



Information & Application Form

2007 - 2008

No matter what your age or skill level
Wargrave Tennis Club is a great place to be!

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Welcome to Wargrave Lawn Tennis Club

Committee Members November 2006–2007

Chairman

Sheena Darke
01491 578942

Vice Chairman

John Doyle
0118 9403128

Treasurer

Jon Edgell
0118 9403448

Secretary

Nadia Freeman
0118 9034047

Membership Secretary

Sue Jones
0118 9406613

Maintenance & Coach Liaison

Andy Stokes
0118 9694746

Match Secretary

Angie Sandall
0118 9442240

Ladies Team Captain

Clare Belton
0118 9406049

Men's Team Organizers

Charles Freeman
0118 9546432
Brian Curtis
0118 9442240

Junior Co-ordinator & Social

Gwen Barrett
0118 9340933

BLTA Liaison

Mem Aldridge
0118 9404932

Clubhouse

(incoming calls only)
0118 9404827

Coaching

Gary Drake Tennis
0118 3758324
www.gdtennis.co.uk

About the Club

The Club is located off Recreation Road, adjacent to the cricket ground, football pitch, bowling green and children's playground. There are about 320 members, with roughly equal numbers of Juniors and Seniors.

Currently we have 8 floodlit courts - 4 astroturf and 4 tarmacadam. In 2004 the club built two new hard courts and resurfaced and extended the existing 2 hard courts to LTA standards. The astroturf courts also had extensive refurbishment during 2004. This programme, together with full floodlighting, has given us some of the best playing facilities in the county.

Ours is a members Club and we believe in treating all members alike, regardless of age, sex or ability. We make every effort to maintain a friendly and welcoming atmosphere and our aim is to encourage the playing of tennis whatever your age or skill level. We want our members to feel it is their club. Our committee of volunteer members are always willing to listen to your suggestions and we would appreciate any help you feel able to give to promote and sustain the club.

We also have a Clubhouse, with a telephone for incoming calls and a large car park. Toilet facilities are available in the Cricket Pavilion. There are a variety of special sessions for all sections of the club and both Seniors and Juniors have unlimited use of the courts when available. We encourage and promote many coaching sessions for all ages often with introductory offers for new members.
(For court availability see timetable and fixture lists)



Senior Section

Social Tournaments

We hold 3 main internal tournaments open to all senior members (contact: Angie Sandall 0118 9442240) as well as Bank Holiday American tournaments (contact: Sheena Darke 01491 578942) Partners can be found for participants. (See Clubhouse notice board for details.)

Club Sessions (see timetable) are open to all intermediates, but are not suitable for beginners who have their own session on Friday evenings.

Competitive Tennis

Throughout the year, the club supports the Berkshire Leagues and the Seniors currently have up to four teams each in the Men's, Ladies', Mixed and Veterans' sections at various levels. (Contacts: Mens - Charles Freeman 0118 9546432

Ladies - Clare Belton 0118 9406049

Mixed - Val Doyle 0118 9403128)

We also run a series of Friendly Teams, Mens, Ladies and Mixed, for those either unsure of their ability to play in a regular team, improvers or those who simply like to play socially against other clubs. Members interested should contact Selina Avent 9403426 or Andy Stokes 9694746

Social Activities

Seniors have right of entry into the annual Draw for Wimbledon tickets and there are social events for Senior and Junior members throughout the year. It's not all tennis! All new ideas and help are welcome.

Junior Section

There are Juniors (age 8–18) and Mini tennis (age 4–7). Both groups have unlimited use of the courts when available. An ideal time is straight after school from 3.00 – 6.00 and during the day in the school holidays.

On Monday evenings, except school holidays and mid-winter, there is a Junior Club Session (members only) for all levels, with a tuck shop. LTA registered coaches attend for 29 weeks of the year, offering free coaching and organisation.

There are many coaching (fee paid) sessions on Saturday mornings: members have discounted rates and priority booking. There are also special performance squads and many other opportunities for coaching both at minitennis and junior level. For information and other after-school sessions, contact GDT directly. (See Coaching section)

The Juniors and Minitennis members also have their own well-supported tournaments and there are many Junior teams involved in the Berkshire League at all levels of play. The Juniors also have the opportunity to play in external tournaments like Junior Club Championships and The Road to Wimbledon Competition, where local winners get to play the finals at Wimbledon LTC.

