



# WOMBOURNE TENNIS CLUB

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Thank you for joining Wombourne Tennis Club. We hope that the following will tell you all that you need to know about what goes on at the club. We aim to have social and competitive tennis all year round and welcome all members to participate in social tennis and tournaments as well as having the facility to have coaching.

The section is organised by a Committee that is elected each year at our AGM which is held in November. All members are welcome to attend any of the Committee meetings which are generally held on the second Tuesday of a month in the main Club lounge.

Committee member details can be found on the section's website.

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the committee if you have any questions and we hope that you enjoy your tennis at Wombourne.

### **SOCIAL TENNIS**

During the summer season there are social evenings which are held on a Tuesday and Thursday night. These start from 6.30pm and members of all standards are welcome. You can join a WhatsApp group to determine whether other members will be playing, or you can turn up at the club and mix in with members who are already playing.

### **TOURNAMENTS**

During the year we hold the following tournaments.

**Club Championship** – over the summer months we hold the club championships which finish with the Finals weekend in September. We hold competitions in singles and doubles for Ladies and Men, as well as a Mixed doubles and Veterans event. Doubles pairs are randomly drawn prior to the main draw.

**Ladies and Men's Captains Cup** – these are held throughout the year, and are open to all members to enter. The overall winner is determined by averaging out total scores achieved during the year.

**Ken Roberts Cup** – this is a mixed tournament held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of July to coincide with the Wombourne Carnival.

**Pam Rogers Cup** – this is a Ladies only event held in July or August.

**Opening and End of Season Tournaments** – these are mixed tournaments held at the start and end of the season (typically April and September).

**Christmas Tournament** – this is a mixed tournament held in December where players are encouraged to dress up in their festive attire and enjoy a few games with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

All tournaments are advertised in the hut and we do ask that members sign up for these prior to the event.

## **WINTER ROTA**

During the winter, rotas are organised on a Wednesday evening for Ladies team members, and on a Tuesday and Thursday for all members. Details for signing up to these rotas are put in the hut. In addition a WhatsApp group exists for Men's social tennis on a Thursday evening or Sunday mornings for players to arrange amongst themselves.

## **TEAM TENNIS**

We have two teams for Ladies and Men that compete in the Staffordshire League. Matches are held from 1<sup>st</sup> April to the end of September. When matches are being played at home the teams require two courts and precedence is always given to the teams as we have to abide by the rules of the league. Dates and times of matches are displayed in the hut and on the calendar as well as the website.

We also enter a Ladies and two mixed teams in the Hereford and Worcester Winter league.

Anyone who is interested in playing team tennis should talk to a committee member for further details, or directly with the Men's or Ladies Captain.

## **JUNIORS**

We currently have several Junior Boys teams playing in the Wolverhampton league and these are co-ordinated by the club Coach.

There are various other Junior events and tournaments arranged throughout the summer months and further details can be obtained from the club Coach.

## **COACHING**

Dan Nicholson (Total Tennis) provides tennis coaching to both Juniors and Adults throughout the week. Group and 1 to 1 coaching sessions are available. Prior to any coaching players must become members of the Tennis Club. Further details can be obtained on the Coaching page.

## **RULES**

- Keys to the tennis club hut will be issued to, and are for the use of adult members only, or others approved by the Committee. These give you access to the ball cupboard and the

floodlight switches. Please ensure that the hut and toilet are locked if you are the last group to leave the area.

- All Juniors under the age of 12 must be supervised at all times for their safety and protection.
- No food or chewing gum is to be taken on court. Drinks can be taken on court but only in plastic containers.
- Any adult member may use the floodlights. At any time, once the lights have been switched off, they can not be switched on again for 15 minutes or the bulbs will be damaged. Please make sure that the lights are switched off by 10pm, and before all members have left the site.
- The two recently replaced courts are secured by a combination lock to ensure that access is only available to members. The combination code is made available to new members, and communicated out to all existing members at the beginning of each year when it is changed. Please ensure that the combination lock is secured if you are the last person to leave the courts.

#### **COURT ETIQUETTE**

- Appropriate clothing must be worn for playing tennis and proper tennis shoes must be worn which will not mark the court surface.
- Please do not play singles if there are people waiting for a court.
- In the event of people sitting waiting when you are playing doubles, please only play eight games and then include those people who are waiting.