



NEWSLETTER - September 2021
Welcome to new members after a
good summer of tennis

Summer match season

We were very pleased to be back playing League tennis this summer, though because these weren't full schedules there were no trophies or promotions/relegations in any of the leagues. Thank you very much to the captains (Stuart Kelly, Steve Garland, Derek Metcalfe, Matt Parker, Maxine Norman, Sandra Eccles and Andre Coltman) for all their hard work.

These were the final league positions:

Adults

Fylde League

Men's 1, Division 1 - 6th

Men's 2, Division 10 - top - first season in this league

Kendal League

Men's 1, Division 1 - 2nd

Men's 2, Division 2 - 7th - first season in this league

Ladies - 2nd

Mixed, Division 2 - top - first season in this league

Lancaster & District League

Mixed, Division 1 - 4th

Juniors

Fylde League

Div 1 - Won *

Div 2 - 4th *

Girls - 2nd *

* - not all fixtures were played

Club Singles Tournament

There have been only 6 entries in the Men's annual Singles tournament and none in the Ladies. So there will be one men's round robin tournament only - at 10am on Sunday September 5th. Hopefully next year there will be more entries.

Thursday/Friday evening doubles

Steve Garland has recently announced that the popular evening organized doubles **will re-start on Thursday September 16th**. Sessions will be on both Thursdays and Fridays and start at 7pm.

This year a charge of £10 will be levied to cover the cost of new tennis balls and floodlights. Those members who don't expect to play regularly over the autumn/winter will be asked to pay £1 per session.

Queries about these sessions should be made to steve@stevegarland.co.uk and to be added to the doubles WhatsApp group through which the doubles arrangements are made please contact Steve on tel; 07722 541688.

Social tennis sessions

The daytime social sessions organized by Mary Rosenberg and Rose Parker on Mondays (with U3A players) and Wednesdays (10am to 12 noon) as well as Sundays (10am to 1pm) have been really popular. Thanks a lot to them.

SO, from **September 9th** an additional morning session is being organized, every Thursday also at 10am. We hope this will be equally popular. Any queries to Mary on marvinn@berkeley.edu or tel: 01524 845286

State of the courts

We hope that members have noticed 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,

Thank you also to Steve, Sandra Eccles, Dave Clark and Maxine Norman for sorting out the new net on court 3 and especially to Dave and Max for all their hard work mowing the grass around the courts.

Sweeping the courts

Thanks to the members who have been sweeping the courts after play. Please carry on doing this to ensure that they are good to play on.

New padlock on gates

Thanks to all members for using the new padlock on the outside gate. If you need reminding what the padlock entry code is please email:

lancstennis@gmail.com

Vets Winter League

The Club will be entering two teams in the Vets league this year, with matches expecting to start in late September. Anyone over 40 years of age who are interested in playing in the teams should please contact Sandra Eccles on tel: 07752 619241

Both teams are in Division 1, and matches start at 1pm

Lancaster Eagles, captain Derek Metcalfe, home matches on Wednesdays

Lancaster Falcons, Andre Coltman, home matches on Tuesdays.

July round robin

An enjoyable social round robin tournament took place on Sunday 11th July. The finalists, after two very good semifinals matches, were Matthew Cross & Helen Kearns against Californian Dave - one of three Davids in the event - and new member Fang Liu. After some very good games and rallies, Matt & Helen emerged the winners 6-2. Very well done to them and to the runners up.

League presentation event

Because no trophies are being presented this season, there will be no Lancaster & District League presentation event this year.

Most improved Club players

We plan to re-introduce the awards for adult 'Most Improved Player' this year. Club members will be asked to vote - full information will be circulated in October.

Club AGM

The AGM will be held in December - exact date and time to be confirmed.

Junior coaching

Eden and Michaela Parkinson are continuing their junior coaching programme at the Club. There are sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school. On Saturday the new times are 9.30am - 10.30am & 10.30am -11.30am.

It is hoped that during the cold winter months they will move the Saturday morning coaching for the youngest group to the Sports Hall at LRGS.

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/>

New Singles and Doubles tournaments

Next year Mark Braithwaite and Rory Curran have offered 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 by members only 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 is now available to rent.

It is free of charge and is a great venue for parties & events, with catering. And if you use it you'll be supporting our Tennis Club too!

www.lancastercricketandsportsclub.org/functionroom.aspx