



Newsletter, December 2023

Welcome to the latest edition of the club newsletter – with bells on!
If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the club committee via email:
contactus@cuddingtontennis.org.uk

Membership

The Club has approximately 255 members.

Membership packages are currently half price & run up until the year-end (April 2024).
Please do encourage anybody you know who is interested in joining the club to sign up.

Current prices are as follows: Adult £72.50, Family £138.50, Junior £20.50, Junior Mini £13,
Student £29.50

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

Committee changes

Thank you to outgoing Committee Chairperson, Kemper Booher and Social Secretaries Ian Miller and Nick Lyon. Although Nick will no longer be on the committee, he has kindly offered to continue to manage the fobs.

Andrew Hilton has now stepped into the role of Chair and the committee have welcomed Linda Smith, Club Secretary and Mike Bee (formerly Cocker), Deputy Welfare Officer.

If anybody is willing to take on Social Events Co-ordinator (or assist with organisation of future social events, please do get in touch.)



Club maintenance and development

1. Improving our Facilities; project update

Further to the club's successful application and the generous £20, 000 donation from the assets of the former Beach Tennis Club, together with our own match-funding, progress is as follows:

- A quote has now been accepted for the supply and construction of a 6m x 4m oak frame gazebo with a pitched, tiled roof and an Indian stone base. Planning permission is required & this is now moving forward. Please continue to be patient as this may take a few months!
- Energy-efficient LED lights will be fitted to replace the existing lighting on courts 3 & 4 and this order has now been placed.
- The shed will be replaced with a larger version, which will provide increased necessary storage for maintenance equipment.

2. New benches.

Club member, Heather McBride has generously made 2 benches, the materials for which have been sponsored by two committee members. Ideally two more benches would mean all court-benches are in good order. If any member would like to sponsor one, the cost is £60. Please contact Bob Floyd on 07969 185 839 if you are interested.

3. Court Maintenance.

Our courts suffer being so close to trees as leaves, twigs, acorns etc. clog up the carpet. A deep clean is being arranged for courts 1 & 2.

An improved court-cleaning schedule is now in place and alongside this, members are asked to please play their part:

Each pair of courts will soon have a drag-mat, bin, brush and shovel. Please use the drag-mats to clear any debris before play and use the brush and shovel to remove the waste collected.

The drag-mats also agitate the carpet, which in turn helps prevent moss and algae forming. Even when free of debris, use of the drag-mat each day will be beneficial.

Regular groups playing each weekday morning and junior coaching on Saturdays are now asked to please establish a new routine of dragging the courts and surrounds; probably a 10-minute job per pair of courts each day.



Floodlight 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.

Coaching update

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 18:30. 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.

Box League

The Club Box League is in full swing, with 9 boxes each comprising 4 players. Matches are played every 2 weeks & comprise of 3 sets, with each player battling to seek promotion and avoid relegation.

If you are interested to learn more, the box league detail can be viewed here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/cs-box-league/home>

Adult Team Play – Winter League Tennis

We currently have 5 teams from Cuddington & Sandiway Tennis Club playing in the Sunday morning Winter South and Mid-Cheshire Tennis League, across the 5 divisions. Progress can be seen on the www.smctennis.co.uk website.

Safeguarding update



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

Our club safeguarding policies are currently being reviewed and revised. Over forthcoming weeks you will see these posted onto the documents section of the Club website, to replace their older versions, alongside some newer policies which we have been recommended to adopt.

As part of the revised policies, we are introducing an expectation that any child under secondary school age will be supervised by a parent or responsible adult at all times whilst in the club grounds. Revised emergency contact forms and consent for photography & filming will also be rolling out for completion for all junior players attending coaching sessions.

Committee members will be participating in a Safeguarding update during the January Committee Meeting. We are also in discussion to plan the next safeguarding visit from the LTA, which will coincide with a questionnaire being circulated for members by email, which you are asked to please complete & return in order to provide feedback and effect any necessary changes.

If you have any questions regarding Safeguarding within the Club, please contact either Yvonne Williams or Mike Bee who can be reached by email on welfare@cuddingtontennis.org.uk

Dates for your diary

- **Friday 15th December from 09:30,**
Social tennis & festive fun with refreshments
- **Saturday 16th December, 09:00 & 10:00**
Saturday Junior Club festive tennis sessions
& to then resume Sat 2nd March, after a winter break
- **Monday 18th December, from 18:30**
Christmas Senior Club Night & Club Tournament Presentation Event



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

The website includes dates for other planned events for 2024 within the Club Calendar section.