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# YOUR DRIVE

Newsletter of The Drive Tennis Club, Edgware



## Who's ready for the best event and tournament of the year?!

It's been so great to see everyone enjoying their tennis over the last 2 months.

With the cobwebs dusted, all our members are now all raring to go for our annual showdown that is the Club Championships.

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# Covid-19 Guidelines Update



As of the 4th of July social distancing has been changed from 2 metres to 1 metre and the clubhouse will be now be open but with 1 metre (plus) distancing to be observed.

We will continue to provide hand sanitizers at the courts.

We also urge everyone to continue to clean their equipment after use, not to share equipment, and use a glove on the non-playing hand to touch the balls.

There is no change to the number of people in groups which remains at 6; consisting of 5 players and 1 coach.



# Guest Policy



The Committee are pleased to see that most of our members are now sending over online their guest fees and this is greatly appreciated.

However there are still just a few of you bringing guests to the club and not making any payment.

So a quick reminder that it is the members responsibility to send online the guest fee for any guests brought to the club.

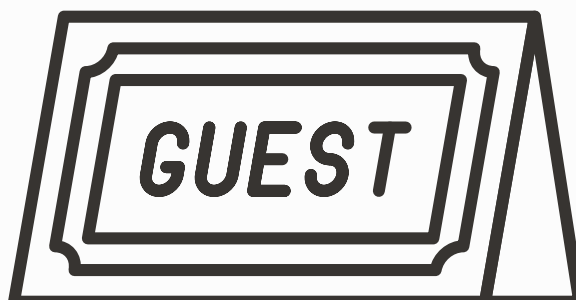
A reminder that it is:

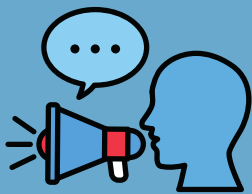
Adult £8 per visit

Junior £3 per visit

The club's full guest policy is set out here:  
<https://thedrivetennisclub.org/guest-policy/>

Please contact Bev at [bev.newman@sky.com](mailto:bev.newman@sky.com) to let him know you have made the payment.





# Court Bookings



The Club is enjoying a high level of usage which is wonderful to witness. We have had a significant increase in membership from a variety of ages, and people have more time to play.

Until fairly recently availability of courts was not an issue, except for winter nights as there are only four floodlit courts. However the dynamics of the club have significantly changed in a short space of time.

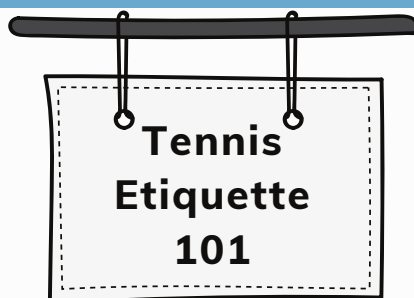
Therefore we ask members to be aware of the new dynamics and plan accordingly which also includes cancelling courts that you cannot use, no matter the reason.

David has dropped into the club at varying times/days, and have seen that many courts were not being used, despite being shown as booked on Skedda. This is frustrating and everyone's cooperation would help a great deal in managing this.

The Skedda booking system requires some modifications to provide consistent options for everyone and we are aware that it has few flaws. We are working to getting these flaws eliminated.

If the small number of people who do not cooperate with regard to bookings/cancellations, we will introduce punitive measures. We do not want to do this as it would go against the ethos of the Club but if we are not left with a choice we will do so.

# Club Reminders



A reminder that we should all use the appropriate **etiquette** whilst on a tennis court. We appreciate that we are not playing at the same level as a Wimbledon final; however, we should have respect for our fellow members on adjacent courts.

When you are vacating a court furthest from the entry/exit gate, please wait for a suitable break in the game on the adjacent court and then walk quickly to the exit gate. Similarly if a ball goes onto the next court please wait for a suitable juncture to retrieve your ball.

I would ask the players on the other court to have some patience and if someone does not follow the required etiquette to gently remind them and not to go overboard.



The Drive Tennis Club has a complete **NO SMOKING** policy on the premises. This includes all areas outside as well as the clubhouse.



# Tennis Ladder Results



Well done to every player who took part in the Tennis Ladder, we've seen some great matches over the last couple of weeks!  
The Committee are over joyed to see how successful how our first run of this event went, and we have also taken useful notes for areas to improve on for next time.

