

# PURLEY (BERKS) TENNIS CLUB

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## Subscriptions

At the AGM we decided by a narrow majority to raise subscriptions to:

<b>Adults</b>	<b>£58.00 p.a.</b>
<b>Students/Juniors</b>	<b>£24.00 p.a.</b>
<b>Seniors (60+)</b>	<b>£33.00 p.a.</b>
<b>Family Group (2 adults + students/children)</b>	<b>£115.00 p.a.</b>

Shoe tags will be issued on receipt of your subs. Please make sure you wear yours – if you don't, you'll be liable for visitor's fees. Please make every effort to pay your subs by 31<sup>st</sup> March, thanks.

## Court resurfacing

Completed last summer. Generally considered a great success. Along with new posts and nets, the courts are once more to be proud of. Our thanks are due to Colin our chairman in huge measure, for driving this through, negotiating with the parish council, greenham common trust, and organising the funding. A sterling effort; now let's make the most of them.

## New Website

Our new website is at [www.purleyonthamestc.co.uk](http://www.purleyonthamestc.co.uk) It is now managed by our new webmaster Jonathan. It still contains our calendar of events, details of matches including those rearranged, news and photos from club events. If you have any ideas or photos or news, please pass them to Jonathan, or any other committee member. Contact details below.

## Rota

The rota of members that we organise to guarantee a presence at club sessions works well. Please tick the box on the membership form if you'd be willing to help. We would also very much welcome some help on the committee, to run the club.

## Spring Wake-Up / Rusty Rackets ~ Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 10.00 a.m. – 1:00 pm

Let's get the season off to a flying start with a big turnout. If you haven't yet played this year, wait no longer...

## Open Day ~ Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

We're always looking for more members. If you know someone who talks about playing tennis but never quite gets round to it, or hasn't played for a few years? Then, please bring them along. Juniors, why not persuade your parents to have a go. Advice and guidance will be available from our more experienced players. Or just come along to play tennis!

## American tournament ~ Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm

We will be running an informal tournament, starting at 1:00 pm. All members welcome - you don't have to bring a partner, and you don't have to play at a high standard. The format means you'll have different a partner for each match.

## Picnic and Tennis ~ Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 12:00-4:00pm

Bring your own food and drink! Playing tennis is optional, as is sharing, both encouraged!

## Purley Sports Clubs Open day, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 12 am to 4 pm.

We will be manning the courts, please come along to help attract new members, and practise for next week!

## Club Tournament ~ Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00 a.m. Prompt please.

Junior and adult tournaments will be on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. If the weather is unhelpful, it will be the following week instead. 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 18<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm for 7.30

This will be held in the social club again, food optional. John's quizzes have been popular for the last few years, but if you have any other suggestions, please let one of the committee know.

## Wimbledon tickets / British Tennis

The club is usually allocated about 4 pairs of tickets for Wimbledon, for various days on the different show courts. If you want to be in the draw for the chance to buy them, you must pay your membership by 31<sup>st</sup> March, and have opted in via your free British Tennis membership. See [www2.lta.org.uk/Membership/Join/](http://www2.lta.org.uk/Membership/Join/) or by calling the British Tennis Services Hub on 020 8487 7000 - our club reference is BER028. NNB for new members, it's permanently free, and necessary for playing league matches.

## League matches

We will again be playing in both Newbury and Berkshire leagues in summer and winter, with Purley represented by ladies, men's and mixed teams. The matches take place on Saturday afternoons or Sunday mornings, and the ladies also have matches on Wednesday evenings. Sometimes postponed matches are played at other times....see our website for details. If you would like to play in any of these teams, let us know. New players are ALWAYS needed. Contact the team organizers – see below.

## Committee

The committee for this year are:

Chairman, Men's team	Colin Moses	0118 984 5429	<a href="mailto:mosescd@btinternet.com">mosescd@btinternet.com</a>
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As you will see, there are two vacancies on the committee, which is already down to the bare bones. The club does not run itself. If you feel able to do a stint, even for just a year or two, please contact anyone on the committee to talk it through. Colin is doing the treasurer role temporarily, but this is not sustainable.

## Coaching

We will continue to offer informal free coaching for juniors will continue on the first Saturday each month, starting on 7<sup>th</sup> May. The sessions, from 9:30, are run by our experienced committee members. We don't use a professional coach for these, so there's no charge, just turn up!

## Court schedule

The scheduled club sessions are as follows:

Monday	Club evening (adults and proficient juniors) from 6.30 p.m. – Starting 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Wednesday	Club afternoon (adults) from 1.30 p.m. Evening matches possible.
Thursday	Club evening (adults and proficient juniors) from 6.30 p.m. also starts 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Saturday	Informal Junior Coaching: 9:30-11:00 (First Saturday of each month). Adult Club session, and informal coaching 10:30- 1.00 every week. Afternoon matches possible. All through the year, winter and summer.
Sunday	Matches possible, both morning or afternoon. Check the calendar on our website.

Apart from those times, the courts are available on a first come first served basis, except when there are organised club events. The days may be subject to change, which will be advised on our website and notice board.

*League matches and club events take priority over casual play, but we will do our best to give advance warning by putting notices on the club notice board. The match dates are also on our website [www.purleyonthamestc.co.uk](http://www.purleyonthamestc.co.uk)*

It's worth checking, as sometimes matches have to be rearranged.

## 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 available adjacent to the courts. To use these facilities you must be a member of Purley Sports & Social Club. Conversely, membership of the Purley Sports & Social Club does not entitle anyone to free use of the courts! We have negotiated a reduced membership to the social club of just £5 for the summer, ie 31/3 to 1/10; this will entitle us to use all their facilities, what a bargain. (And the drinks are cheaper for members too).

## Casual use of the courts

The agreement with Purley Parish Council regarding the use of the courts by non-members is that one court should be available to non-members from the Parish when it is not needed for official Club sessions; a fee to the Tennis Club of £5 per hour is payable.

Adult members - PLEASE HELP US! Wear your shoe tags yourselves, challenge (politely!) those without shoe tags and encourage them to pay when they play. Money may be taken to Colin Moses, Windy Nook, Westbury Lane, Purley, or given to any committee member.

## Members' guests

Please note that the Club Rules state the following: "Members may introduce visitors who shall not be introduced more than three times in any period of 12 months on payment of the appropriate fee to the Membership Secretary." The guest fee is currently £3.

## Welcome

Lynne Heslop has kindly joined the committee. We look forward to her input over the years to come.