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YOUR DRIVE

Newsletter of The Drive Tennis Club, Edgware



Who needs to go on holiday when it's 36C in the UK?

We've seen some scorching days the last week or so, and whilst it makes you feel like you're training in Spain, please remember to be sensible and stay hydrated!

Your health is your greatest wealth.

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Social Distancing



Unfortunately, Covid-19 is still a very real and serious situation that we all face.

We can see that some members are starting to become quite lax in observing social distancing and would like to kindly remind everyone that there is still the 1m rule.

Many have vulnerable family members, so please be understanding of this.

We encourage you to let anyone before you leave the courts first before you go on, and please do not gather outside or inside of the clubhouse.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Guest Policy Reminder



Thanks so much to all of you who are sending in your guest fees.

The Committee are really pleased to see these being received on a regular basis, it brings us closer to all the improvements we have planned for the club, as well as it helping to promote the club to potential new members.

However there are still a select few 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.

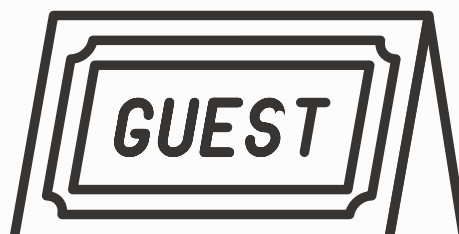
A reminder that it is:

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 to let him know you have made the payment.





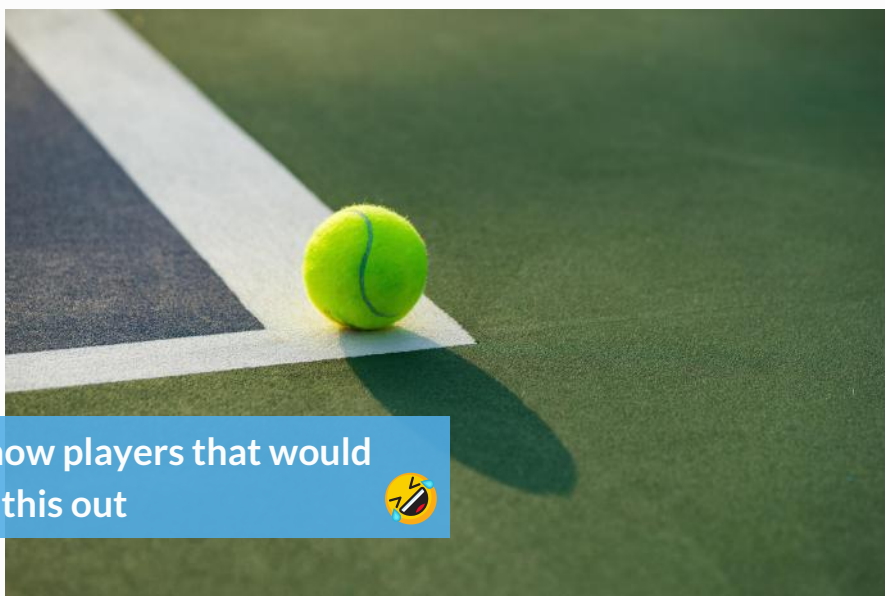
We are making progress with our Skedda booking platform and we are pleased to say that we have already eliminated some of the flaws to the system.

We are continually working hard to improve the booking experience for all our members. As the demand on courts are so high, we have been trying to knuckle down on members not cancelling their bookings.

We are still finding that members are not turning up for their bookings or cancelling the booking as requested.

We have started a survey writing to 'no shows' to find out why this happens and how/if we can make any improvements. Some of you will already received these emails and your helpful responses have been appreciated.

So if you miss your booking you may expect to receive an email from us!



Hands up if you know players that would call this out



Club Reminders



Noise Levels



You will all be aware that the club is right in the middle of residential accommodation. With the recent hot weather many of our neighbours are spending more time in their gardens and we have heard that on occasions the noise from the courts can be excessive. We would like to kindly remind everyone and daytime squad attendees to respect our neighbours and do their best to keep noise levels down.



Lost and Found

The club has accumulated many items that have been left or forgotten at the tennis club. These include, clothing, caps and water bottles.

Please could any items in the club house by the vending machine be picked up by the end of this month. After that they will all be given to charity.



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



Club Champs Finals Day



The Club Champs have been well underway now, and thank you for those players that are organising their matches before the deadline.

The draws are being updated online every so often so make sure to keep an eye out:

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

Finals Day:

Sunday 13th September

Please make a note of the date
and come down to watch some
great tennis!



