

# Preston Candover Tennis Club

Welcome to Preston Candover Tennis Club, a friendly family club, with 3 floodlit hard courts, a practice wall, and a well-equipped Clubhouse with changing facilities and showers, all situated in a peaceful village setting.

## Committee

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| Chair           | Stevan Hoyle      | stevanhoyle@yahoo.com            |
| Treasurer       | Charlotte Whittle | charlottewhittle1@btinternet.com |
| Membership      | Torquil Jack      | torqjack@gmail.com               |
| Secretary       | Sophia Hill       | sophia@laneland.co.uk            |
| Welfare Officer | Louise Niven      | louseniven2@gmail.com            |
| Men's Team      | Justin Blott      | jblott27@gmail.com               |
| Ladies' Team    | Lucy Muncey       | lucy.muncey@outlook.com          |
| Coach           | Catherine Payne   | catherinemperkins@yahoo.co.uk    |

## Membership

We currently have approximately 50 families who are members, and 35 single memberships. The members are from within the valley and beyond, and of all playing abilities from beginners to experienced players.

Membership is due on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year. Costs for April 2021-March 2022 are remaining as in previous years. Please pay your membership by 30 April, after which time it will increase.

|                        | Family<br>(after 30 April) | Single<br>(after 30 April) | Junior/Student<br>(FT Educ) |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Annual rate            | <b>£132 (£140)</b>         | <b>£84 (£90)</b>           | <b>£30</b>                  |
| Monthly Standing Order | <b>£11</b>                 | <b>£7</b>                  | <b>£2.50</b>                |

## **Clubhouse Keys**

We have found that members have been keeping hold of their Clubhouse keys when not renewing their membership. New members will now be charging a £25 refundable deposit for a key when joining the Club. There will also be a £10 charge for replacing a lost key.

## **Covid-19 Track and Trace**

All players are required to sign in at the clubhouse before playing, and to self-certify that they are not showing any signs of Covid-19 and have not been asked to isolate.

If bringing guests, please sign them in under the members name, so that we can contact them through the member if necessary.

Please use the hand sanitiser provided on arrival.

## **Guest Fees**

Members are welcome to bring guests, but we do ask for a £2 guest fee per adult per hour and £1 per child per visit. Please make a note of your guest's visit on the sheet in the clubhouse, and settle this up at the end of the year. We run an Honesty Policy.

Please only bring one guest per member playing – ie one member cannot bring three guests to play, but two members can bring two guests to play.

## **General Rules**

We have no booking system for the courts. Therefore, if at any time all three courts are in use and you wish to continue playing, please finish your set and make up doubles so that everybody has the opportunity to play.

Maintenance of the courts, fences and clubhouse is very expensive, so please treat them with care – no dogs, bicycles, tricycles, roller skates/blades or unsuitable footwear on the courts please! We do ask that junior members are only allowed access to the Clubhouse accompanied by an adult. All juniors not being coached, must remain the responsibility of an accompanying adult, and any damage caused must be paid for.

Please make sure you have locked the courts, turned off the floodlights, washed up, turned off all taps and lights in the clubhouse, and locked the clubhouse when you leave.

We have recently significantly upgraded our lights to the very best LED available. This enables us to play all year round, which not many other clubs in the area are able to do. Our single court was refurbished and painted in 2020, and we plan to do the same with the two other courts in 2021. Repairs have also been done to the Clubhouse.

## **LTA Registration**

PCTC is a member of the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) as an LTA registered venue. We conform to the rules and regulations laid down for membership. As part of membership we also adhere to the LTA safeguarding standards and Louise Niven represents our club in ensuring we provide a safe and secure Club for all our members and their families. Please do contact Louise if you have any questions regarding any safeguarding matter.

## **Tennis Teams and Leagues**

Our club takes part in the local tennis leagues and has teams in Men's Doubles (2 teams - A & B), Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles. We play in both the summer and winter leagues and typically play against Winchester, Totally Tennis in Basingstoke, Aldermaston etc. A list of fixtures is displayed in the Clubhouse.

If you have aspirations to play league tennis, please contact the following and come along to a Team practice evening, details below:

|         |          |          |              |                           |
|---------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Ladies  | Monday   | 7-8.30pm | Lucy Muncey  | lucy.muncey@outlook.com   |
| Men's A | Thursday | 7-8.30pm | Justin Blott | jblott27@gmail.com        |
| Men's B | Thursday | 7-8.30pm | Dennis Nye   | dennis.nye@tgis.co.uk     |
| Mixed   | tbc      |          | Richard Mole | digger.mole@hotmail.co.uk |

We are very happy to have more teams if there is demand, so please contact the relevant Team Captain to discuss further.

A list of matches is displayed in the Clubhouse and 2 courts are required for home matches.

## Coaching

We have a resident coach, Catherine Perkins. She provides coaching to school pupils on Monday to Friday after school, Rusty Rackets for a group of mums wanting to get back on the court on Wednesday mornings at 9-10am, and Drills open to all adult members on Wednesday nights at 6.30pm-8pm. Catherine has priority access to one court for after school coaching, and two courts for Rusty Rackets and Drills. She is also available for private or small group lessons, and manages all bookings directly, so please do contact her (email address above).

If another coach wishes to coach on the courts, this must be approved by the committee, as we must adhere to the LTA safeguarding standards. For more information please contact Stevan.

## Mixed Doubles Morning

We are proposing to start up a Mixed Doubles morning on Sundays. If you would like to take part, please let Sophia know and she will set up a Whatsapp group for those interested.

## Weekly Court Reservations

The following times are prioritised for Team Match/Practice and Drills and may require the use of up to 2 courts:

|           |          |   |
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| Monday    | 7-8.30pm | Ladies Team Matches/Practice                    |
| Wednesday | 9-10am   | Rusty Rackets                                   |
|           | 6.30-8pm | Drills Coaching for all adult members - £8 each |
| Thursday  | 7-8.30pm | Men's Team Matches/Practice                     |
| Sunday    | am - tbc | Mixed Doubles Morning                           |

One court is always available for other members to play.

Please do contact the Committee if you have any ideas or suggestions – happy tennis!