

Purley on Thames Tennis Club

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest update from Purley Tennis Club. Our committee members for this year are:

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Club Development	Dan Croft	07474 037733	croft4277@gmail.com

1. Welcome to the new season.

We are looking forward to an exciting year- your courts have been power washed, the hedges cut back, and we are in discussions with the Parish Council to move forward a first planning application for a club house. This as a prelude to a potential second planning application for floodlights once the club house project has been hopefully delivered.

2. Membership Rates

As agreed at our AGM, membership fees for the season have been modestly increased for the first time in 3 years. **Please endeavour to pay by the end of March and everyone to complete a new membership form and give or post to the membership secretary even if you are a long-standing member**- we need to hygiene our existing database to comply with GDPR. Additionally, UpToDate emails will enable us to send out club updates during the year rather than solely relying on the separate whats app groups.

You can either complete the separate Membership Application Form attached to the email OR complete Online Membership Form by clicking THIS LINK.

ADULTS	£60.00
STUDENTS/JUNIORS	£25.00
SENIORS (60+)	£35.00
FAMILY GROUP (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN)	£120.00

Payment details as on the application form:

Purley Berks Tennis club

Sort code 30-96-96

Account Number 02447565

please make sure in the reference you put your name- initials and surname.

3. Club Safeguarding Policy

Our club is committed to prioritizing the well-being of all children and adults at risk. Our safeguarding policy strives to minimize risk and respond appropriately to all safeguarding concerns and disclosures. For further information you can contact our Welfare Officer Lynne Heslop (details above) or the LTA direct on 0208 487 7000 or via email safeandinclusive@lta.org.uk

A copy of the club's Safeguarding Policy/Whistle Blowing Policy and Diversity and Inclusion Policy can be obtained from our chairman mosescd@btinternet.com and will be available on our website shortly.

4. What's App Groups

We currently use What's App Groups for communication regarding Club Nights, club sessions, Saturday coaching sessions and for those wishing to play in the Men's and Women's Leagues. Please contact the committee if you wish to be added to any of these groups.

5. Coaching Sessions

We are fortunate to continue to have the benefit of three excellent LTA coaches at Purley Tennis Club. **Edwin Lau**, provides **adult and junior coaching** throughout the year. Please contact Edwin for details eptlau@gmail.com or mobile 07500 188776.

Greg Santoro-Fergusson offers **individual coaching for adults and juniors** at various times during the week and also provides an introduction to tennis to pupils at Long Lane Primary School as part of the LTA programme. He also provides match coaching on a group basis. Please contact Greg for his availability fergsant@me.com or on mobile 07765 004238.

Greg also runs the free tennis sessions for the local SEN school- Brookfields- this on a Tuesday morning from 10.30 to 11.30 wef 16th April, running during the summer term. Usually this provides 5 or 6 weeks of tennis for 2 groups of children aged around 11 and 15. If Greg has 2/3 volunteers it makes the sessions much easier to deliver – if you can spare a few Tuesdays and enjoy a very rewarding experience let him know so a rota can be drawn up.

In addition, Greg's son, **Leonardo Santoro-Fergusson** is now an LTA Level 1 coach and is **happy to offer individual hitting sessions**. He is currently the number one ranked Berkshire tennis player in his age range and is the only player from West Berkshire in the men's county team. Leonardo can be contacted on 07765 004238.

We are so lucky to have these great coaching opportunities at Purley. Many thanks to **Edwin, Greg and Leonardo** in helping to raise the club's playing standards and attracting new members both juniors and adults.

6. Forthcoming Events

Sunday 14th April – (10:00am-2pm) - Rusty Rackets/Spring clean/Hedge tidy up Dust off your racket and help us Spring Clean the courts/shed and surrounding areas, all in time for the summer season. **This year we need help to clear the remnants of the cut back hedge-** bring your gardening gloves, small steps and small snippers to cut/free the dead brown top branches entangled at the top of the fence.