The semi-finals and finals took place on Sunday 5th July and  
The final results were as follows:

## Semi Finals:

- **Adam J** vs Efraim L  
4-2 4-2
- **Aris V** vs Justin W  
4-2 4-0

## Third and fourth Play Off:

**Justin W** vs Efraim L  
4-1 4-2

## Final:

**Adam J** vs Aris V  
4-2 1-4 10-7

Congratulations to Adam Jacobson on winning the Tennis Ladder!





# Competitive Tennis: Club Champs



The draws for the Club Championships have now been uploaded on our website:

<https://thedrivetennisclub.org/adults-tournaments/>

Hard copies are also posted inside the clubhouse.

Please organise your matches between yourselves by the stated deadlines. If you require a contact number for your opponent, please email Ben Brill (benbrill@talktalk.net).

We wish everyone the very best of luck and see you all on **13th September finals day** for some great tennis, fun and food!



# Social Tennis



**Social Tennis Sunday 9:00-12pm** (Intermediate Upwards)


Just turn up and play!

## About Sunday Social Tennis

Sunday morning tennis has been a critical part of the fabric of the Club. It provides an occasion where intermediate and above players can mix and mingle and meet other members. In the past there was a system which was managed by a volunteer who would ensure that players would be put together in a 'four' to play a set.

For a period of time Sunday morning social tennis saw fewer numbers only on four courts, and on occasions even less, would be used.

This enabled certain players to form groups of their choice and only play with each other. However as the dynamics have changed these members should be aware that we should return to the values of social tennis as it was intended.



**We urge newer members to come on a Sunday morning and with the easing of restrictions we will be able to have refreshments available again!**

**We will be blocking 6 courts from 0900 to 1200 for the following four weeks and will review it at the end of this trial period.**

*enjoy!*



# Adult Section



Bye Bye and Good luck Ana!

We wish all the best to member Ana who has now left the UK to take up a full tennis scholarship at the University of Alabama in America.

Ana was trained by Marc and was a popular member of the Squads and had this quick message to thank Drive members:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/16CTN4sJZZ1IBjiRa4wcwbJOKAD\\_5YQjV/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16CTN4sJZZ1IBjiRa4wcwbJOKAD_5YQjV/view?usp=sharing)

We look forward to following her progress.

*Goodbye*

**Squads** are back in full swing, and whilst adhering to the new guidelines can prove challenging, Marc is still providing 5 star squads with many insightful tips for improving your game.

# Junior Section



Madalina is now running her fun summer camps, but with limited numbers due to new guidelines. It is done on an invitation basis, however if you would like to know more, please contact Madalina directly.

We would also like to announce the running of a Junior club tournament. As the LTA are still not running tournaments yet, this is the perfect opportunity to get some competitive tennis practice in.

Please contact Madalina for further details.

madalina\_alex01@yahoo.co.uk

# General Notices



## Benches

There has been a long standing tradition whereby members can donate a bench, in the memory of a family member(s) or to acknowledge their longstanding membership.

The Club donates the plaque for the bench.

I would like to ask members to consider this and contact the Chairperson on [chairman@thedrivetennisclub.org](mailto:chairman@thedrivetennisclub.org)



## Committee Roles

The committee is currently looking for enthusiastic members to fill in for 2 roles. These roles are: Treasurer & Welfare Officer

We have sadly had to say goodbye to Neil our previous treasurer, as he now has his hands too full with a new family member.

David Aldridge is the incumbent WO but as he has stepped into the role of Chair he cannot carry out both roles.

For further information please email [chairman@thedrivetennisclub.org](mailto:chairman@thedrivetennisclub.org)



# Advertise Here



We are now providing the opportunity to have personalised adverts for businesses here in our newsletter.

We are offering a whole page or half page advertisements.

Our newsletter is circulated around all of our members; adults and junior families, and has grown immensely over the last couple of weeks we have been open after lock-down.

This could be a simple and affordable way to expand your brand business name in the North London area.

For more details, please contact:

[social@thedrivetennisclub.org](mailto:social@thedrivetennisclub.org)



# Please be safe on court, and stick to our guidelines still



The committee will be in touch with our members again once we have had our next meeting, due to take place in early August.

Please make full use of the hand sanitisers around the tennis club!

If you have time, we would love for our members to leave The Drive a review on Google!



As always keep an eye for updates on our website, Facebook page and Instagram:



Love,  
Your Committee

