



Information for Members

2021 - 2022

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CLUBHOUSE ACCESS

Access to the Clubhouse is via a keypad on the front door. Enter the 4-digit code followed by Enter. Do not try to pull the door open or closed – it will open automatically and close after a few seconds.

The bar opening times can be found on the Club website.

Covid-19 update: Until further notice the Clubhouse will only be open for access to the first-floor toilets.

COURT BOOKING

All courts must be booked using the ClubSpark application.

If you do not have a valid login for ClubSpark email John Graves on john.graves@ntlworld.com to request access. After checking that you have a current membership subscription you will be sent an email from ClubSpark with a link inviting you to complete your registration by updating your personal information and setting a password.

COURT ACCESS

Access to the courts is via a combination lock. The current combination code will be included in the confirmation email sent by ClubSpark when you book a court. Please make sure that the courts are locked when you leave.

FLOODLIGHTS

The floodlights are operated by tokens using the meter located in the green cabinet at the corner of the courts. The cabinet door is opened by the triangular key attached to the cabinet. You must always keep the cabinet door securely fastened.

Tokens can be purchased from the bar.

Covid-19 update: While the bar is closed floodlight tokens can be obtained from Sue Walmsley.

SOCIAL TENNIS

Each Saturday afternoon from 14:00 – 17:00 is Club Social.

Normally this is just a turn up and mix-in session, mainly mixed doubles.

Covid-19 update: To comply with the requirements for 'track-and-trace' book your place in advance using the Sale Tennis Whatsapp group.

COMPETITIVE TENNIS

The Club enters several teams in the local tennis leagues. In the summer season there are men's and ladies' teams in both the North East Cheshire Lawn Tennis League and the South West Manchester Tennis League. We also have teams in the mixed Winter League.

Team captains are always on the lookout for players so please let them know if you are interested in playing. See contact details at the end of this document.

If you are looking for a more informal competition you can enter the Club tennis ladder competition. There will also be internal club tournaments organised throughout the year.

LTA ADVANTAGE MEMBERSHIP (FORMERLY BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP)

All members are encouraged to register with the LTA's Advantage scheme. It is free to join and the number of members that the club has registered affects the Club's allocation of tickets for the Wimbledon Championships (see below).

To play in the North East Cheshire Lawn Tennis League, you must be registered with Advantage. To register follow this link: <https://www2.lta.org.uk/advantage/>

WIMBLEDON TICKETS

The club receives a limited allocation of pairs of tickets for the Wimbledon Championships tournament each year from the British LTA. These tickets are made available for members to purchase at face value. Allocation of tickets will be via a lottery draw, normally held during the tennis section Annual General Meeting in the spring. To qualify for entry to the draw you must be an LTA Advantage member, and a paid-up member of the Club.

COACHING

The Club's head tennis coach, Matt Pearsall, runs a highly successful coaching programme for both juniors and adults.

If you would like to find out more about coaching or to book a session, please email Matt: pros_tennis@hotmail.co.uk

More details can be found via the Club website.

TENNIS COMMITTEE

The Tennis section is managed on a voluntary basis by a members' committee. Committee members are elected at the Tennis Section's Annual General Meeting. If you want to help with the organisation of the section, then contact one of the existing committee members (see the Contacts section below).

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Sports Club is a not-for-profit organisation run by an unpaid Board of Trustees. We are constituted as a Community Benefit Society.

Membership subscriptions are a vital contribution to the Club's finances. The cost of the playing facilities is very high, and generally the subscriptions collected each year do not fully cover the cost of the sinking funds required to ensure that the surfaces, floodlights etc. can be maintained and replaced at the end of their life. The shortfall is covered by other Club income especially bar takings and tickets for Club events. So please make sure that your subscriptions are paid promptly and use the Club bar whenever you can so that we can continue to be a viable entity.

Wherever possible members should pay their subscriptions online via the WebCollect facility <http://webcollect.org.uk/salesc> as this greatly simplifies the administration processes, e.g., by avoiding the need for a paper membership form. WebCollect will automatically renew subscriptions and collect the payment via Direct Debit.

Members are encouraged to purchase a Member's Share (a one-off payment of £20) which entitles you to attend the Sale Sports Club Annual General Meeting, with voting rights. Shares can be purchased online via WebCollect <http://webcollect.org.uk/salesc>.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- Always show consideration for other users of the club facilities and neighbours.
- Do not leave any litter on the courts. Use the bins provided. Please dispose of any litter that you find to preserve the appearance of the courts.
- Smoking on the courts is forbidden.
- The courts must not be used for any other purpose than tennis, e.g., playing football, riding of cycles is not allowed.
- The tennis nets and net cords are expensive items of equipment and must not be misused, e.g., by sitting on the cord, which causes stretching.
- Members must ensure that all the court gates are kept locked after use.
- Suitable footwear is required for use on the courts to prevent damage to the playing surface. Football boots, walking boots, high heels, etc. are not allowed. Do not enter the courts with muddy footwear.
- The club does not enforce a strict adherence to the wearing of white tennis clothes, but members should wear only valid sports attire when playing. The wearing of jeans etc. is not acceptable. Members representing the club by playing in league matches should take particular care to ensure that they wear only recognised tennis wear. When playing matches at other clubs, members must ensure that they comply with the dress code of that club – if in doubt, wear whites.
- Show consideration for players on other courts. Try not to distract other players when play is in progress, e.g., by walking across the back of another court to retrieve a stray ball or to reach another court. Wait until the ball is no longer in play.
- When a cricket match is in progress on the square, avoid walking along the external fence of the courts when the bowler is delivering the ball as this can distract the bowler and batsman. Wait until the ball is no longer in play, and then move quickly across the line of sight of the players.

Covid-19 update: Please ensure that you are familiar with the current restrictions and guidance for playing tennis which can be found on the Club website under Tennis/News.

CONTACTS

TENNIS COMMITTEE

Chairman	Mark Benson	07815 324798
Secretary	Sue Walmsley	07709 418787
Welfare Officer	Kath Sutherland	07710 790278

TEAM CAPTAINS

North East Cheshire Lawn Tennis League <http://www.nectl.org/>

Men's 1st Team	Tim Ternent	07939 582680
Ladies' 1st Team	Emma Cooper Helen Gozem	07713 343813 07971 205519
Men's 3 rd Team	Dave Hirst	07900 221432
Ladies' 3 rd Team	Tina Tomlinson	07974 790144

South West Manchester Tennis League

Men's 2 nd Team	Jeff Harpin	07985 123252
Men's 4 th Team	Stuart Doggrell	07825 040473
Ladies' 2 nd Team	Heather Morrey Alex Moore	07534 289062 07890 690181

Club Tennis Ladder	Jeff Harpin	07985 123252
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COACHING

Head Coach	Matt Pearsall	07856 497545	pros_tennis@hotmail.co.uk
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TENNIS WHATSAPP GROUP

There is a Sale Tennis Whatsapp group that can be useful for asking questions or making arrangements to play etc.

If you want to be added to the group, then contact the section secretary – see above.