Bank holiday Monday May 6th – (10:00am to 2:00pm)- Club Open Day

Come along to help promote the club/attract new members. We will have our upgraded ball machine and new speed gun and will be publicizing the event in the local junior schools/Denfield /scouts etc. Bring along any friends/neighbours who might be interested in joining.

Sunday 9th June – (10:00am to 2:00pm) – Potential fund-raising day/ draw for the club tournament- details to be finalized nearer the day-

Sunday 14th July 2024 – (12 noon – 3pm) – Summer Picnic (and tennis)

Bring your own food and drink, as well as friends and family. Social tennis and catch up for all members and their friends/families.

Sunday 15th September 2024 – 10:00am (prompt start) – Club Finals

Finals of the club championship and social for spectators

Monday 25th November 2024 – AGM and Social (7:30pm for AGM, followed by club social.)

This event will be held in the large barn again. Everyone is welcome to both the AGM and the social afterwards. Please bring friends and family. We may look to run a barn dance to raise funds for the club etc. More details to follow.

Thursday 5th December 2024 – Christmas Social – informal pub event- Lynne will be organizing nearer the time.

7. League Matches

Purley will be playing in both the Newbury and Berkshire leagues in summer and winter, with Purley represented by ladies, men's teams and mixed teams. Matches take place on Saturday afternoons or Sundays; ladies' teams also have matches on some Wednesday evenings. **NEW PLAYERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** If you would like to play in these teams let the team captains know as follows:

Men's Captain – Colin Moses

mosescd@btinternet.com

Ladies Captain – Sue Davies

sue_davies_@hotmail.co.uk

Mixed Captain – Lynne Heslop

lynneheslop67@hotmail.co.uk

N.B. LTA membership is needed if you want to play in league matches.

Match fees remain at £3 per player- **please ensure you pay the captain on the day** as they need to transfer the £12 to the club's account after the match.

8. **Court Bookings and Court Schedule**

We are working to have the court booking system on our website using the LTA clubspark system .Until this is up and running please contact Colin Moses on 07495 271906 to book a court outside club sessions (shown below): -

Monday	Junior sessions 4.30 to 5.30pm Club evening from 6pm onwards.
Tuesday	Brookfield School- Tuesday mornings 10.30 to 11.30 wef 16 th April Ladies Doubles – 12noon-2:30pm. Mens match squad practice – 6.30 to 8.30pm
Wednesday	Club afternoon (adults) from 1:30pm to 3pm. Ladies Evening matches occasionally.
Thursday	Junior sessions 4.30 to 5.30pm Club evening from 6pm onwards.
Friday	School session for 6 weeks over summer term potentially 10 to 12pm Greg run junior session 4 to 6pm Family/general session from 6 pm onwards
Saturday	Junior session 9 to 10am Club session from 10:00am -12:30pm. Matches occasionally from 1:30pm to 5pm in summer.
Sunday	Matches in winter from 10am to 1.30pm Some Sunday group coaching sessions in morning via Edwin Lau for details eptlau@gmail.com or 07500 188776.

COURT CARE

Please help us to keep the courts tidy. If you notice any problems, please tell a committee member. The courts are strictly for tennis only, so if you see anyone using them for anything else, please ask them to stop.

PURLEY SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Bar and social facilities are available adjacent to the courts. Currently you do not need to be a member to have a drink, but this could change- please check beforehand.

CASUAL USE OF THE COURTS

An agreement is in place with Purley Parish Council that one court will be available to non-members of the club, for people of the Parish, when the court is not needed for official club sessions. A fee to Purley Tennis Club is payable at the rate of £5 per hour.

MEMBERS' GUESTS

All members are politely asked to wear their shoe tags as proof of membership. Members may introduce visitors (no more than 3 visits per visitor per year) at the rate of £3 per guest visit

Interested in joining Purley tennis club?

Please visit our website www.purleyonthamestc.co.uk

Or contact via email to purleyonthamestc@gmail.com Or contact our Membership Secretary John Heslop above