

Winstanley Tennis Club

Newsletter

Summer 2019



Open Day Update

The Open Day which we held last Sunday was a huge success. All the courts were full throughout the afternoon with well over 80 visitors enjoying free tennis and free coaching.

Altogether we signed up 40 new members: 4 full playing adults and another 7 adults who are 'trying us out' for 8 weeks; 11 chaperones and 14 juniors under 11; and 4 older juniors.

Thank you to all members who helped in any way by delivering flyers before the event or helping at the club on the day.



Summer Tournaments

American Tournaments will continue throughout the summer, registration by 1.45 for a 2.00 pm start. The dates are:

- **Sunday 18th August**
- **Sunday 1st September**

Both will be mixed doubles, changing partners after each round and all members, especially those new to the club, are most welcome to come along and join in.



- **Sunday 4th August** – this will be the 2nd of our 'special tournaments', the **Major Ridout Cup**. The current holders are Lucy and David Parker. This long-established trophy event is named after Major Ridout and dedicated in memory of him by his wife, a key member of our club for many years. The competition takes the format of mixed doubles where partners are allocated by the organisers on the day from among those entering. All members, especially those new to the club, are most welcome to come along to participate. Register by 1.30 for a 2.00 pm start and it's free to enter for all full playing members.
- **Monica Clarke Plate** – this will be held on **Saturday 14th September** – further details to follow
- **Club Tournament** – It's really good to see that some matches have already been played. If you have entered, please check on the noticeboard who you are playing and try to keep to the proposed dates.
- **Winstanley Shield** – congratulations to Tricia Magrath and Alan Wright on winning the Winstanley Shield at the beginning of June.

Social Tennis (Mix- ins)

The next social tennis, mix in, is this **Sunday 28th July**, starting at 2.00 pm. Just turn up and play a few games with whoever is playing. It's a great way for new members to meet members of the club.

Also on **Sunday 11th August** we are holding a '**new members' afternoon**' so that all members who have joined the club in 2019 can come along and play some tennis but also meet up and have a drink - tea, coffee or something from the bar, if they wish. All members are also invited and it will give us a chance to get some feedback on how we can improve the experience of people who are new to the club. This too will be a 2.00 pm start.

Fund Raising and Social Events

The next club social event is to be on **Friday 23rd August** when we are holding a **members' social evening**. This will be an opportunity to come along and play some social tennis from 6.00 pm onwards and then enjoy a drink in the clubhouse from 7.00 pm where **all drinks** will be **at greatly reduced prices**. This is a thank you, to you the members, for your support of the club so far this year. If this kind of evening proves popular, we would like to make it a regular event.



Men's End of Season Meal – Friday 6th September 7.00 pm for a 7.45pm meal. This will be the usual format – Italian meal/pizza/apple pie. £12 per head. All details will be up in the clubhouse shortly.

Ladies End of Season Evening- Friday 13th September, 7.30 pm start. As a change this will be a faith supper in the clubhouse to which all ladies are invited to bring along some food, either sweet or savoury to share. There will be a raffle, a quiz and the bar will be open. All ladies are most welcome.

Beer, Gin and Prosecco Festival- this has been organised in conjunction with Orrell Rugby Club and Winstanley Cricket Club on **Friday 20th September** 5.00 – 10 pm, and **Saturday 21st September** 12.00 – 10.00 pm and is being held at the tennis club. Courts 1-3 will be out of use from Wednesday 18th – Wednesday 25th September, but courts 4 and 5 will be accessible throughout the whole event. We realise that this may inconvenience some members, but it's a great fundraising opportunity and a chance to work with our neighbouring sports clubs who themselves are trying to raise money for new facilities.

The tennis club has been asked to run the Gin and Prosecco bar, along with serving tea, coffee and soft drinks in the kitchen. Therefore we will be asking for members to volunteer to cover a couple of hours on a rota any time during the Festival.

Visitors

*We welcome our members bringing friends to the club to play tennis, but we must remind you that there is a fee of **£5** for each visit, **£2.50** for under 18s, up to a maximum of 6 visits.*

Holiday Camps

The Coaching Team are planning to run a tennis camp during the summer holidays from Monday 5th – Friday 9th August. Please contact Robin, 07890 627729 for further details.



Honesty Bar

Thanks to those members who are using the honesty bar but just a reminder for you to write **your name**, **what** you have bought and the **amount** you have paid on an envelope- kept next to the till and then put the envelope in the safe behind the bar.

This will enable Adrian to see how much stock has been bought and it will make ordering much easier.

Thanks to you all for your cooperation in this matter.

Tea and Coffee in the Clubhouse

We now have a Tassimo coffee machine (donated by Christine). This will be kept in the kitchen and all members and visitors are welcome to use it. Instructions for use are on the wall.

If you prefer, you can make yourself a brew of instant coffee or tea for just 50p. The tea, coffee and sugar are in the cupboard and the Tassimo pods and small milk pots are on the worktop. Please put any money into the tub.



All tea and coffee is of course FREE on match nights

Defibrillator

The defibrillator is in a locked cabinet, to prevent vandalism and/or theft.

Some members have enquired about the code to the cabinet in case the defibrillator needs to be used. All instructions are clearly visible but should the defibrillator be required, there is a leaflet outlining the basic procedure in the Safeguarding folder behind the bar. The code to get into the cabinet cannot be made public to prevent unauthorised opening but the local ambulance service have all the details.



Accident Book and First Aid Kits

The accident book is behind the bar next to the Safeguarding folder.

There are 2 first aid kits in the clubhouse behind the bar on the shelving by the hatch, and 1 is in the coach's room.

Adult Group Coaching and Cardio Tennis

These sessions are continuing on Wednesday evenings: 6.15 - 7.15pm for the group coaching and 7.15 - 8.15 pm for the cardio tennis. It's £5 for each session.

Please contact Robin if you want more information 07890 627729

Website and Social Media

Please let Stan Meredith know if you wish to include any information, photos etc on our website - <http://winstanleytennisclub.co.uk> at merediths1@tiscali.co.uk or 07955 747595

You can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/winstanleytennisclub Please contact Paula Halsall paulahalsall@hotmail.co.uk or 07856 932735

