



NEWSLETTER - December 2020

It's good to be back playing after the November lockdown

State of the courts

Members may know that there has been some mud and moss appearing on our astro turf courts, so they have become a bit slippery after all the recent rain. Court 3 in particular is slippery near the tramlines so we are asking everyone to avoid using this court please.

Steve Garland is actively looking at solutions, either by buying equipment for us to use to improve the courts or bringing in professionals. We are hoping to sort them out early in the new year. Both of these will be expensive unfortunately.

We are very sorry that Sandra Eccles and Andre Coltman fell on the courts during evening doubles sessions earlier this month and we very much hope they recover very soon.

New padlock on gates

Members will know that a padlock and drop bolt have been fitted to the gates at the Club entrance. Unfortunately, these are necessary to restrict entry to our Club and grounds because of a big increase in vandalism.

A new lock was fitted in early December which we hope will be easier to use. PLEASE make sure that the gates are locked at the end of each session, in the daytime as well as at night. THANK YOU.

Track and Trace

Thank you to everyone for either scanning their NHS App or signing the Track and Trace schedule on every visit to the club even if they don't enter the clubhouse. This is much appreciated.

Winter evening doubles

Thanks very much to Steve Garland for re-starting the successful and enjoyable winter doubles sessions in early December. These sessions are on both Thursday and Friday evenings, normally at 7pm - but could be at 6.30pm or 8pm depending on numbers and availability.

To be added to the doubles WhatsApp group please contact Steve tel; 07722 541688 or steve@stevegarland.co.uk

In order to provide new tennis balls we are planning to ask players to contribute £1 each session, into the honesty box in the clubhouse.

Vets Winter League

Because of social distancing concerns, only one team was entered in the Lancaster & District Winter Vets League this year. This team is now called the Eagles - captain Derek Metcalfe (with the B team being re-named Falcons).

It has been a very difficult season with the November lockdown, and then Lancashire being placed in Tier 3. Although matches started in October and our team was top of the league, it has now been discontinued and replaced by occasional social matches.

Membership fees 2021

Membership fees for the next season, starting in April 2021, were approved at the Club's AGM on December 14th. They will be:

Adult member - £120, unchanged, with the option again of paying this into the Tennis Club account or joining the LCSC '100 Club

New adult member - £75, which includes the LCSC Associate member fee

Second Club member - £50, which includes the LCSC Associate member fee

Winter member (October to March) - £40, which includes the LCSC Associate member fee

Student member - £50, which includes the LCSC Associate member fee

Parent/grandparent member - £40

Junior member - £25 for all members.

Guest fees - £3; *U3A fees* - £2; *match fees* - £3 for every match; *Vets league match fees* -

£2 for every match and junior match fees - £2.50 for home matches remain the same as in 2020.

Club Singles Tournament

Back in September/October the Club's Singles tournaments were held, starting with a round robin stage.

The finals were held between Bernd Schulze & Dave Clark and between Becky Woodall & Maxine Norman, with Bernd and Becky emerging as winners and 2020 champions.

Social tennis sessions

Thank you very much to Mary Rosenberg and Rose Parker for keeping the weekday social tennis sessions running smoothly since the lockdown. There are Club sessions every Monday (with U3A players) and Wednesday (10am to 12 noon) - DO TURN up and play.

Any queries to Mary on marvinr@berkeley.edu or tel: 01524 845286

And don't forget also the usual Sunday 10am and Friday 7pm social tennis sessions.

New Singles and Doubles tournaments

In Spring 2021 Mark Braithwaite and Rory Curran will be organizing a new series of Club singles and doubles knock out tournaments. Information will be circulated early in 2021.

THANKS very much to them for taking this on.

Junior coaching

Unfortunately the hall at Lancaster Boys Grammar School used for indoor coaching last winter is not available so all coaching is outside. On Saturday the new times are 9.30am - 10.30am & 10.30am -11.30am.

Full information on junior coaching and team training sessions is available from Michaela Parkinson on tel: 07443 467495.

Adult and junior summer match season

All the summer League matches were cancelled this year because of Covid 19, so there was no end of season presentation event in September

Sport England grant

The Club was awarded a grant of £1,000 through the SE Community Emergency Fund to compensate us for income lost during the spring lock down and restrictions following Covid 19.

Most Improved Player - Male and Female

Because this was not a normal season with relatively little tennis, it was agreed not to make the award of the Most Improved Players this year.

Junior LTA Grade 5 Tournament

In the spring we secured funding for the May LTA approved junior tournament from the Lancaster Community Fund and entrepreneur Neil Hutchinson, but it was cancelled because of the virus. Organiser Pat Clelland hopes to hold it in May 2021 using these grants.

Court booking calendar

Some schools are starting to use our courts during the day, so PLEASE DO USE the court booking system to avoid any clashes etc. It can still be accessed on-line through the home page of www.lancastertennis.co.uk

Booking the function room

The function room in the main pavilion of Lancaster Cricket & Sports Club hopes to be back in action early in 2021. It is free of charge and is a great venue for parties & events, with catering. And if you use you'll be supporting our Tennis Club too!

www.lancastercricketandsportsclub.org/functionroom.aspx

Club 2020 AGM

The minutes of the December 14th AGM have been circulated to all members. If you didn't receive a copy, do let Susan know on lancstennis@gmail.com

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Thanks to the 138 members & friends who have signed up to the Lancaster Tennis Club Members FB page. DO please use it www.facebook.com/groups/274719436004534/