

From: Liz Martin info@elmstennis.co.uk
Subject: {Disarmed} Elms Tennis Club Monthly Newsletter
Date: 15 May 2020 at 18:18
To: Elms info@elmstennis.co.uk



Elms Tennis Club Monthly Newsletter

Dear Elms

Welcome to the May 2020 Newsletter from Elms Tennis Club.

If you can think of any other items which may be of interest to the Members, please discuss with Liz Martin or Karuna.

General News

We hope you are all keeping well and managing to adapt to the current situation. Strange times indeed.

Following the update from the government and the LTA this week, the restrictions have been relaxed for playing tennis, we can now play outside:
Doubles, ONLY if you are all from the same family household;
Singles, either with someone from your family or someone outside your family household.

we are very much looking forward to opening the club again for the 2020 season. We hope that you will feel reassured that we have thought hard about how to ensure The Elms will provide a safe and welcoming environment for tennis. Of course, we are relying on our loyal members to act in accordance with the new rules and take responsibility for their personal safety.

We would really value your comments and feedback so do get in touch if you have any queries that we can help with info@elmstennis.co.uk and the arrangements can be revised to fit in with LTA guidance and feedback.

Some of you may have a mixture of feelings regarding starting to play tennis once more and the committee would like to reassure you all by putting the following procedures in place.

A Booking System will be introduced as follows:

Courts can be booked by all members of the club and to do this simply email yours and your tennis partner's (member or guest) names to info@elmstennis.co.uk stating the time and day you wish to book a court.

Please look at the court availability on the club website [calendar](#) before emailing and ideally it would help if this can be done at least 24 hours in advance.

If you intend to play with a guest - please take responsibility for paying the guest fee through bank transfer and please ensure that you take responsibility for the safety of your guests and other players on court by following the LTA's advice and guidance in particular the player guidance which can be found at <https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/news/2020/lta-guidance-for-tennis-players---covid-19.pdf>.

Playing guidelines:

You must bring your own racket and balls (all marked with your name on), be dressed ready to play (the clubhouse will NOT be left open) and bring your own sanitizer and drink.

Please turn up promptly for your time slot (a few minutes before the start) but do not enter the court enclosure until all previous players on your court have left. Please do not adjust the net height, this will be set to the correct height already.

already.

Avoid changing ends or change at opposite sides of the net to maintain social distancing. There should be no handshaking or physical contact between players.

Please leave the court promptly if the next players are waiting to start and do not remain to chat after playing. The benches will not be available as seating during lockdown.

There will be posters up in the clubhouse window and by the gates to remind players of their responsibilities in order to keep people safe. The courts will be unlocked during the daytime.

NB The Clubhouse will be closed at all times.

The courts are now available and bookings can be made with immediate effect.

Elms Lawn Tennis Club Ladders

Marcus has kindly offered to organise the following Tennis ladders.

Two ladders will be available to members to enable singles play either for social tennis, or competitive tennis.

The primary aim of the ladders is to allow members to organise play with other members using the ladder to identify those players wishing to organise play.

It will initially be ladies and gentlemen in both ladders to allow play amongst a wider range of players. Players will initially be ranked to ensure they are able to enjoy play against similar standard of players.

The ladders will be managed on a weekly basis with the current ladder being communicated each Sunday by email.

Players will send their results into the organiser by text.

Players will be allowed to challenge any of the 4 players in the ladder above them.

Players wishing to join should be members, indicate which ladder they would like to be included in (or both) and send the request to marcusanderson7262@gmail.com or text to 07597 843704.

I propose to have this up and running by Sunday 24th May 2020.

Coaching Sessions

Julie Williams will be offering coaching sessions designed to ease yourself back to fitness or to improve your game. She has some comprehensive guidelines on how the sessions will be run in order to keep everyone safe. so please read if you are interested in trying a session out [guidelines](#)

Please contact Julie at julie@jwtennis.com with your requirements and to make the arrangements.

Costs proposed are:

1:1 Hitting - 30 mins - £10 and 45 mins - £15

1:1 Coaching - 30 mins - £15 and 45 mins - £22.50

Please follow LTA's advice for players and read the guidance for coaches to keep yourself and others you are close to safe - please visit the LTA Website for further details - <https://www.lta.org.uk>

Grounds Maintenance

We have been busy preparing the courts and they are now ready for play with the lines marked out and the nets in position and are in fine condition. Many thanks to all those helping on the Grounds team and please remember the social distancing requirements whilst preparing the courts.

As you are all aware, our lovely grass courts require a certain amount of maintenance each week and we will have to block book out some time to do this during the lockdown period.

No bookings will be available during these times. Maintenance times will be on the Club Calendar.

Membership

Thank you very much to all the people who have paid their yearly subs. This is vital as we still have the ongoing costs even if we haven't yet played.

We understand that some of you may be reticent to pay the yearly subs in these uncertain times so we are offering people the chance to purchase some Visiting members slots. This will require a payment of £25 paid in advance and then that person can book and play on 5 separate occasions. Once these have been used and the person wishes to continue, full membership should be purchased but will be reduced by the £25 already paid. We hope this will enable people to try out playing under the current restrictions before committing to the full membership.

Only those who have paid full subs will be able to participate in the Ladders.

Any members wishing to pay subs or Visitors Fees the bank details are as follows:

Account Name: Elms Lawn Tennis Club

Account number: 61011553

Sort Code: 40-44-04

League Matches and Club Competitions

Due to the restrictions during lockdown, all league matches and Club Competitions have been cancelled until further notice.

Competitions have been cancelled until further notice.



Copyright © 2020 Elms Lawn Tennis Club, All rights reserved.
You are receiving this email because you opted in via our website.

Our mailing address is:

Elms Lawn Tennis Club
Linden Grove
Taunton, Somerset TA1 1EH
United Kingdom

Add us to your address book

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.

