



Newsletter, January 2022

Welcome to the 1st 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

Membership

We currently have a healthy membership, with over 300 members in the club. Annual subscriptions will remain the same as for 2021-2022. Anyone who is new to the club & wishes to join for the forthcoming season can do so now and receive up to 14 months membership for the price of 12.

Club maintenance and development

- Courts 3 & 4 are scheduled for a deep clean in the spring which will improve their playability.
- Ideas are being collated to make better use of the outdoor grassed area in front of the clubhouse. A gazebo-style covered area would provide additional social and viewing space. The committee will consult with members once some options have been costed out.
- The Club is looking to replace the fence and gate between courts 3/4 and 5/6. Also, to relocate the gate through to courts 3/4 to a central position in order to minimise disruption of play on court 3 when walking through to 5/6.



Tennis Ball Recycling

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

Pay & Play sessions

Please ensure that the gate to courts 1&2 near the clubhouse is pulled shut when leaving. Courts 1&2 are open to bookings for non-member pay and play sessions at times and the gate ensures the courts are kept separate from the remainder of the club facilities.

Access Ramp

The Club has purchased a portable folding access ramp, now stored in the clubhouse to make the inside space more accessible for wheelchair users.

Safeguarding

Committee members have recently received a safeguarding update. Club Safeguarding and Equality & Diversity policies have also been updated. Further policies are in development which are required as part of our LTA registration, including with regards to changing in the clubhouse and film/photography.

As part of the LTA “Safe to Play” safeguarding awareness campaign, cards can be found in the clubhouse. By downloading the ‘Zappar’ app and scanning the card you can access real life dramatized safeguarding cases and top tips videos for coaches and parents which including guidance on use of social media, photography and filming. The website www.safetoplaytennis.co.uk has lots of additional information and guidance.



Box League

We currently have 9 Boxes, each playing a 3-set match every 2 weeks. There is a vacant place in Box 7, so if anyone wishes to fill in to play the remaining 3 rounds, please contact Dinny, email: boxleague@cuddingtontennis.org.uk

Adult Team Play – Summer League Tennis

It is that time of year again when we start thinking and looking forward to Summer league Tennis.

Summer League usually commences in April/May and runs to the end of June, with Ladies & Men's matches played on Tuesdays or Thursdays, starting at 6:30pm. Mixed matches are played on a Sunday morning.

The league organisers are gearing up to ask for team numbers and we are therefore keen to understand who is interested in playing league tennis this year and how many teams to run. Lindsey has kindly offered to collate all responses, so therefore if you are interested in playing, please could you reply directly by emailing lindsey.cochrane@yahoo.co.uk and don't forget to mention if you are also interested in Mixed.

We plan to run 4 team practice sessions through March on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This will allow us to get some competitive practice in ahead of the start of the league. It will also be an opportunity to ensure team selection is based on putting forward the club's best players and team combinations. See the Calendar of events on the website for detail: <https://www.cuddingtontennis.org.uk/calendar-of-events-1>

Anyone who is interested in playing and would like to play some tennis ahead of the league team practices, please let us know and we can put you in touch with some of the weekly playing groups, or with previous captains, who may be able to facilitate some friendly games.

Simon	Lindsey
Club Captain	Ladies Captain

Wimbledon Ballot

There is no allocation of tickets to clubs this year for the 2022 Wimbledon Championships, due to be held 27th June – 10th July.



Members are encouraged to enter the ballot individually to be in with a chance of purchasing a pair of tickets. Please refer to the email from the LTA which you should have received, or go to <https://www.lta.org.uk/major-tennis-events/grand-slams/wimbledon/ballots/> & enter before Friday 4th February.

Covid update

There are currently no restrictions on tennis activity. Please do however continue to follow government advice to help reduce transmission, which includes wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed settings where you encounter people you don't usually meet. Please let fresh air in if you meet indoors.

Our club notification system remains in place for use if a member who has recently attended the club tests positive. If this is the case, please do let a committee member know, so the process can be followed, as well as completing the requirements of NHS Test and Trace.

Summer Sponsored Tennis Event

Support and participation of Club members will be appreciated for a sponsored tennis event, to be held during the summer and to support a local charity. Details will follow as they develop further.

Dates for your diary

- The Club AGM is being planned to take place at the Oaklands Hotel on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 from 7:30pm and will include complimentary food. Please do try to attend to support your club and committee.
- Junior Saturday morning club will start again on 12th March 2022
Session times are 09:00 to 10:00 for 5 to 8 year olds and 10:00 to 11:00 for 9 years old and above.
There will be breaks for Easter and Summer holidays, so they will run as follows:
 - 12th March till 9th April
 - 23rd April to 23rd July
 - 3rd September to 22nd October
- The 1st of the season's American Tournaments will be held during the afternoon of Saturday 26th March.

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

The website has been updated and includes details of ongoing and upcoming events.

A list of Club Calendar dates can be found on the website via this link:

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