



Newsletter, December 2022

Welcome to the 3rd edition of the re-instated club newsletter. If you have any comments or suggestions please do email the club committee via email:

contactus@cuddingtontennis.org.uk

Coaching Update

Welcome to Club Coach, Jamie Oakes who joined us in October. Jamie is offering group and individual coaching opportunities & can be contacted on;

Tel. 07737 925420 and email jamieoakes154@gmail.com

All coaching groups can be viewed & booked via this link, which is also listed in the coaching section of the club website. Groups include Adult & Junior classes & also Cardio Tennis which has been re-introduced to the club:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/JamieOakesCoaching/Coaching/Junior>

Committee changes

We welcome Roger Bentley, who is taking on the role of Treasurer & Jamie Oakes, Club Coach & Club Captain.

Also, welcome to Nick Lyon & Ian Miller who will be sharing the role of Social Secretary. Thank you to outgoing Committee members, including Les Hawthornthwaite from earlier in the year & more recently to Simon Nuttall, Heather McBride & Ann Haskins for all their endeavours for the club.

Membership

Membership packages are currently half price & run up until the year-end (April 2023). Please do encourage anybody you know who is interested in joining the club to sign up.

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

- A big thank you to Heather McBride who has now hung up her work-gloves in favour of a tennis racquet, having worked for the club for a number of years. We welcome Glen Petch who has now taken over the maintenance role from November.
- Courts 3 & 4 have now had a deep clean & been re-sanded.
- The shed roof has been re-felted, thanks to Roy Edmonds.
- Thank you to Andrew Hilton for installing an outside water tap.
- Work to replace parts of the fence and install new gates between courts 3/4 and 5/6, also to relocate the gate through to courts 3/4 will take place later this month, involving a 2-day closure of courts 3&4.

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.

Club Tournament Presentation Evening. Thanks to those who made it to an enjoyable evening, held 19th November at The Oaklands. Congratulations to the 2022 winners.

Adult Team Play – Winter league Tennis

We have 4 teams entered, continuing to play on Sunday mornings.

Tennis Ball Recycling



The club is paid £37.50 for every 250 balls that we recycle. Money received helps fund junior club activities. Please do continue to recycle your old tennis balls using the labelled black bin, situated by the door inside the clubhouse.

Safeguarding focus

As the governing body of tennis in Britain, it is the Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) duty to promote the safety of all those who play, volunteer and support tennis in this country to help support venues in creating a safe, accessible, enjoyable and welcoming environment for everyone.



In 2022 there is now a requirement for anyone holding coaching awards (Level 2 & above) at LTA Registered venues to be LTA Accredited. Registration has the following benefits:

- Knowledge that our club is playing its part in making our sport a safe, secure, accessible and welcoming environment for all.
- Confidence that we're meeting duty of care obligations for those playing, socialising, working or volunteering at our venue.
- Exclusive benefits – including access to the LTA Wimbledon Ballot; ClubSpark; Public Liability Insurance; and LTA funding support, programmes and initiatives.

Venues must meet 5 standards. These Safeguarding Standards include;

- Having a set of clear safeguarding policies that have been implemented within the venue,
- Ensuring that there is strong awareness within the venue of safeguarding, the requisite policies and how to report a concern,
- Having a Welfare Officer who has undergone the necessary training, is engaged in their role and collaborating with others in the venue to embed a positive safeguarding culture.
- Ensuring that relevant roles within the venue have completed a satisfactory criminal records check and that any coaches qualified to Level 2 or above are LTA Accredited or Accredited+
- Ensuring that safeguarding is embedded into the venue's operations and safeguarding risks are considered when running activities and events.

Work is ongoing in readiness for our own club re-registration with the LTA. It is likely that C&STC will receive a further safeguarding support visit in 2023 in order to support us in ensuring the safeguarding standards are being maintained.

If you have any questions regarding Safeguarding within the Club please contact our Welfare Officer, Yvonne Williams. Tel 07957 934 850.

Dates for your diary

- Ongoing (extended to run during winter months) **Junior Saturday morning club**, 9am to 10am for 5 to 8 year olds and 10am to 11am for 9 years old and above. No need to book. The last session will be 17th December 2022, then resuming 14th January 2023.



FREE Christmas Junior parties, 9am & 10am Saturday 10th December, open to all.

Please do sign up for the parties via the website coaching page or this link:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/JamieOakesCoaching/Coaching/Session/ceca833c-1bac-49ab-9020-a998925b76e5>

- **Christmas-themed (adult) Club Night** – Thursday 15th December from 6:30pm, with festive refreshments from 8pm
- **Christmas-themed** Friday tennis, 16th December from 9:30am
- **Spring Social Mixed Tournament**, afternoon of Sunday 16th April 2023

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

The website includes details of ongoing and upcoming events for 2023 within the Club Calendar section.