



NEWSLETTER - April 2021
It's very good to be back playing
after the latest lockdown

Good Friday round robin

We are very sorry that we are not able to hold the popular round robin because of current LTA guidelines. We plan to organize a 'Welcome back' event as soon as spectators are allowed and there is no limit on numbers meeting.

State of the courts

We hope that members notice the improved court surfaces and especially Court 3 which has been upgraded by AstroCare. Thank you to Steve Garland for all his hard work on this,

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.

PLEASE make sure that the padlock on the gates is locked at the end of each session, in the daytime as well as at night. THANK YOU. If you need reminding what the padlock entry code is email: lancstennis@gmail.com

Social tennis sessions

The Club sessions have re-started - every Monday (with U3A players) and Wednesday (10am to 12 noon) as well as Sunday (10am to 1pm) - DO TURN up and play but keep a social distance, use hand sanitizer and please sign the track & trace register. THANK You.

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.

Open Day

We have postponed the Open Day from its original time slot of 2pm to 4pm on Saturday April 17th to (provisionally) Saturday May 22nd. Nearer the time we will be asking members to help on the day and meet potential new members.

Thursday/Friday evening doubles

Thanks very much to Maxine Norman for taking over as organizer of the successful and enjoyable evening organized doubles sessions. These have returned for just 3 weeks in April still at 7pm.

Queries about these sessions to n.max@btinternet.com and to be added to the doubles WhatsApp group contact Steve on tel; 07722 541688.

Adult and junior summer match season

We have entered teams in the Fylde, Lancaster and Kendal Leagues again this season. The full match schedule can't be issued until all the fixtures have been decided - and the Fylde League won't be published till the end of April.

Team captains are:

Kendal League - Men's 1 Stuart Kelly; Men's 2 Steve Garland; Mixed - Derek Metcalfe; Ladies - Maxine Norman
Lancaster League - Mixed - Matt Parker
Fylde League - Men's 1 Sandra Eccles (non-playing); Men's 2 Andre Coltman

There will be U14 and U17 junior teams in the Fylde League. Manager - Michaela Parkinson.

There are **two adult Pre-Selection sessions on Thursdays 15th and 22nd April from 7pm**. Any members interested in being considered for the teams should try to attend one of these. Any queries to Sandra on tel: 07752 619241.

Any queries about the match schedule to Susan on tel: 07771 734920.

Lancashire Junior Development Trust

The recent bid by Susan Lucas for a grant to support the junior coaching programme delivered by Edentennis was successful and £109 has been awarded to fund new tennis balls.

Membership fees 2021

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

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.

Junior LTA Grade 5 Tournament

In 2020 we secured funding for the May LTA approved junior tournament from the Lancaster Community Fund and entrepreneur Neil Hutchinson. It was cancelled then but in 2021 Pat Clelland and Michaela Parkinson are organising it for the week beginning May 31st. U12, U14 and U16. More information from Pat on patriciaclelland@gmail.com

Junior coaching

Eden and Michaela Parkinson of *Edentennis* re-started their junior coaching programme on March 29th. There are sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school. 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 and on <https://lancastertennis.co.uk/juniors/coaching/>

Vets Winter League

It was 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 was discontinued in December - hopefully back to normal with two teams next autumn. Thanks to captain Derek Metcalfe.VE

Market Stall on April 14th

We have booked a stall in the market in Dalton Square to promote the Club and tell people about playing tennis. It's on Wednesday April 14th from 10am to 4pm and we need members to help on the stall please.

SO if you can spare even just an hour that day to help, please email Susan on lancstennis@gmail.com with info on when you could help.

New Singles and Doubles tournaments

Later this year Mark Braithwaite and Rory Curran hope to organize a new series of Club singles and doubles knock out tournaments. Information will be circulated as soon as it is available. THANKS very much to them for taking this on.

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 plans to be back in action from mid-May.

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

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Thanks to the 137 members & friends who have signed up to the Lancaster Tennis Club Members FB page. DO please use it www.facebook.com/groups/274719436004534/