



Information & Application Form

2010 - 2011

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 2009–2010

Chairman

Sheena Darke 01491 578942

Treasurer / Vice Chairman

Jon Edgell 0118 9403448

Secretary

Eilish MacBean 0118 9402930

Membership Secretary

Sue Jones 0118 9406613

Maintenance & Coach Liaison

Andy Stokes 0118 9694746

Match Secretary/Tournaments Organiser

Dave Smith 0118 9403969

Ladies Team Captain

Clare Belton 0118 9406049

Men's Team Organizers

Charles Freeman 0118 9546432

Junior Co-ordinator & Social

Gwen Barrett 0118 9340933

Members

Angie Sandall 0118 9442240

Paul Wills 0118 9406585

BLTA Liaison

Mem Aldridge 0118 9404932

Clubhouse

(incoming calls only)
0118 9404827(out of action)

Coaching

GDT

0118 3758324

info@gdtennis.co.uk

www.gdtennis.co.uk

Paul Arnott (Head Coach)

07949 175176

About the Club

The Club is located at the end of Recreation Road on part of the recreation ground, which we share with many other clubs for cricket & football (adults, juniors boys & girls), there is also a bowling green and club, scout hut, youth centre and children's playground. We have about 330 members, with roughly equal numbers of Juniors and Seniors.

There are 8 floodlit courts – all tarmacadam. Two were recently built and the others have all been resurfaced, 4 completed in 2010. All courts have a programme of continuing maintenance, which together with full floodlighting, gives 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. There are a variety of club 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)

Following a fire at Easter 2009, the clubhouse was rebuilt in 2010 (our centenary year). With greatly improved facilities, we now have toilets, a useful kitchen area for hot & cold drinks, snack preparation etc. and a large pleasant seating area inside and out for those watching or waiting to play. There is a public free car park with extra disabled toilet facilities available behind the old Cricket Pavilion. The Club is affiliated to the new Sports Pavilion, being built during 2010, where bar facilities will be available when open.



Senior Section

Social Tournaments

We hold internal annual tournaments as well as Bank Holiday American tournaments. These are open to all senior members & partners can be found for participants. See Clubhouse notice board for details. (contact: Dave Smith 0118 9403969)
Club Sessions (see timetable) are open to all intermediates, but are not suitable for beginners who have sessions available with coaching (contact coaches for times)

Competitive Tennis

Throughout the year, the club supports the Berkshire Leagues and the Seniors currently have teams in the Mens (3), Ladies (4), Mixed (3) and Veterans (6) sections at various levels.
(Contacts: Mens – (1) Charles Freeman 0118 9546432
(2) Brian Sugg 07767833491, (3) Tony Bucknall 01189628753
Ladies - Clare Belton 0118 9406049
Mixed - Brian Curtis 0118 9442240

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: interested members should contact Selina Avent 0118 9403426 or Andy Stokes 0118 9694746.
All Match fees are £2.50 per player.

Social Activities

British Tennis Members 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.
New ideas and help are always welcome.

Junior Section

Juniors (age 9–18) and Mini tennis (age 4–8).

Although there is unlimited use of the courts when free, an ideal time is straight after school from 3.00 – 6.00 and during the day in the school holidays.

There are Junior Club Sessions (members only) on Monday evenings for 29 weeks of the year, (school holidays and mid-winter excepted), for all levels, with a tuck shop. LTA registered coaches attend for 29 weeks of the year, offering free coaching and organisation. We are one of the largest minitennis centres in Berkshire & they have their own club session on Friday afternoon.

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 for Minitennis and Juniors. For information and other after-school sessions including holiday camps, contact GDT directly. (See Coaching Section)

Juniors and Mini tennis members also have their own well-supported internal tournaments and there are 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.

