

Hello and welcome to St. Johns Lawn Tennis Club 2011

On behalf of all of us at St. Johns Lawn Tennis Club I would like to welcome you as a new member and look forward to meeting you up at the club. We are a small but friendly club and can cater for a fairly broad standard of playing. If it has not been explained to you already we have 4 outdoor hard courts which are open all year round.

As a club we have open play sessions for the adult and better junior players on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.00pm onwards, and also on Saturdays from 2.00pm onwards. During the summer months we will be having tea and cake on Saturdays at approximately 3.30 for a donation of £1.00 per person.

Competitions

If you are interested in competing in competitions we have an open competition for all members. The competition includes: ladies singles & doubles, men's singles & doubles and mixed doubles. The final of this year's competition will be on Saturday 16th July from 1.00pm. We also field a ladies team, a men's team and a mixed doubles team, who play inter club competitions in both the Kent and Maidstone leagues. These matches take place throughout the year and are played both at the weekend and during the week.

Our men's team has had a very good year; last summer we won the Maidstone midweek league division 4 trophy and a promotion. Also we won the Kent LTA Winter League 2010-11 section B division 10 and a promotion.

Our ladies' 1st team is in division 5B and our ladies' 2nd team is in division 8A.

Our mixed doubles play in the Kent division 6B

The ladies 1st team captain is Denise Holme
The ladies 2nd team captain is Melanie Kitchen
The men's team captain is Laurence Cailles

If anybody is interested in playing matches during the week or the weekends please contact one of our captains.

Social Programme

We have a social program running throughout the year with the following events:

- Most Saturdays throughout the summer we will have tea and cake at the club at about 3.30pm
- Saturday 30th April "Spot the Tune" music quiz in the club house at 7.30pm
- Saturday 14th May Chairman's BBQ Welcome to the new season, tournament sign up, BBQ & afternoon tea.
- Sunday 19th June Pre-Wimbledon afternoon with strawberries & cream, Pimm's and American Tournament
- Saturday 16th July Club Open Tournament Finals Day & pot luck supper!
- Saturday 17th Sept Quiz Night in the club house
- Saturday 3rd December Club Christmas party at High Rocks Inn Tunbridge Wells. Full details are to follow.

Our club house is shared along with the car park with the St. Johns Bowling club. We have a main function room with well equipped kitchen and a fully licensed bar. The bar is normally opened and staffed by the bowls club, but we open the bar for any functions that we host and can normally open the bar at other times when there is a demand.

As a member of the club you can play tennis any time during the day however there are some regular events and sessions that take place during the week which use either 2 or all 4 courts for up to a few hours at a time. We try to keep club rules simple and logical and hope they make for a safer environment and are fair to all. Some of the club rules are listed below but if you are in doubt about anything please ask a committee member for some clarification.

Players must wear non marking tennis shoes when on court.

Please park your car with consideration to others who are sharing the car park.

During the open sessions on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays there is a peg board with member's names added. Please ask any member how this is used, but in essence this is designed to mix up players during the open mix in sessions and tries to ensure the best possible games.

We are a family friendly club and encourage all members of the family to come up to the club and play (for young children who are not playing members must ensure they are properly supervised at all times.)

Activity

The courts are used during the following times:

Tuesday 6.00pm club mix in open session

Thursday 6.00pm club mix in open session

Saturday mornings 9.00am-12.00pm junior coaching – see web site

Saturday 2.00pm club open session

Monday & Friday morning drop in coaching 9.30am

Friday from 11.00 – 12.30 drop in beginners session

Wednesday mornings from 9.30am club mix in open session

There are always other events and sometimes matches taking place however very often there is a spare court for social play.

Wednesday evening from 6.00pm adult coaching/training –see web site for details

During school holidays there is a junior coaching course in the mornings - see web site for details

Our club coach is Rosemary Snook – contact 01892 546252 - RosemaryESnook@aol.co.uk

All paid up members should have received a blue 2011 coloured tag to attached to their shoe lace please do wear these as they help us to identify who is a member and who is a guest.

Last year the club was granted full planning permission to erect new floodlights on all 4 courts. At present we have 2 courts lit with very old lights, you can play under these but the new ones will be much better. The first stage of this project has been completed which was to lay a new and upgraded electric supply; this included digging a trench through the car park. The second stage will hopefully be happening early 2012 which is to erect the new flood lights and switch them on.

JUNIOR NEWSLETTER 2011

Thank you for joining the club, I enclose your shoe tag which should be attached to your tennis shoe by the lacing and is your proof of membership.

The code for the padlocks to the courts is at present 4040 but during April it will change to 1812, please do not give these numbers to anyone unless they are a member of the club.

As a junior member you are allowed to use the courts at any time other than at adult club sessions which are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.00pm and Saturday afternoons.

As a junior your parents take responsibility for you if you play at the club unsupervised. You are expected to act in a responsible manner at all times and to ensure there is no damage to property.

You should wear suitable sports clothing and trainers, no jeans.

When you bring a guest you must pay a visitors fee of £1.00 which should be given to Rosemary or a committee member.

Enjoy your tennis. Rosemary 01892 546252 mobile 07773123790

JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT on Wednesdays

STARTING MAY 4th 2011

4.00pm – 5.30pm

COME AND PLAY TENNIS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS

FUN PLAY COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES

ALL WELCOME WHO CAN RALLY

Please see our web site www.stjohnstennisclub.co.uk for up to date details of events, we regularly send out emails about social events and other information. We are looking for volunteers to help with the Saturday teas please let me know if you are interested.

Please contact me any time on patrick_irene@hotmail.com if you have any suggestions or comments. I look forward to seeing you up at the club.

Patrick McCall
Chairman

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