



NEWSLETTER - June 2020

Welcome to all our new members and also those renewing their membership.

This is very different newsletter with lots of cancelled activities but thank goodness we can play again.

Congratulations

Congratulations to member Rory Curran and Emily on the birth of their baby son, Harris, on Sunday June 7th.

Condolences

The Club sends its condolences to two members who have recently lost their fathers through long-term illnesses - Susan Lucas on March 30th and Eden Parkinson on May 21st,

Winter Vets League

Thanks a lot to captains Derek Metcalfe (Knights) and Andre Coltman (Squires) and all team members for their great play, sometimes in the wind and/or rain. And it's brilliant news that the Knights won Division 1 and the Squires were in 4th position, in the first season they played in this Division. **WELL DONE**

Winter organized doubles

Thank you to Steve Garland for making such a good job of organising the winter doubles on Thursday and Friday evenings. The sessions were very well attended and everyone enjoyed the games, which came to an end as the lockdown started.

Re-start of play

The LTA allowed Clubs to re-start play on May 12th - at that time singles only plus doubles for members of the same family. From June 8th, this was extended to doubles provided that social distancing and hand cleanliness continued to be implemented.

The Club requirements additional include marking balls, using only courts 1 and 3 and limiting access to the clubhouse to one person at a time. And THANK YOU TO members for observing all these new rules.

Court booking calendar

Since a large number of members are interested in playing singles and now also doubles PLEASE CARRY ON using the court booking system to avoid any clashes etc. It can be accessed on-line through the home page of www.lancastertennis.co.uk

If you have any problems accessing the calendar, please contact Steve Garland on 07722 541688 or steve@stevegarland.co.uk

Singles Ladder

Member Mark Braithwaite kindly offered to organize an adult challenge Singles ladder, with 2 pools - those wanting to play 1 set and those preferring to play best of 3 sets. Full details of the rules have been circulated to all members, but anyone with queries or wanting to sign up should contact Mark direct - markandlucyb@btinternet.com or tel: 07851 963577.

Eden Parkinson coach

There is really good news for the Club that popular coach Eden Parkinson has agreed to stay as Club coach for a further year. The juniors are very pleased that they will be able to carry on benefitting from the great sessions that he runs.

Junior coaching

Now that the LTA allows groups of 6 to socialize together - maintaining a distance - junior coaching can now re-start with a maximum of five players. Any queries to Eden Parkinson of *Edentennis* on tel: 07894 549204 or email: edentennis@hotmail.com.

Thank you

Thank you very much to Dave Clark and Malcolm Dow for all their hard work in cutting the grass around the courts. It looks great - thanks

New membership year – 2020/21

Thank you to all the members who have already renewed their membership or set up standing orders, especially since the start of play was delayed until May 12th. Any queries about membership fees and payments to Sandra Eccles on tel: 07752 619241 or Sandra.eccles10@gmail.com

A reminder that adult members (full, 2nd Club and new) are entitled to reduced prices at the bar in the main pavilion.

Cancelled events and activities

Amongst the events cancelled because of the Coronavirus are – the booked stall in Market Square (April 4th); pre-season team selection sessions; Good Friday round robin tournament; the April 25th Club Open Day; all the Fylde, Kendal, Lancashire and Lancaster adult and junior league matches; the May LTA approved Grade 5 Junior Tournament and the June 30th visit of the Chernobyl group.

All junior coaching has also been cancelled since mid-March as has all the regular adult social tennis including the Monday U3A session.

Adult round robin event

As soon as the LTA confirms that Clubs can play doubles without the need to socially distance, we plan to organize one of our popular adult round robin tournaments on a Sunday.

At the same time all the normal social sessions will re-start (Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays at 10am and Fridays at 7pm). The main contact for social tennis sessions is Mary Rosenberg on marvinr@berkeley.edu or tel: 01524 845286

Bequest

Thank you very much to Ray Parkinson, father of our Club coach Eden Parkinson, who has left a bequest of £500 to the Club in his will. This is very much appreciated. There now needs to be a discussion about what project should be supported with this donation.

Club polo shirt and hoody

There is a new local supplier (Imageon Ltd) for our Club hoody and polo shirt and they can take orders of any size. The order form can be accessed from

<http://www.lancastertennis.co.uk/downloads/5804%5E>

There is also a batch of paper order forms in the clubhouse.

Fund raising

The LTA junior tournament has been postponed to May 2021, with the sponsors Lancaster Community Fund and entrepreneur Neil Hutchinson agreeing to hold over their grants.

£125 has also been awarded by the Lancashire Junior Development Trust to fund the purchase of balls for junior coaching.

Booking the function room

Don't forget that – once it is open again – the bar in the main pavilion has a function room, *free of charge*, which is a really great venue for parties and events, with catering. And if you use you'll be supporting our Tennis Club too!

See

www.lancastercricketandsportsclub.org/functionroom.aspx

What's App group

Steve Garland has set up a What's App group to manage the winter doubles matches, but it also used to send more general messages to adult members. IF you are not already in the Group and want to join, please send your details to Steve on steve@stevegarland.co.uk

Working Party

There won't be an organized working party this summer, but Steve Garland will ask members to help with specific projects – spreading sand on the courts, installing banners and new nets etc. If you are willing to help, please contact Steve on tel: 07722 541688

or steve@stevegarland.co.uk or via What'sApp

Facebook

Thanks to the 140 members & friends who have signed up to the Lancaster Tennis Club Members FB page. DO please use it www.facebook.com/groups/274719436004534/

There is now a separate FB page for non-members which was set up by Matt Parker – many thanks to him – which is linked to the home page of our website www.lancastertennis.co.uk.