

# Purley on Thames Tennis Club

## NEWSLETTER

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

Chairman /Treasurer &Men's Captain	Colin Moses	07495 271906	mosescd@btinternet.com
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Ladies Team Captain /Membership Tags	Sue Davies	07557 014300	sue_davies_@hotmail.co.uk
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Welfare Officer/ Social organizer	Lynne Heslop	07831 532423	lynneheslop67@hotmail.co.uk

### 1. Welcome to the new season.

Unfortunately, due to illness and other factors, your committee was not as active over the latter part of 2023 as they would have ordinarily hoped to be. Hopefully this year normal service will be resumed!

John Heslop has temporarily stepped up to help with membership whilst Dennis continues to recuperate and we look forward to seeing him back on the courts later this year.

**PLEASE NOTE A NEW KEY EVENT DATE OF BANK HOLIDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>- SEE LATER IN THE NEWSLETTER**

### 2. Membership Rates

Membership rates are remaining the same this year- no change for the last 3 years. Purley sports and social club are no longer doing 6-month sports memberships, however tennis club members can go in to the club after tennis sessions or matches and sign in as guests at no charge. Just go up to the bar and the staff will sign you in. If you paid the extra £5 for the sports club membership last year and did not feel you got any value out of it, you may discount your membership fee this year by £5.

	membership	
ADULTS	£58.00	
STUDENTS/JUNIORS	£24.00	
SENIORS (60+)	£33.00	
FAMILY GROUP (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN)	£115.00	

Members also have the opportunity to join Purley Sports and Social Club for the full year, under the normal club membership rules (adult £25 /plus £5 joining fee, over 65s £15/plus £5 joining fee, partners membership of £40 per couple/plus £5 joining fee). **Please speak to the club directly if you wish to take up this option.**

### 3. Club Safeguarding Policy

Our club is committed to prioritising the well being of all children and adults at risk. Our safeguarding policy strives to minimise 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 any committee member if you wish to be added to any of these groups.

## 5. Coaching Sessions

Edwin Lau, will continue to provide adult and junior coaching until the end of this summer. Will be mainly on Sundays and Tuesday /Wednesday evenings. Please contact Edwin for details [eptlau@gmail.com](mailto:eptlau@gmail.com) or mobile 07500 188776.

Greg Santoro-Fergusson also offers individual coaching for adults and juniors at various times during the week and will also be continuing to run the weekly one hour termly sessions for Brookfield school (a SEN school )assisted by club volunteers.

This initiative started last year following training given by Bright Ideas for Tennis to a group of club members- many thanks to Greg ,Colin, Chrissie, Nadia, Jenny , Anne , Lynne, John, Linda and Hsui-Fang for helping to deliver these sessions which were both very well received by the pupils and enjoyable to run.

Chrissie will be operating a rota for the Tuesday sessions from 1.30pm to 2.30pm via a whats app group and if you are interested in helping then please let her know. Typically, we need 3 volunteers per session. This will restart after Easter.

This initiative has resulted in circa £400 of children's tennis equipment being provided to the club and this will be kept separately in the shed, but available for all club members as well outside of the school session.

Please contact Greg for his availability [fergsant@me.com](mailto:fergsant@me.com) or on mobile 07765 004238.

## 6. Forthcoming Events

### ***Rusty Rackets/American Doubles – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April (10:00am-1pm)***

Dust off your racket and help us Spring Clean the courts/shed and surrounding areas, all in time for the summer season. We will also play American Doubles after the clean-up, which gives you the chance to play with everyone else in a fun environment!

***Bank Holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May– Coaching and Exhibition match by ex GB Davis cup players alongside BBQ being provided by Sports and Social club, cream teas in the barn, football penalty shoot-out and cricket activity.***

Following our tie up with Bright Ideas for Tennis, they are pleased to be able to come along to the bank holiday sports open day and offer the following;-

10 to 10.45am – mini tennis session for 6- to 10-year-olds- basic technique/co-ordination, fun and games -cost £5 per child, max 27 spaces

10.50 to 11.35am- coaching session for teenagers 11 to 16 - technique and points based games - cost £5 per child, max 15 spaces

11.40 to 12.40 – adults all standard – technique with some match play – cost £7.50 per adult- max 18 spaces.

