



Newsletter, April 2023

Welcome to the latest edition of the club newsletter. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the club committee via email:

contactus@cuddingtontennis.org.uk

Membership

Current members have received an email-invitation to re-join for April 2023 - 31st March 2024.

Prices are as follows: Adult £145, Family £277, Junior £41, Junior Mini £26, Student £59.

If there are any questions regarding membership, please email Sarah Fryer on robfrayer@sky.com

Committee changes

Thank you to outgoing Committee member, Lindsey and welcome to Andrew Hilton.

Club Tournament

Entry forms have now been emailed out. All members are invited to participate in this friendly though competitive annual event.

Please ensure that you are available on Finals Day on the afternoon of Sunday 17th September 2023 before entering the competition.

Social events

Nick Lyon & Ian Miller are our Social Secretaries. If anybody has ideas for social events please contact them directly: Nick@duckhams.co.uk / miller409@gmail.com

The club will be hosting an **American Tournament** on Sunday 16th April, starting at 2pm. American Tournaments are social doubles tennis tournaments that suit players of all standards. There is a simple scoring system designed to handicap stronger players/pairings. Nobody knows why they are called American Tournaments but they are fun and conclude with refreshments and prizes. Entry is limited to 24 players, so please sign up early on Clubspark to avoid disappointment. (See email).

Nick & Ian are also in the process of contacting local clubs to gauge interest in joining in **organised social matches**, to be held Saturday afternoons during the summer, hopefully to commence in May if there is sufficient support. Players of all standards will be welcomed to take part, with use of the American Tournament format. Please look out for more details, to be circulated.

Coaching update

Jamie has been keeping busy, running a children's tennis camp 3-6th April & is liaising with local schools. Cardio tennis is due to resume in early May.

Saturday Juniors have braved the weather & played through the winter months, when possible, though are now looking forward to something a bit more favourable, resuming 22nd April after a break.

Jamie continues to offer group and individual coaching opportunities for members & can be contacted on Tel 07737 925420 / email jamieoakes154@gmail.com

Clubhouse refreshments



You are welcome to use clubhouse facilities to make drinks, however please ensure you bring your own supplies. Please respect that the stock which is labelled & stored by organised groups is for their sole use.

Club Nights for adults continue on Mondays and Thursdays. Just come along to join in doubles play, from 6:30pm. Please be aware of the time of court availability for bookings on these evenings & note that Club Night play takes precedence and also supersedes court bookings.

Club maintenance and development

- **Spring tidy**

Can you spare an hour or few to spruce up the club? You are invited to volunteer for the following jobs in & around the club:

- Decorate the main clubhouse room,
- Paint the storeroom & the main doors,
- Repair & paint the fascia & soffit by court 4,
- Wash &/or paint white boarded under hang to the front entrance,
- Jetwash & re-paint if necessary front elevation,
- Repair or replace hinge to electricity cupboard,
- Stain benches by the clubhouse.



Please contact Bob Floyd or Andrew Hilton who will be co-ordinating the work & sorting out materials. Email Bobfloyd100@gmail.com / andrewhilton21@gmail.com

In addition,

- A scheduled major clean of courts 1 & 2 is being planned. Members will be kept informed of any necessary court closures.
- The committee is aware of the light issue on court 5. This will be addressed in late summer, when other lights are also likely to require attention in order to make best use of the hiring of machinery.
- Gazebo project: we have a working group & they will consult with members as plans develop.
- Club cleaning – Glen is employed by the club and works approximately 2 hours per week. Whilst he does undertake some cleaning indoors, please do ensure that you clean up after yourselves and leave the clubhouse as you would wish to find it, including wiping down surfaces and emptying bins if they are full.

Light use. Please make an extra effort to turn only the essential lights on for play. Courts 1 & 2 have energy efficient LED bulbs and can be switched on individually, so please use these in preference when possible. Similarly, consider when clubhouse indoor & outdoor lights can be switched off when the clubhouse is not in use.

Remember that court lights must be switched off by 9:30pm with no exceptions and are not to be used at all on Sundays.

Emergency access to the club

In the event of emergency vehicles requiring access to the clubhouse or courts, they need directing through the wooden gate to the side of the Scout Hut at the far end of the Village Hall carpark, over the playing fields round the back of the village hall. The code for the wooden gate padlock is indicated on the Emergency Access sign on the top left of the main noticeboard in the clubhouse.

Also, at the top left of the same notice board in the clubhouse, there is a labelled key on a hook to open the padlock on the gate of court 5 adjacent to the playing field if required.

Next time you are in the clubhouse, please do familiarise yourself with this procedure & locate the sign, code and key.

A 1st Aid kit is in the clubhouse & if needed, please do complete the accident book. The nearest AED (Defibrillator) is located outside the main door of the Village Hall. You will need to get a code to open the box by dialling 999, so take a phone with you.



Box League

Thanks to all who participated in this winter's Box League which has now concluded & will resume again in the Autumn.

Adult Team Play – League Tennis

Four teams from Cuddington & Sandiway Tennis Club have played in the Sunday morning Winter & Spring South & Mid-Cheshire leagues.

Five Ladies teams and six Men's teams are entered into the Summer League, to play home and away matches on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, due to commence on 18th April.

Despite matches being played, there will be some court availability at these times & this can be checked through the usual booking system on Clubspark.

Safeguarding



All club users are encouraging to help create a safe, accessible, enjoyable and welcoming environment for everyone.

If you have any questions regarding Safeguarding within the Club please contact our Welfare Officer, Yvonne Williams, email welfare@cuddingtontennis.org.uk

Dates for your diary

- **American Tournament**, Sunday 16th April
- **Saturday morning club**, 09:00 to 10:00 for 5-8-year-olds and 10:00 to 11:00 for 9-year-olds and above. Resuming 22nd April after the Spring break.
- **Village Gala Day**, Saturday 10th June 2023. The Tennis Club will be open for non-members to enjoy a taster session

Club Website <https://www.cuddingtontennis.org.uk/>

The website includes details of ongoing and upcoming events within the Club Calendar section.