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## Information For Members 2009/10

**New Members**, who would like to join, please contact the Membership Secretary, Kathy Ryan. Tel: 0117 961 0533. You are entitled to a discount if you join part way through the tennis year. There is no playing-in test, but we like to encourage total beginners to have some coaching first. For more details see later. We very much welcome new members. Once your membership fee has been received, a shoe tag, which is proof of membership and the code to the gate, will be forwarded to you. The gate code is for use by members only and should not be disclosed to anyone else.

### **Club Nights:**

For adults, prospective new members, students and invited juniors.

In winter the floodlight fee of £2 should be put on the table and your name entered into the book as having paid. Whenever 6 or more members are playing the floodlight fee should be collected from all players. Money not put into the meter should be given to a Committee Member.

**Monday Evenings:** from 30 March until 13 July, from 6.30pm onwards, Men's team practice. All men players welcome but the Captain has the authority to organize players for the purposes of match practice.

After 13 July social tennis, club night.

**Tuesday Evenings:** from 7 April until 14 July, Ladies Team Practice, all lady players welcome, 6.30-8.30pm. The Captain has authority to organize players for the purposes of match practice. After 8.30pm the courts are available for general use.

After 14 July courts available for general use.

**Wednesday Evenings:** from 6.30pm club night for social play. See a Committee Member for guidelines on standards.

**Thursday Evenings:** There is junior and adult coaching at various times of the year. See page four for further details. For course dates see the club notice board. There is always at least one court for general use.

**Friday Evenings:** The courts are used for summer league matches from 8th May-17th July, (but not Bank Holiday weekend 22 May when a social fund raising tennis tournament is being held). Also for ladies and men's summer vets and winter league matches at various other times, see the court booking sheets or the white board for details. When there are no matches the courts are available for general use. With the exception of Summer League matches, at least one court is always available for general use.

**Saturday Mornings:** From 9 May, between 9am and 12 noon there is 10 weeks of coaching for Junior and U10 players. The club meets the cost of this as part of members' subscriptions. See page three for further details.

On some Saturday afternoons there are junior league matches at 1.30pm, see court booking sheets or the white board for details.

**Sundays:** The courts are available for general use.

The club field 4 men's and 4 ladies' teams in the Avon County Summer League, also one men's and one ladies team in the summer veterans league. To qualify for vets players have to be aged 40 or over. Each team consists of four players and each pair play two matches.

The club also fields 2 teams in the winter league and one team in the winter veteran's league. Each team consists of 2 men and 2 ladies. Matches consist of a ladies doubles, a men's doubles followed by all players playing a mixed match.

**Match fees** are £2.50p. (Adults) Juniors playing adult matches (£1.50p)

**Club rules state that members cannot play in league matches unless their membership subscriptions have been paid. Players cannot be selected if their fees are outstanding.**

### **Security Lock on Gate:**

The code will be advised to all members who have renewed their membership. The code is always changed in May. (For this season it will be changed on Thursday 7 May 2009) Please remember that the gate code is for use by members only and must not be disclosed to non-members.

### **Clubhouse Keys and Alarm Information.**

Clubhouse keys are available to adult members for a deposit of £6.00p. If you cease to be a member, the key must be returned and the deposit will be refunded. To obtain a key contact Lee Fineman, Tel: 01454 294908. Please ask Lee, or any Committee Member, for details regarding switching off and setting the alarm when you lock up. Please be security and energy aware when locking up the clubhouse.

### **Tennis Balls:**

The club provides balls for all league fixtures. These balls are then recycled into play on club nights, please do not take them away from the club, you are depriving other members from playing with decent balls. The Committee has decided that at a Committee Member's discretion additional new balls may be introduced into general play on club nights. At other times members are expected to provide their own supply of tennis balls.

### **Coaching:**

Everyone should have at least some coaching at some time during his or her playing career. Sodbury Tennis Club is committed to providing some free coaching to all members. (Excluding students, due to the decision to reduce their membership fee). The club coaching coordinator, Kathy Ryan will organize all coaching.

## **COACHES:**

**Steve Johnson.** Club Performance Coach.

Steve's qualification is CCA. He is a fully licensed LTA coach and has coached players to junior Wimbledon standard. Steve is a former RAF and Combined Services tennis Champion.

The Performance Coach is available to provide coaching on Sunday and Thursday evenings, for both private lessons and courses arranged by the club. For individual lessons Steve's fee is £25 per hour, for private group lessons please contact Steve for prices. Tel 07967188057. Members are responsible for paying their private lesson fees directly to Steve.

**Godfrey Evans, Coach:** he has a qualification similar to an LTA level 3-club coach, (but under the old grading system). He is of National Veterans Standard and has played at Wimbledon. This year he has been selected for team GB vets. Godfrey coaches the juniors during the Saturday morning free to members' sessions.

**Dave Tanner, Coach (Juniors)** - Dave has a qualification similar to an LTA level 3-club coach, (but under the old grading system). He has played at County level and still plays County vets and club tennis. He will be part of the Saturday morning coaching team.

**Gary Chorley Coaching Assistant (Juniors and Adults)** - Gary is working towards improving his coaching qualifications. He is playing club tennis and has played at County level. Gary will be part of the Saturday morning coaching team.

**Paul Morse, Coaching Assistant.** Paul plays tennis at club level and is also a football coach.

All coaches have been CRB checked.