12.45 to 1.45 – adults – intermediate to advanced- doubles tactics – cost 7.50 per adult- max 12 spaces.

1.45 to 2.15- fastest serve competition.

2.30 to 3.30pm – Doubles exhibition match

The goal is to attract more members and provide an enjoyable event for club members and their families. The coaching sessions will be offered to members and non-members on a first come basis with booking and payment required up front.

***We anticipate advertising the event to local scout groups/schools from Mid-march onwards so you will be able to book up before the wider publicity if you are quick! Please email Colin if you wish to book any sessions.***

If there is limited demand for a session, we may look to change in favour of one which is oversubscribed.

Even if you do not take part in the coaching etc. come up and see the exhibition match and support the club- we expect to run raffle etc.

### ***Summer Picnic (and tennis) – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 12 noon – 3pm***

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

### ***Club Tournament – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10:00am (prompt start)***

Junior and adult tournaments. Everyone is welcome; please don't think you're not good enough. You could always draw an excellent partner in the doubles!

**AGM and Social – Sunday 12th November 7:30pm for AGM, followed by club social**

This event will be held in the Social Club this year. Everyone is welcome to both the AGM and the social afterwards. Please bring friends and family. More details to follow.

**7. League Matches**

This year Purley will be playing in both the Newbury and Berkshire leagues in summer and winter, with Purley represented by ladies, men's and mixed teams. Matches take place on Saturday afternoons or Sundays; ladies' teams also have matches on Tuesday and 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	<a href="mailto:mosescd@btinternet.com">mosescd@btinternet.com</a>
Ladies Captain – Sue Davies	<a href="mailto:sue_davies_@hotmail.co.uk">sue_davies_@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Mixed Captain – Lynne Heslop	<a href="mailto:lynneheslop67@hotmail.co.uk">lynneheslop67@hotmail.co.uk</a>

Please also note that match fees are £3 per player and please pay the captain before the match starts.

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

**8. Court Bookings and Court Schedule (from Easter onwards)**

**Please contact Colin Moses on 07917 453187 (giving at least 24 hours notice) to book a court outside club sessions (shown below): -**

Monday	Club evening from 6:30pm onwards
Tuesday	Term time – 1.30 to 2.30pm- Brookfield school. Ladies Doubles – 12noon-2:30pm. Evening matches possible.
Wednesday	Club afternoon (adults) from 1:30pm. Evening matches possible.
Thursday	Club evening from 6:30pm onwards
Friday	Mixed Session/ Doubles play. All welcome 11:30am-1:30pm
Saturday	Group play, from 10:00am -12:30pm, everyone welcome. Matches possible after 1:30pm.
Sunday	Some Sunday group coaching sessions will be available please contact Edwin Lau for details <a href="mailto:eptlau@gmail.com">eptlau@gmail.com</a> or 07500 188776.

**9. Use of Dressing room 4**

We have been trying to find a solution to the parish office no longer being available for club use. Following discussions with the Parish Council and the other sports club, we are now able to use the dressing room by the defibrillator for the following club sessions in the summer;-

- Tuesday/Wednesday afternoons
- Saturday morning sessions/Sunday morning sessions

In the winter-

- The above sessions plus the Sunday morning/early afternoon matches/coaching

The room has its own water heater/fridge/kettle/mugs/sink/table/benches etc and its own separate access. A key safe will be installed by the door and a code will be advised.

**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.

**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, payable to the Membership Secretary

#### **Interested in joining Purley tennis club?**

Please visit our website [www.purleyonthamestc.co.uk](http://www.purleyonthamestc.co.uk)  
Or contact our Membership Secretary John Heslop