lease

The Club is in the final stages of negotiations to secure a 10-year lease on the building and we are hopeful of favourable terms. Once this is agreed we can then proceed with some of the Club improvements that have been identified above

Casual Players

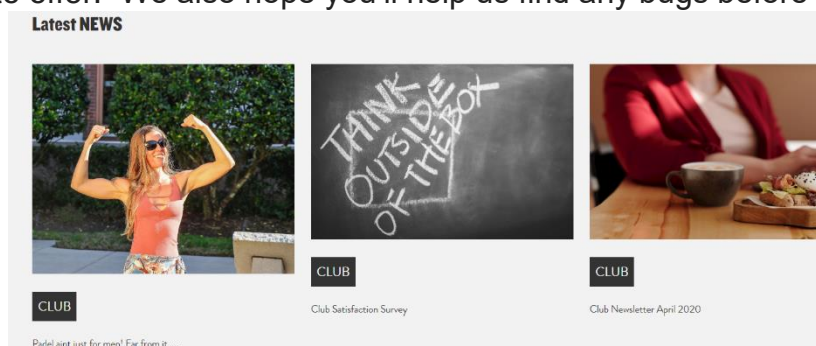
Casual players are always welcome at the Club and the new ClubSpark system will allow booking and payment at the same time. A separate method for casual players to gain entry to the Club building is being developed along with the new Door Entry swipe system for members previously mentioned. As has always been the case, casual players are welcome to join in at the appropriate levels of play for team nights, Bronze, Silver or Gold leagues. For more information visit our [website](#).

TeamApp

As you know we now operate our booking system via ClubSpark and have subsequently deleted TeamApp. Since then we have discovered that ClubSpark does not yet have the facility to show a list of names of players in events such as league play and many of us have found this very useful when arranging games. Could you please take a minute and sign up again to TeamApp so that we're ready to go when the doors open. Apologies for this folks!



If you haven't already done so, we'd really appreciate if you could nip into the new [website](#) to see what it has to offer. We also hope you'll help us find any bugs before we go 'live' when we re-open. We have been posting news snippets and other information there and the more 'clicks' we have, the easier the website will be to find for potential new members



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

Coaching and PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups)

Our coaches do a fabulous job and to make that even better, the Club is considering ways to have our coaches authorised and accredited to coach adults and juniors. With the potential development of a junior membership, this has become even more important. All coaches who interact with the under 18's must be vetted by the LTA. Background checks must be carried out to allow the coaches to obtain their PVG certification, previously known as Disclosure Scotland. Once this is completed, we will have all safeguarding in place to allow us to work with school groups and host various junior events, most likely at weekends.

Club Satisfaction Survey - Feedback



Many thanks for all your feedback for our recent survey! Your views will always help us to improve the Club and we have listened and built into our Club Development Plan what you have told us. If you have any ideas or thoughts, don't wait for our next survey, just drop us an [email](#)

Volunteers

The work that's been done during the lockdown has really refreshed the Club and we hope you agree it has the WOW factor. To keep up this standard, the Club is eager to have a pool of volunteers just to chip in now and again and help out. Many hands make light work so if you can spare an hour or so, please get in touch with any of the Committee members.



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](#).



Take care and #GoWoSP