

Hi Everyone,

Firstly a thank you to you all for sticking to the new advice when playing tennis. Making new habits is really tricky! This is an ever changing situation so expect more updates frequently.

As a committee we have had a couple of online meetings over the weekend to discuss how we are going to proceed in the coming months during what is going to be a difficult time. To some extent playing tennis and being at the club itself is a decision that will quite possibly be taken out of our hands soon but until then we can play singles or doubles (no mixing in) as long as we follow the hand washing and social distancing regulations.

The main points we have been discussing have been:

- The start of the new season and membership fees
- Court booking
- Facilitating communication between members
- Wimbledon Ballot

New Season and Membership

As a club we are not a business. Providing excellent facilities and opportunities to play tennis, creating a welcoming environment are at the top of the list of what we want for our members. This aside we do have overhead costs, this year especially with the new court surface, which we need to cover.

We realise that the facilities available currently are not the ones which members would normally have and the uncertainty of the next few months could keep the clubhouse and use of balls out of action for a while. For this reason we have decided to reduce the membership fees for the coming year.

The current climate is creating a lot of uncertainty, and playing tennis can be very good for your mental and physical health. We want everyone that can play whilst we are allowed to, to be able to. If your personal financial situation is difficult at the moment and might put a barrier in becoming a member then please do talk to us, we can be flexible and work out payment plans as we understand this could be a challenging time for you. You can contact me at roundhaytennis@gmail.com.

If you join the club from April 1st the fees are as follows:

Membership Type	AGM agreed fee	Reduced Fee
Full Adult (Pre 30th April)	£150	£125
Full Adult (Post 30th April)	£160	£125
Intermediate (18-25)	£80	£67
Junior	£30	£25
Daytime Midweek	£80	£67
Family (Pre 30th April)	£320	£267

Family (Post 30th April)	£330	£267
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These fees will be payable via clubspark from the 1st April, you will receive an email when they are ready.

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS DIRECTLY INTO THE CLUB ACCOUNT.

We cannot keep checking for these, if you do this then it will be seen as a donation towards the new court surface and you will have to pay your membership again via clubspark. If you contact us regarding a payment plan this will also be set up via clubspark. If anyone needs any help paying via clubspark then also contact us as we can talk you through it.

Court Booking

The other points which we discussed as a committee were to do with the recommendations by the LTA that clubs introduce court booking, this was also something that was discussed at the AGM. We are going to be implementing this ASAP.

Paul has created a How To guide for booking courts which will be circulated. Bookings will also be done via clubspark. You can download an app to do this or do it through your browser. The reasons for introducing this are so people know when they can play and we don't have waiting around in groups. You will be able to book a court for 2 hours.

Please do not mix in with other courts for the time being. Some clubs have reduced play to just singles to ensure social distancing and we want to keep doubles play for as long as possible.

Communicating with other members to arrange play

Members who have been with the club for a while will often have contact details for other members to arrange play. Some members might not have these contacts at the current time. I have created a forum page on the website. <https://www.roundhaytennis.org.uk/forum> which is passworded. The only people that can see this page are people who have the password. If you want to share contact details with other members and arrange some games you can do so on here.

Wimbledon Ballot

In the past we have had a social gathering for the Wimbledon ballot at the club. Obviously this is not going to happen. Personally I am unsure whether Wimbledon will take place but in case it does we can still allocate our tickets.

The LTA have provided an automated random system which will assign tickets to members who opted in. You will get an email notifying you if you get allocated a ticket, there will be instructions on how to proceed from this point and also if you wish to return the ticket if you don't want it.

Any questions please just ask.

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