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

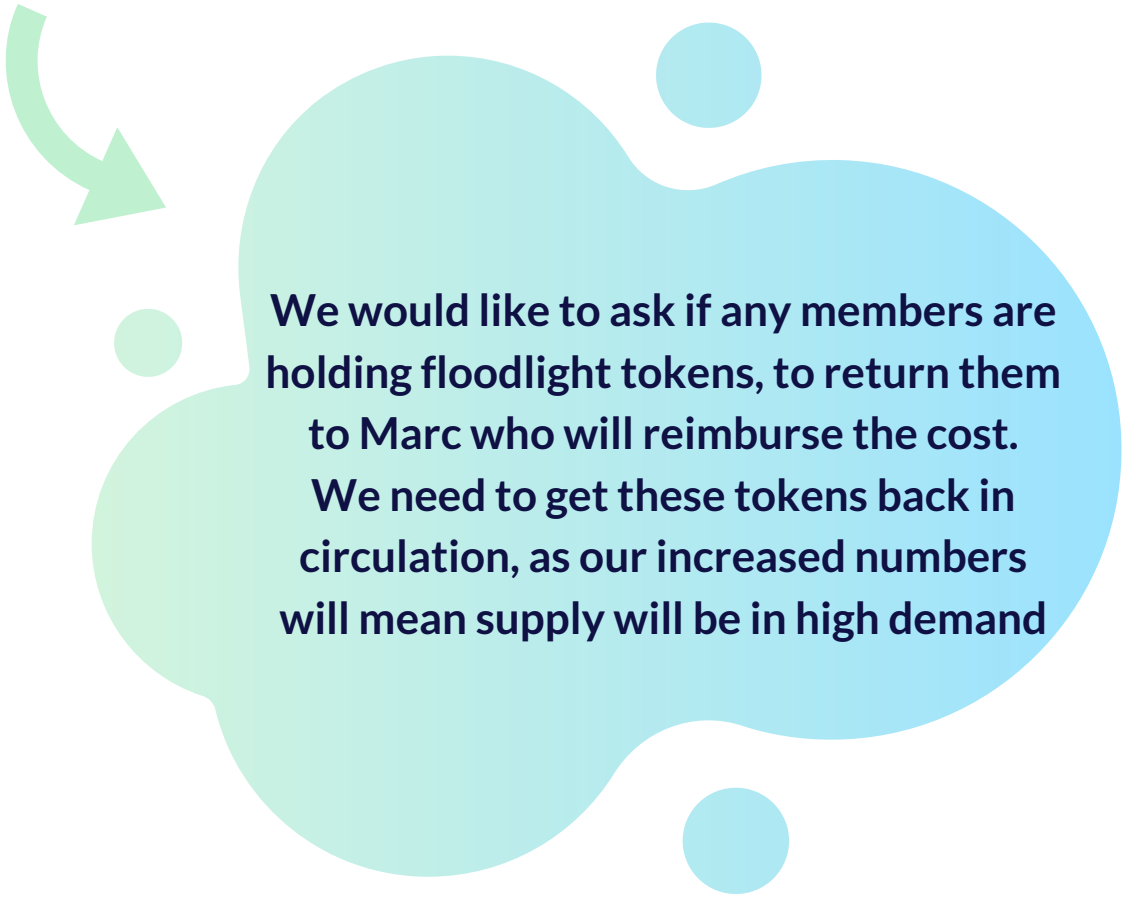


Marc continues to successfully run his ever popular Adult Squads.

Please note that there will be no squads between Monday 17th August- Friday 21st August as Marc will be on a well earned family holiday!

We are immensely grateful for Marc's efforts in informing new players to the benefits of becoming a member at The Drive, and in helping grow our membership.

Marc has informed us that his Floodlight Token stock is currently running low. The tokens for Courts 1 and 2 are very old and obsolete, so unfortunately obtaining new ones are not possible.



We would like to ask if any members are holding floodlight tokens, to return them to Marc who will reimburse the cost. We need to get these tokens back in circulation, as our increased numbers will mean supply will be in high demand

Junior Section



The Junior Ladder tournament has now finished!



Girls Winner: Bianca Jamal
Boys Winner: Rafi Sweriy

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Congratulations to all the kids for their enormous efforts in making this tournament a success. Also a big thank you to the parents for organising the matches and supporting the kids.

Madalina is running another tournament currently: Boys and Girls Singles, Boys and Girls Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

Junior squads are running successfully with fruitful numbers each week. Madalina is pleased to announce that for the first time she can run a girls only squad that has good attendance.

Despite the social distancing measures in place to keep the juniors and coaches safe, the junior camps are still running with amazing numbers.

The number of junior members this year has really grown. This brings the club a renewed vitality and will aid in bringing up promising players within The Drive Tennis Club. The parents have also played a massive part in this success and some even choosing to take the sport up themselves.

Many thanks to Steve and Aga for their help and support in running the camps with Madalina to manage safely with the large numbers.

Madalina hopes to run the normal squads and schedule in September and will announce any decisions when they are able to be made.

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



Committee Roles

The committee is currently looking for a member to fill in the role of **treasurer**.

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.

For further information please email 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



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 mid September.

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 all,
Your Committee

