



NEWSLETTER - March 2019

We hope members have been able to carry on playing during the winter & are looking forward to the new season

Winter Vets teams and matches

The weather has been a bit mixed - a typical Lancaster winter - but most Vets matches have gone ahead as planned.

Thanks a lot to captains Derek Metcalfe (Knights) and Andre Coltman (Squires) and all the team members for their good play, sometimes in the wind and/or rain. Both teams are well up their leagues and may even land up being champions at the end of the season

Organised Winter Doubles

Thank you to Steve Garland for setting up the organized winter doubles on Thursday evenings. The sessions have been well attended and everyone has enjoyed the tennis. The last session this winter will be on March 28th. These sessions will re-start in autumn 2019.

Working Party - March 17th

All Club members are asked to come to help at our next Working Party - starting after the social tennis sessions from **1pm on Sunday March 17th**. The grounds around the court will need tidying and the courts will need clearing and sweeping.

And the clubhouse will need a 'spring clean' too. So something for everyone to get their teeth into. Drinks and biscuits provided! **DO COME ALONG** and help the Club PLEASE!

Singles ladder

Don't forget that we have an adult singles ladder - located between the two changing rooms in our tennis clubhouse. Please do use this, and if you are not already on it, do add you name & tel no

Good Friday Round Robin Tournament

There is a friendly and fun round robin adult tournament (aged 15 and above only) on **Friday April 19th from 10am**. This kick starts our main summer playing season in a really enjoyable way..

It will be the usual format - so a chance to play lots of different players in a fun environment. We hope lots of members will come along to play. £5 entry charge to pay for new balls, prizes and first BBQ item. *No need to register in advance - just turn up.*

New membership year - 2019/20

The Club's new membership year starts on 1st April and we are asking members to sort out their fees by the end of the month please. See here for all the details including the 2019 membership form which needs to be completed - www.lancastertennis.co.uk/membership.html

Continuing members- £120

2nd Club members - £40

Student members - £40

Parent/grandparent members - £40

(And the fee rate for new adult members is again £65).

When you renew your membership you will receive a membership tag from Membership Secretary Sandra to tie on your tennis shoes.

Adult coaching

Good news - Club coach Eden Parkinson will be re-starting adult coaching on **Wednesday April 24th, from 7pm to 8pm each week**. The charge will be £5 per session plus £2 for non-members.

People often stay on after the coaching for social tennis. Queries to Eden on tel: 07894 549204 or email: edentennis@hotmail.com

Social tennis sessions

Thank you very much to Mary Rosenberg and Rose Parker for keeping the weekday social tennis sessions running smoothly during the winter - weather permitting. There are sessions every Monday and Wednesday (10am to 12 noon) - DO TURN up and play. Any queries to Mary on marvinr@berkeley.edu or tel: 01524 845286

And don't forget also the usual Sunday 10am and Friday 7pm social tennis sessions.

If you plan individual games please use the on-line calendar to book sessions to avoid clashes.

Open Day - April 27th

The Club's next free Open Day is on Saturday April 27th from 2pm to 4pm. We hope that lots of local juniors and adults will come along to try out our courts and meet our members.

Members are asked to come along to help on the day and chat to potential new members please. Queries to Susan on tel: 07771 734920..

CCTV

The Club has been awarded Skipton Building Society and Aviva funding to install CCTV, The Club's next project is to raise funds to upgrade our old floodlights.

Booking the function room

Don't forget that our bar has a function room, free of charge, which is a really great venue for parties, with catering. And if you use you'll be supporting our Club too! See www.lancastercricketandsportsclub.org/functionroom.aspx

Court booking calendar

Some schools are using our courts during the day, so PLEASE DO USE the court booking system to avoid any clashes etc. It can be accessed on-line through the home page of www.lancastertennis.co.uk

LTA Safeguarding Audit

The LTA are visiting our Club on Wednesday March 13th to conduct a Safeguarding Audit. They have asked to meet the Club's Welfare Officer (Annabel Orr) and coach Eden Parkinson. Thank you to any members who completed the on-line LTA safeguarding survey.

Summer match season 2019

There will again be 6 summer adult teams - *Fylde League* - Men's (captain Martin Kearns) *Lancaster League* - Mixed A (captain Derek Metcalfe) & Mixed B (captain Julie Walker) *Kendal League* - Men's 1 (captain Ant Forrest), Men's 2 (captain Steve Garland) and Ladies (captain Elena Cartledge).

There will be team selection sessions at 7pm on Tuesdays April 9th and April 16th. If you would like to be considered for a team please come along. Matches will start in the week beginning Monday April 22nd. The full match schedule will be available on our website by the end of March. Queries to Susan on 07771 734920

June events

In June the Club will be hosting 2 special groups and members' support will be much appreciated. On the afternoon of Monday June 10th there will be an important charity event organised by *Bright Ideas for Tennis*.

On Monday June 17th (2pm) there will be a special coaching session (with Peter Nickson) for children from Chernobyl in Lancaster .

U3A

An agreement has been signed with the Lancaster & Morecambe District U3A to offer social tennis on Monday mornings and thanks a lot to Rose Parker for co-ordinating this.

Junior tennis

Full information on junior coaching, team training sessions, tournaments and teams is available from Junior Organiser Pat Clelland - patriciaclelland@gmail.com or tel: 01524 311737

Junior coaching has continued throughout the winter with *Edentennis*, including on Saturday mornings in the hall at the Royal Lancaster Boys Grammar School (for the first time).

Facebook

Thanks to the 133 members & friends who have signed up to the Club's FB page. DO please use it www.facebook.com/groups/274719436004534/