Juniors interested in playing for the Club should contact:

Boys Teams: Paul Arnott 07949 175176

Girls Teams: Gwen Barrett 0118 9340933

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 (from 9 yrs) 19.00- 20.00 Mens Adv Match Practice 20.00-21.00
Tuesday	Ladies beg / improvers 9.30-11.00	Junior Coaching FREE	Senior Club Session from 19.00 Seniors New & Improvers 19.00-20.00 coaching (inc non-members)
Wednesday	Senior Club Session from 9.00 - c.11.00	Squads Coaching 17.00–18.00 & 17.30–19.00 FREE	Ladies Match Practice 19.00 – 20.00 FREE
Thursday	Ladies Intermed 09.30-11.00 Ladies Intermed 11.00-12.30	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 Mini Club Night (5-8yrs) 16.30-17.30 (15wks Apr-Oct)	Junior Matchplay Squad 17.30
Saturday	Junior Coaching 09.00–13.00 Adult drills 09.00-10.00	Matches from 12.30 FREE (if available)	FREE
Sunday	Matches from 10.00 Senior Club Session 10.00	FREE	FREE

Senior Members Mixed Tournaments: Tomlinson Easter BH Monday , Presidents' 30 August 13.00

Bank Holiday Mixed American Tournaments are held at 14.00 3rd & 31st May, & 10.00 27th December (Contact Dave Smith 0118 940 3969)

Other events: Open Day 14.00-17.00 Sunday 6th June; Senior Annual Tournament Finals: 10.00 24th July (see Club notice board)

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 Sheena Darke, Andy Stokes 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 is keen to improve the skill level of its members so they can enjoy their tennis as much as possible. We currently have a close association with GDT (*Gary Drake Tennis*) - a professional and experienced team of tennis instructors, managed by Gary Drake (former British Champion and in the past, a member of the Great Britain team at 35 & over).

For all ages and abilities, from mini tennis to National level players, there are all year round Adult and Junior programmes held in weekly classes. These include drills, holiday camps, tournament preparation, team and performance coaching and individual lessons. Courses are designed to give players the tools necessary to enjoy a lifetime of tennis playing.

*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 of similar ability to practice with. This assessment will also help us to guide you to the most appropriate coaching sessions for your standard. At Wargrave there is now a special Tuesday evening session designed to introduce new members to each other and to improve beginners and 'rusty rackets'. We also recommend the club sessions for intermediates, which are well attended.

The Coaching Programme

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. 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.

Seniors

Coaching for team players during the year:
Ladies' Match Practice is on Wednesdays at 19.00 (all year) in 10 week sessions.
Men's Practice is by invitation on Mondays at 20.00
New & improving members coaching session Tuesdays 19.30 – 20.30 & 9.00 - 10.00 Saturdays
Intermediates session Thursdays 19.00
(Contact Coach: Paul Arnott 07949 175176 or Alex Allen 07852 126569)

Juniors

Our commitment to a comprehensive coaching programme with quality coaches, has led to us being one of the largest Mini Tennis & Development Centres in Berkshire. Wargrave LTC is very pleased that the programmes offered by GDT provide Juniors with the opportunity to develop from Mini Tennis players to County level and beyond, all through one club.

Mini Tennis (4 – 8) 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 9 and 15. These players range from County level to International.

GDT Contact details for both group and private coaching:

Paul Arnott, (Head Coach) 07949 175176; Alex Allen (DCA) 07852 126569
Jane Jordan (level 2) minitenis 01189403973; Sam Scowen (level 2, studying for DCA)

General GDT contact details:

tel:GDT 0118 3758324
email:info@gdtennis.co.uk
web:www.gdtennis.co.uk
postal:GDT, PO Box 3484, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 9BA
Details are also displayed in the clubhouse.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES**1 April 2010– 31 March 2011**

	Standard	Quantity
Adult (single)	£170	
Adult (age 70+)	£140	
Adult (age 23 – 29)	£110	
Family	£365	
Junior/Student (age 9–22)	£70	
Mini Tennis (age 4–8)	£45	

Extras

		Quantity
New Slazenger Balls (4)	£6.00	
Used (for one match only) Balls (4)	£2.00	
Key for Clubhouse (refundable deposit)	£15.00	

New Members

		Quantity
Joining Fee	£45.00	<i>(per address, Juniors exempt)</i>

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)