Our Club is an accredited minitennis centre for Berkshire.

Juniors interested in representing the Club should contact: Paul Arnott (07949 175176) for Boys Teams
Gwen Barrett (0118 9340933) for Girls Teams

Club Timetable

(Please regularly check the notice board, especially for re-arranged matches)

	09.00–12.00	16.00–19.00	19.00–22.00
Monday	Senior Club Session from 9.00-c.11.00	Junior Coaching	Junior Club night 19.00–20.00 (over 10 yrs) FREE (if available) from 20.00
Tuesday	FREE	Junior Coaching	Senior Club Session from 19.00
Wednesday	Senior Club Session from 9.00-c.11.00	Squads Coaching 17.00–18.00 & 17.30–19.00 FREE	Ladies Team Practice 19.00 Mens Team Practice 19.30 FREE
Thursday	FREE	Squads Coaching 15.30–19.30 FREE	Senior Club Session from 19.00 Senior coaching (int) 19.00-20.00
Friday	FREE	School Link 15.30–17.00 Under 10s Coaching 16.30-17.30 FREE	Junior Matchplay Squad 17.30 Seniors New & Improvers 19.00-20.00 + coaching (inc non-members)
Saturday	Junior Coaching 09.00–13.00	Matches from 13.00 FREE (if available)	FREE
Sunday	Matches from 10.00 FREE (if available)	FREE	FREE

Bank Holiday Mixed American Tournaments will be held on 1 May, 29 May, 28 August (Contact Sheena Darke 01491 578942)

Other events: Open Day on 10 June; Tournament Finals July & September (see Club noticeboard)

General Club Rules

GUESTS & VISITORS: A fee of £2.00 per person to be paid BEFORE play into the box outside the clubhouse. Guests and visitors are expected to observe the Club Rules. *If they play on more than 4 occasions, they will be asked to join the Club.* Prospective members are allowed to attend two club sessions, free of charge, before deciding whether to join.

Tennis clothing and correct tennis shoes *with membership shoe tags* should be worn at all times when using the courts.

The net should be slackened off at the end of each session and gates/clubhouse locked if no one else on court.

Do not leave rubbish on courts. Clear up the kitchen area after use. Wash, dry and put away cups, glasses etc.

Floodlights are operated by tokens (£1.00 each) from John Doyle (40 Purfield Drive, 9403128) or from A & I Stores in Victoria Rd.

There is no play after 10 pm. For general Court Priority and etiquette on club sessions, please read notices in the clubhouse.

Coaching & GDT

The Club has a keen interest in improving the skill level of its members so they can enjoy their tennis as much as possible. We are lucky enough to have a close association with *Gary Drake Tennis* (GDT) - a professional and experienced team of tennis instructors, managed by Gary Drake (former British Champion and member of the Great Britain team for 35 & over in 2005/06).

The coaching team offers all year round Adult and Junior programmes, including individual lessons, weekly classes, drills, holiday camps, tournament preparation, team and performance coaching and tennis holidays.

Wargrave Club membership gives you priority booking over non-members. Juniors and seniors are entitled to discounts on coaching courses

New Members

As a new member, we understand the difficulty of meeting partners to play against. We therefore encourage you to book a 15 minute assessment with one of the coaches, who will then be able to offer you a list of players with a similar ability to practice with. This assessment will also help us to guide you to the available coaching sessions for your standard. At Wargrave there is now a special Friday evening session designed to introduce new members to each other and to improve beginners and 'rusty rackets'.

The Coaching Programme

Coaching programmes are offered for all ages and abilities, from mini tennis to National level players. It is designed to give players the tools necessary to enjoy a lifetime of tennis playing.

