



Woburn Sands Tennis Club
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Winter 2021

Newsletter and Membership Form

Happy New Year! Thanks to all of you who attended the Annual General Meeting and for your continued support of the club.

It was a disappointing year with periods where the club had to be closed and when only singles play was allowed. Things got a little bit normal once doubles play was allowed, but we were forced to close again just as we re-introduced social tennis sessions.

Currently it looks as if by the time the new season starts at the beginning of April, some of the restrictions will have been relaxed and that we can get back to playing singles and doubles, and that social sessions will restart. Check the website for updates.

Committee

Here is a list of the current committee members - feel free to raise any tennis club issues with any of them. We thank Jo Gunns for her service on the committee and welcome David Cowlard, who will also serve as match secretary.

Chairman	Martin Grantley-Smith	Old School Cottage 6 The Terrace Church Street	Aspley Guise	07790 507300	585102
Treasurer	David Milligan	10 Denison Court	Wavendon Gate	07986 862974	585404
Secretary	Wendy Prince	4 Hardwick Road	Woburn Sands	07881 836338	585369
	David Brearley	14 Weathercock Lane	Woburn Sands	07772 164261	583624
	David Cowlard	34 Drayhorse Crescent	Woburn Sands	07803 585635	
	Alex Binks	18 Rockspray Grove	Walnut Tree	07724 608938	

We are always looking for new committee members. If you would like to become more involved with the running of the club, please contact one of the existing committee members.

Subscriptions

At the AGM we agreed to hold subscription levels for the 2021/2022 season. The subscription rates are:

Full	£75.00	
Intermediate	£22.00	18 to 25 years old
Junior	£18.00	Under 18 years old

Membership is payable by internet banking (preferred – account name Woburn Sands Tennis Club, account number 40590048, sort code 23-05-80 and please use your name as the reference – **note that these details have changed since last year**), cheque (payable to Woburn Sands Tennis Club or WSTC) or cash.

Adult subscriptions are due from 1st April 2021, and junior subscriptions are due from 1st June 2021.

You can join and renew at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WoburnSands/Membership/Join>. You will need to be registered with ClubSpark (you can use your LTA membership to log in). As a result of the disruptions last season, all renewing members will be offered a discount. The discounted rates are £65, £19, and £15 for full, intermediate, and junior membership respectively. Please check the details in your ClubSpark profile and update as necessary.

If you are unable to use ClubSpark, complete the subscription form and e-mail it to wstc@woburnsandstennis.club.

Coaching

James Godber is our club coach. He runs junior coaching sessions on Monday evenings. For more information, see his TennisSkool flyers at the club.

James will run one on one coaching for any member. Contact James for more information at tenniskool@hotmail.co.uk.

Membership Cards

You will be issued with a membership card. Please be prepared to show it. Cards will be sent by e-mail.

Floodlights

If you wish to use the floodlights, you will need a key to the club house which is available for a £5 deposit from Wendy Prince. There is a charge of £2 an hour for their use.

Club Matches

The club enters teams in the Milton Keynes League and the Beds Leagues and has priority use of the courts for home matches. The fixture list is posted on the website (although some matches may be rearranged due to bad weather.)

We currently have a mixed team in the MK league and a mens team in the Beds league.

We are always looking for new team players so contact a committee member if you haven't played in our teams before and you are interested – you will be very welcome!

We plan on running training sessions for ladies and men team players. Cost is around £5 per player. If you wish to participate in these sessions, please send an e-mail to wstc@woburnsandstennis.club to be added to the distribution list. There will usually be one session per month.

Tournaments

We have not run any tournaments for a little while, but we would like to resurrect them. If you are interested in playing in a tournament, please let us know and indicate which events you want to participate in – ladies or mens (singles or doubles), and mixed. For the mixed tournament, we will create teams from the entrants – no need to find a partner.

Let us also know if you'd like to play in an American tournament (round robin doubles play) or if you're interested in a box league. We will need volunteers to run these.

Court Schedule (subject to Covid-19 restrictions)

The courts are available for member use at any time unless they are being used for a club function.

Day	Time	Function
Sunday	10:30 to 12:30	Club session
Sunday	13:00 to 16:30	Mens doubles matches †
Monday	16:00 to 19:00	Junior coaching
Wednesday	18:00 to 20:00	Club session
Wednesday	20:00 to 21:30	Team practice (monthly)
Saturday	14:00 to 17:30	Mixed doubles matches †

† Matches are not played every week and so most of the time the courts will be available at these times. The match schedule is available on the website. Both courts are in use for a match. If one of the matches finishes early, please do not disrupt the other match by playing on the free court.

Schedule of events

The dates of the AGM, and annual dinner have yet to be decided. Please check on the website for updates. An agenda for the AGM will be distributed at least 3 weeks prior to the meeting. Details of the annual dinner should be available at that time.

British Tennis Membership and Wimbledon Ticket Draw

Membership of British Tennis is free to members of LTA affiliated clubs. The number of signed up members affects the allocation of Wimbledon tickets to the club. Only members of British Tennis are eligible for the club draw for Wimbledon tickets. You can sign up at <https://www.lta.org.uk/Members/Join/>. Please ensure that you select Woburn Sands as one of your tennis venues.

The number of tickets we receive is based on the number of British Tennis members affiliated to the club who have opted in to the draw. Only British Tennis members who have paid their club subscription before June 1st are eligible to receive tickets.

Please remember that in accordance with both LTA and Woburn Sands Tennis Club rules the tickets are not transferable. If you are successful but do not wish to, or cannot go to the tournament then the tickets will be offered to the next qualifying club member.

E-mail Addresses

The preferred method of communication is by e-mail; this helps keep down our postage costs. Please let us know if your e-mail address changes, or if you think that messages are not being delivered. Include wstc@woburnsandstennis.club in your "white list" to prevent messages getting into your spam folder.

Website

The club maintains a website at <http://woburnsandstennis.btck.co.uk/>. Please refer to it for details of our safeguarding and welfare policies and our privacy notice. During 2021, the website will move to ClubSpark. You can find it at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WoburnSands>.

Social Media

The tennis club Facebook group is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2330524420556359/>. We also use a WhatsApp group to communicate about the Wednesday evening social session. Let us know if you wish to be added to the group.

WSTC MEMBERSHIP FORM 2021/22 SEASON

Name	Membership Type†	Amount	Date of Birth (if under 26)

Total

† Membership Types: Full £75 Intermediate (18-25) £22 Junior (to 17) £18

Address: 	Telephone Number(s):
	E-mail address:

Please indicate below if you wish to play in matches (mixed, mens or ladies).

Name	Mixed	Mens	Ladies

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Notice.

Members' details are collected for internal club purposes only such as distribution of newsletters and phone calls for teams, coaching etc. and are not disclosed to anyone outside the club without your permission. Please note you have the right to receive a copy of the information related to yourself should you require it. Please contact a member of the committee if you wish to exercise this right. For more information about how we use your details, please consult the website.

Please return completed form, with cheque payable to Woburn Sands Tennis Club (or preferably make a BACS transfer account name Woburn Sands Tennis Club, account number 40590048, sort code 23-05-80 and use your name for the reference), to: David Milligan, 10 Denison Court, Wavendon Gate, MILTON KEYNES MK7 7JF (or email to wstc@woburnsandstennis.club)