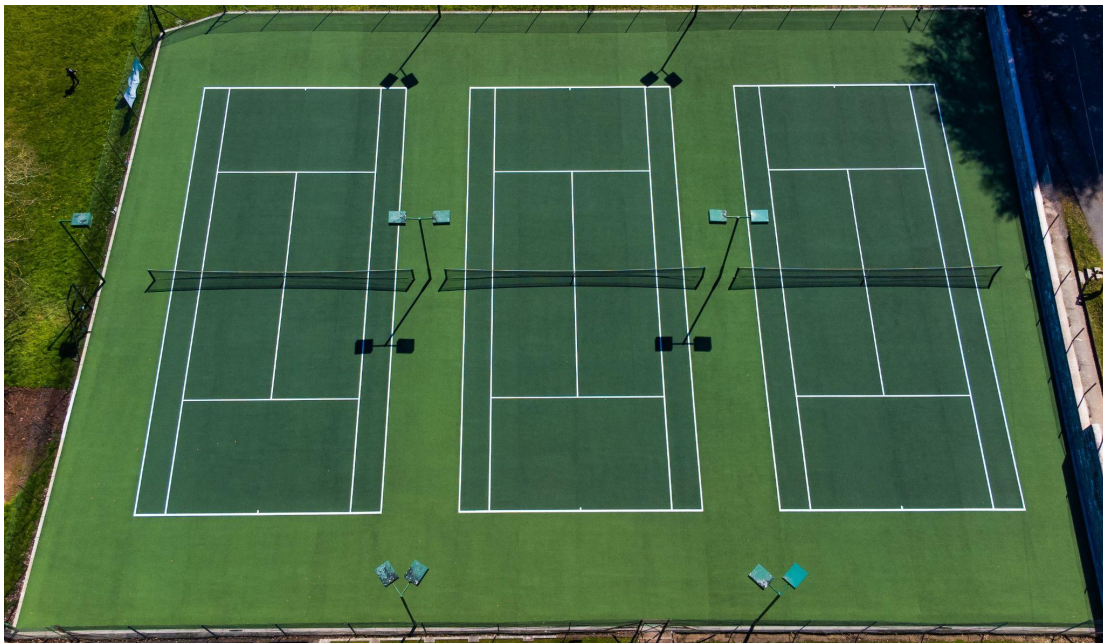


Newsletter

May 2023



New Courts, New Look

The new summer season opens with newly-renovated and repainted courts, backed by a made-over clubhouse and surrounding infrastructure. The £60,000-plus project, all paid out of Club funds, sets up the Club for years to come, and promises a bumper season ahead with lots of activities, old and new. In order to preserve the pristine court surface for as long as we can, we will be advising members on simple maintenance tips to follow.

Members' Afternoon and Open Day

We're starting the ball rolling with a **Members' Afternoon** on Saturday May 13, running from 3pm until the last person leaves. The idea is to give all members a chance to try out the new courts, and sample tea, coffee and cakes in the smart clubhouse. Even if you don't plan to play, please come along and join in the fun. Then on June 4, we'll have our traditional annual **Open Day**, when we'll invite prospective new players to try out what we have to offer – and to sample Head and Babolat racquets.

Before Open Day, we'll have a **Schools Open Day** for grades 3,4, and 5 on May 27, run by Andy Disney and Ivor Griffiths.


Andy is also tackling a 12-hour continuous **Tennis-a-Thon** in aid of Dementia UK from 9am to 9pm on July 23. He'll need members to help him keep playing throughout the day.

Club Sessions

Throughout the year we run twice-weekly **Club Sessions** for all members, no matter what level of skills. These sessions run on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm to 10pm, and Sunday mornings from 10am to 1pm. All members are encouraged and welcomed to all sessions. Turn up anytime and you will be included in the matches on court. It's a great opportunity to mix and play with other members and while not playing have a chat and coffee at the clubhouse.

Beginning on May 18, we'll be running a "**Third Thursday Thirsty Triples**" from 6.30pm – come along and play Triples, then enjoy nibbles and tipples (BYO drinks).

Juniors now have a session on a Saturday 11am-1pm for ages 11+.



Club Tournaments

This year, we're trying out holding **Club Tournaments** on Saturday afternoons instead of the traditional Sunday morning. The idea is to give players who may not want to play in tournaments a chance to still play on Sunday mornings, while making use of a normally under-used time of the week. The Saturday afternoon tournaments will start at 3pm, giving time for chat, snacks and drinks at the end of play.

The Tournaments planned so far this year are:

Mixed Doubles – Saturday June 17 at 3pm. Snacks provided, please bring your own drinks.

Ladies' Doubles – Saturday July 1 at 3pm.

Men's Doubles – Saturday July 15 at 3pm

No need to select a partner – we'll do that on the day.


We're also looking to revive **Men's and Ladies' Singles** competitions. More details to follow.

League Tennis

The Club will have three mixed teams playing in the West Somerset League this summer. The teams practice on a Sunday evening 18:00 - 22:00. Anyone who wishes to play is encouraged to turn up on a Sunday evening or contact one of the club captains. We also have a Veterans' team for over 60s which arranges matches and lunch with neighbouring clubs.

Coaching

Andrew Disney is our head coach, with Ivor Griffiths in support. Throughout the week there are various **group and private lessons** at the Club. On Tuesday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am there are the popular **Cardio Tennis** sessions. On Wednesdays there is **Adults' Improvers** coaching from 9.30am to 11am, then **Junior Coaching** sessions from 4pm to 6pm. The second



session of Junior Coaching is on Fridays from 4pm to 8pm. All information on these group sessions can be found on our website.

There is still plenty of time available during the week and weekends to book a private game on the courts, and for visitors, we offer a new **Pay&Play** option which costs just £6 a session. All bookings are done through the LTA Clubspark system, accessible from our website.

Club Committee

The Club Committee meets regularly throughout the year with the aim of maintaining and improving club facilities and ensuring the enjoyment of tennis for everyone.

The Committee members for 2023-24 are:

Chair – Maggie Andrews

Treasurer – Noel Binding

Secretary – Jeremy Toye

Members: Paul Calnon, Andy Disney, Barry Eaton, Teresa Eaton, Derek Greenway, Bev Norman, Rachael Sharland, Martin Keane.

Finally, and above all...

Wivey Tennis Club aims to be a friendly, informal place where having fun playing tennis is **the** priority. We're working on some social events for later in the year, with the aim of raising funds for the club or further improvements such as new lighting. But with new courts and smart surroundings, the opportunity to play tennis in the lovely setting of the Rec is key. Please do let us know any ideas you may have to ensure we continue to make that happen.