Every week, all year round, there are over 25 coaching sessions for both Adults and Juniors. The programmes focus on strategy, technique, skills and conditioning, which help you meet your tennis goals by refining your existing skills. The courses are taken by LTA qualified coaches. Non-members are also welcome but all members have the advantage of priority booking and discounted prices. Whatever your ability, please call us to help you enjoy your membership and keep fit.

If you are unsure about equipment, please contact the coaches who will lend you racquets to help you make the right decision. They also operate a re-stringing service.

GDT Contact details for both group and private coaching

tel: GDT 0118 3758324
(or Paul Arnott 07949 175176)
email: info@gdttennis.co.uk
web: www.gdttennis.co.uk
postal: GDT
PO Box 3484
Wokingham
Berkshire
RG40 9BA

Details are also displayed in the clubhouse.

Seniors

Coaching for team players during the year:
Ladies' Match Practice is on Wednesdays at 19.00 (all year) in 6 week sessions.
Men's Practice is by invitation on Wednesdays at 19.30
New & improving members coaching session Fridays 19.00
Intermediates session Thursdays at 19.00
(Contact Coach: Paul Arnott 07949 175176)

Tennis Holidays / La Manga

GDT has previously run trips to La Manga (in southern Spain), with 3 hours tennis coaching per day after which participants were free to join in with organised tournaments and practices arranged by the La Manga Club. We hope to resume these trips in 2008, so watch this space.

Juniors

Our commitment to a comprehensive coaching programme with quality coaches, has led to us being one of the few clubs in Berkshire that has been recognised as an accredited Mini Tennis and Development Centre by the Berkshire LTA. Wargrave LTC is very pleased that the programmes offered by GDT provide Juniors with the opportunity to develop from Mini Tennis players to International level all through one club.

Mini Tennis (4 – 7) instruction is designed to develop basic tennis skills: hand-eye coordination, balance, footwork and a fun competitive spirit that will last a lifetime.

Junior instruction focuses on strategy, technique, skills and conditioning while refining your existing tennis skills.

Performance Programme

GDT is also responsible as part of an LTA initiative, for managing many of Berkshire's best tennis players aged between 8 and 15. These players range from County level to International.

WARGRAVE LAWN TENNIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Membership year: 1 April 2007 – 31 March 2008

(Membership is deemed to have elapsed if not renewed by 30 June in the new year.)

Adults

Title _____

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First Name _____

First Name _____

Surname _____

Surname _____

Age Range 19-29 30-39 40-54 55-69 70+

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Standard Beginner Intermediate Advanced

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LTA Ranking (if known) _____

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Juniors

First Name _____ Surname _____ D.O.B. _____ Standard & LTA Ranking _____

B / I / A Rank: _____

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B / I / A Rank: _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Mobile _____

(WLTC may use your personal data for membership or club promotional purposes and send to you, by post or email/SMS, information related to those purposes. Please tick box[] if you wish to opt out.)

I am interested in playing for a club team * Ladies Mens Mixed Juniors

I am interested in playing for a friendly team Ladies Mens Mixed Juniors

I am interested in a coaching programme _____

I am willing to help with club & / or social events _____

**(Team players must be current members)*

P.T.O.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES

1 April 2007– 31 March 2008

	Standard year	Pro rata rates from 1 st Sept / 1 st Nov / 1 st Jan	Quantity
Adult (single)	£170	£99 / £71 / £43	
Adult (age 70+)	£140	£82 / £58 / £35	
Adult (age 23 – 29)	£110	£64 / £46 / £28	
Family	£365	£213 / £152 / £91	
Junior/Student (age 8–22)	£70	£41 / £29 / £18	
Mini Tennis (age 4–7)	£40	£24 / £17 / £10	

Extras

	Quantity
New Slazenger Balls (4)	£6.00
Used (for one match only) Balls (4)	£2.00
Clubhouse Key (refundable deposit)	£6.00

New Members

Joining Fee - for new adult memberships	<i>(per address, Juniors exempt)</i>	£45.00
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I enclose a cheque made payable to *Wargrave LTC* for £_____

Signature

Return to: Membership Secretary, 20 Ridgeway, Wargrave, Reading, RG10 8AS
(If delivering by hand, please make sure you are in Ridgeway and NOT Purfield Drive)