



NEWSLETTER - March 2022

Welcome to our new members as we head towards the main spring/summer season



In the last year there have been babies born to former member Rory Curran and members Matt Parker and Saul Argent - congratulations. And **best wishes** to members Maxine Norman and Dave Clark who are getting married early April. Congratulations also to member Fang Liu who was awarded a Distinction on her Masters' degree.

Winter Vets League successes

The league has been extended into early April because of re-arranged matches, but so far our teams are doing very well. Eagles, captain Derek Metcalfe, are top of Division 1 and the Falcons, captain Andre Coltman are lying in a very good 4th place also in Division 1. Well done to them and all the team members.

Good Friday round robin

One of the highlights of our playing year is our Good Friday round robin tournament, for those aged 15+. Always a really enjoyable day of fun matches. **Starts at 10am on Friday April 15th**. £5 entry fee to pay for balls, prizes and first BBQ item. Also a great raffle. *No need to book in advance, just turn up.*

Social tennis sessions

The Club sessions organized by Mary Rosenberg and Rose Parker are very popular - now every morning except Saturday from 10am - on Mondays with U3A players & on Fridays with a Bolton le Sands group. DO TURN UP and enjoy.

Any queries to Mary on marvinn@berkeley.edu or tel: 01524 845286. *And don't forget also the usual Sunday 10am and Friday 7pm sessions.*

Adult Coaching

During the winter there has been coaching with Eden Parkinson of *Edentennis* on Wednesday evenings and, at the moment, there are no spare places. When the summer match season starts, the coaching will need to move night, possibly to Friday at 7pm **but this has not been confirmed**. Any queries about coaching sessions and 1:1 coaching to Eden on tel: 07894 549204

Market Stall

We have a space booked in **Market Square for 10am to 4pm on Saturday April 2nd**. We will be promoting the joy of playing tennis and also be promoting the Club Open Day. Helpers are needed even if only for an hour - please contact Susan on tel: 07771 734920 or email: lancstennis@gmail.com if you can help.

Open Day

The 2022 Open Day will be on **Saturday April 23rd from 2pm to 4pm**. Please tell your friends about this and also, if possible, *print off and display the attached poster*. We hope members will be able to help on the day and meet potential new members.

Thursday/Friday evening doubles

Thanks very much to Steve Garland for organizing the enjoyable Thursday and Friday evening doubles sessions during the winter. This is much appreciated. If you are not already on the doubles WhatsApp group and want to be please contact Steve on tel; 07722 541688 and give him your mobile number.

Singles play

There is also a Singles WhatsApp group and again if you are not already on this, please contact Steve on tel; 07722 541688. There is an adults Singles Ladder in the clubhouse between the Men's and Ladies changing rooms.

State of the courts

Thanks to everyone who is sweeping the courts after playing - we need to keep on top of the loose sand to make sure that they are safe to play on.

Padlock on gates

Please make sure that the padlock on the gates is locked at the end of each session except when the bar is open on Fridays and at the weekend. THANK YOU. If you need reminding what the padlock entry code is email:

lancstennis@gmail.com

Platinum Anniversary round robin

On the weekend of the Queen's Jubilee Anniversary there will be an enjoyable adult round robin event - **at 10am on Sunday June 5th**. Sandwiches and cakes will be provided, all free of charge. And prizes for the winners too! No need to book in advance, just turn up.

Adult and junior summer match season

We have entered adult Men's, Ladies and Mixed teams in the Fylde, Lancaster, Kendal & Ribble Leagues this season. The full match schedule can't be issued until all the fixtures have been published. **Matches start in the week beg April 25th and match fees are at the same rates as in 2021.**

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

There are **two adult Pre-Selection sessions on Thursdays 14th and 21st 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 or email: lancstennis@gmail.com

Membership fees 2022

Membership fees for the next season, starting in April 2022, **are all at the same levels as last year**. Forms can be found on the Club website <https://lancastertennis.co.uk/membership/> or in the clubhouse display rack.

Members who have not already set up standing orders to pay their fees will be asked to renew their memberships in late March. Any queries to Membership Secretary Sandra on Sandra.eccles10@gmail.com

Junior coaching

Eden and Michaela Parkinson of *Edentennis* have continued coaching during the winter, using the LRGS sports hall for younger children. In the Summer season there will be outdoor 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/>

Club working party

We will be organizing a Club Working Party in the spring to tidy up the tennis clubhouse, courts & surrounding area - and also to help with painting & cleaning up the main clubhouse. Any queries to Steve Garland on tel: 07722 541688.

New Singles and Doubles tournaments

We are hoping that there will be a new series of Club singles and doubles knock out tournaments. Information will be circulated as soon as it is available.

Court booking calendar

Some schools are still using our courts during the day, so PLEASE DO USE the court booking system to avoid any clashes etc. If you wish to be added to the online booking calendar please contact Steve Garland on Steve@stevegarland.co.uk. It can still be accessed on-line through the home page of <https://lancastertennis.co.uk/>.

Booking the function room

The function room in the main pavilion of Lancaster Cricket & Sports is available to book and is a great venue for parties & events, with catering.

Full information on the facilities available and catering options are on www.lancastercricketandsportsclub.org/functionroom.aspx

Any queries to tel: 01524 65087 or email: lanc.csc@gmail.com