The above arrangements are intended to provide something for all members and give them the potential to develop their tennis skills and continued enjoyment of the game.

## **COACHING & ACTIVITY PROGRAMME JUNIOR TENNIS**

**Free to members Saturday Mornings: Junior Coaching. (Starts 9 May for 10 sessions)**

9am-10am	U10
10am-11am	10-16yrs
11am-12noon	10-16 years invited/talented players

**Coaches:** Dave Tanner, Godfrey Evans, Gary Chorley, plus assistants.

**Thursday Evenings:** Junior Club night, 5pm-6.30pm, coaching with and Steve Johnson from 5.30-6.30pm. Cost: £3 per session. If there is sufficient demand there will also be coaching for the under 10's from 4.30pm-5.30pm, cost £3 per session.

**School Holiday Activities:** Contact the Club Coaching Coordinator Kathy Ryan 0117 9610533 for details, or look on the club web site: [www.sodburytennisclub.org.uk](http://www.sodburytennisclub.org.uk). There will be coaching activities during half term week 27-29<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and at sometime during the summer holidays.

**Box Leagues and Club Tournament.** See club notice board for details. League Competition.

Juniors may use the courts weekday evenings until 6.30pm.

### **ADULT TENNIS**

The Adult tennis-coaching programme is split into three levels, and is aimed to be flexible so that adults can attend according to ability.

**Adult Beginner** - designed to give you the opportunity to learn the strokes and play the game. If you have not played before or for a long time this will give you an ideal grounding and confidence to get back into tennis.

**Adult Improver** - for players who play regularly and want to further their tennis skills in all aspects of the game.

**Adult advanced-** for regular league players who are invited to the courses.

The club will meet the cost of four coaching courses per year as part of members' subscriptions.

Adult coaching- **Thursday** evenings from 7.30pm-8.30pm cost £5 per session, just turn up pay and play/be coached, all standards catered for. See notice board in the clubhouse for course dates.

**Wednesdays Social Club nights** (*Mondays also from July-April*) from 6.30pm (speak to committee members for guide lines on standards)

Box Leagues and ladders and Club Tournament:  
Check the notice board for details.

### **Visitors Fees:**

£3.00 per adult player per session (maximum 5 visits per year).

£1.00 per junior player per session (maximum 5 visits per year).

Visitors can only play when accompanied by a member and must pay the visitors fee. The visitors fee should be put into an envelope labeled with the date and the names of the club member and visitor and pushed through the grill between the kitchen and the bar or in the post box on the outside gate. Visitors can only attend for a maximum of 5 visits after which they should join the club as full members. Any visitors fees paid in the month of joining will be deducted from the membership fee. Only prospective members may play as visitors on Club Nights. During winter club nights, visitors also pay a floodlight fee of £2.00 in addition to the visitors' fee.

### **American Tournaments;**

All full members and invited juniors may enter by adding their name to the list on the notice board. Next event is Friday 22 May 2009 at 6.30pm. The event is a mixed

doubles competition and players play each match with a different partner. Come along and find out more. Prizes and food.

For dates see dates for your diary for more events.

#### **Annual Club Tournament:**

Mixed, ladies and men's doubles, men's and ladies singles knockout tournaments are played during the summer. Entry lists are put up on the notice board in May or June. Please put your name down promptly.

#### **Box Leagues:**

For adults and juniors, ongoing throughout the year. Please see club notice board.

#### **Club Singles Ladder:**

Why not take part? Put your name and phone number on one of the free tabs at the bottom of the ladder. Challenge anyone you might be able to beat. If you win, place your tab in his/her place and move everyone else's down one place. Enter your score on the Notice Board.

#### **Child Protection Officer:**

The Child Protection Officer is Janet Spence Tel: .07813963251. Any Child Protection concerns you may have should be referred to her in the first instance. For easy recognition a photograph of Janet is displayed in the clubhouse.

#### **Use of Courts:**

The club has recently paid for refurbishment of the courts and it is more important than ever that we treat them with respect. Do not use pushbikes, skateboards or roller boots on the court surface, as these will cause damage. Also it is important that proper tennis shoes are worn when using the court. These are non-marking of the courts and provide proper foot support/grip for members/guests.

Court no.1 (nearest clubhouse) gets most use and therefore most damage. Please rotate court use to evenly spread the wear and use court no.4 as often as possible, particularly in daylight hours.

Furthermore why not do your bit to help maintain the courts. Give them a sweep.

There is a piece of equipment kept in the shed, which is very light and simple to use.

Remember court etiquette!!! Do not walk behind players whilst a game or rally is in progress, this is to avoid distracting other members and most importantly to avoid any potential accidents on court. If you are trying to cross a court please wait until invited to do so and it is safe. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE RULES APPLY EQUALLY TO BOTH ADULT AND JUNIOR MEMBERS.**

If you require any further information, do email us at:

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or contact any Committee Member.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

Easter Monday 13 April 2009 Tournament with hot cross buns and Easter eggs.

Friday 22 May 2009, American Tournament and fun raising for Marie Curie  
 Saturday 11 July 2009 Summer Social  
 Monday 31 August 2009 American Tournament  
 Saturday 26 September 2009 club finals day  
 Thursday 19 November 2009 Annual General Meeting.  
 Christmas Social, date to be fixed.

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