



**(Established 1923)
Affiliated to the
Nottinghamshire LTA**

Dear Member,

Welcome to the start of the 2024/25 season. Whilst it has been a very wet year and we have struggled at times to keep the courts playable; we have proved to be really resilient, still got matches played, and continued with our junior and adult coaching as well as celebrating our centenary year. So, fingers crossed for a drier and sunnier new season!

I want to say a big thankyou to all the bowling and tennis members who volunteer their time to ensure the club runs smoothly in terms of sport and social activities and uptake of the facilities, the juniors, gardening group, committee groups and other members who regularly help out and without which the club would not function.

The Tennis Club committee have been working hard to develop some innovative and creative ideas to ensure the development of the club and we hope to continue to grow and welcome new members. The most exciting news is that we have got agreement to have three of our tennis courts renewed and are hoping for the work to be completed at the end of the summer. We have been busy fundraising, trying to apply for grants and are very thankful for the donations and offer of loans made by some club members. The cost of the courts is around 70K we are grateful to the support of the Musters Sports and Social Club to access some of the club funds.

Our new club fundraising plan will be the commencement of the **100 CLUB!** We are asking members to support this by setting up a standing order for **£5.00 a month**, there will be a draw each month and you may win some money back! Details of this will be emailed out so please try and support this if you can.

Membership

For this year we have agreed not to put adult tennis membership up. We have also introduced a slightly more flexible approach to coaching/membership to encourage better use of the club by local schools, students, and the community through ACE coaching as well as some sponsorship by local businesses to bring in some income. We are always looking for help, volunteers and ideas so please do let us know if you can help in any way.

Practice and social nights: We are keen to encourage greater participation in our club and social events, especially so new members get a chance to meet people, and have a game, so please do support them as often as you can. All update info on weekly play will be on the **MUSTERS NEWS Whats Ap GROUPS**. Please do share mobile phone numbers with the club secretary (secretary.musterstennisclub@gmail.com) who can pass them on so you can be added to the right groups.

Men's/Ladies

- **Monday evenings** from **6 pm**: Club match standard play, men and women are welcome.
- **Tuesday afternoon**: Social Ladies play from **4.30-6pm**.
- **Tuesday evenings**: Ladies Match practice is open to anyone playing or wanting to play in one of the club teams and will be from **6-8pm** on Tuesdays. We hope to have some additional match coaching tbc with dates shortly.

- **Wednesday evenings from 6pm**: Club match standard play, men and women welcome.
- **Thursday evenings** will be available for general social mixed play, and adult coaching sessions but please check for home matches, and courts will need to be booked.
- **Friday mornings: 9.30-11.30am** Ladies social play - all welcome.
- **First Friday in Month Happy Hour-Sip and Hit for everyone, juniors, parents/carers and other club or social members.** There will also be some regular social mixed tournaments. Check website for more details.
- Dates forthcoming, see website.

Social Events

- The date of the first social event **Sip and Hit** for the new season **Friday 3rd May**, from 5pm
- **Sunday 2nd June** Summer BBQ and tournament 2-6pm
- **Saturday 29th June** Joint event with the bowlers: from 2-6pm with bar open, an afternoon tea and fun tennis and bowls activities. Members to sign up, please email Jenny Reed at jen.reed@ntlworld.com so that numbers are known for ordering food.
- **Presidents Day BBQ and tournament**: To be confirmed, but hopefully to combine with the opening of our newly refurbished courts in Sept/Oct 2024.

Junior Coaching: Contact Nick McGowan at admin@acesportscoaching.co.uk for further information on juniors/group and adult 1:1 coaching.

Saturday mornings from 9.30am -12.30pm.

9.30am ages 5-8

10.30am ages 9-12

11.30am ages 12+

Sunday mornings from 9.am-11am

9.00am ages 10-15

10.00am ages 5-9

Adult coaching

Nick Walton at Nicjwalton_8@hotmail.com tel 07759871783

Caroline Milns Tel 07815776046

Group Coaching: Sunday mornings 11am-12pm commencing mid-April. Please see notice board and website for more info.

Teams- Match tax – £3.00 for all league matches. We shall be running:

2 X Ladies short tennis teams

1 x Men's short team

1 X Men's and 1 X Women's summer team

2 X Mixed teams this year.

We are always looking for new members to join a team, so please do get in touch.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are as stated in the attached form. Members are asked to pay fees promptly as it helps with the cash flow.

Please don't set aside this newsletter waiting to be chased. Help your club - pay now!

Dates for your diary

Ladies Tournament: Tuesday June 11th 6pm

Men's Tournament: Monday June 17th 6pm

Mixed Tournament: Thursday July 11th 6pm, (if wet Thursday July 20th)

Singles to be played before Sept as players convenience between June and end of August (sign up on Musters Board)

Tennis Finals Day: Saturday Oct 5th

Car Park

Please remember to put your name card on the dashboard when using the car park, so that your car can be identified if it needs to be moved.

I really hope the weather allows us to have a great summer season and look forward to seeing you down the club and welcoming you on court.

Jenny Rose-Myers

President

April 2024