

Woodend Bowling and Lawn Tennis Club

Tennis Section; Information For Members April 2011

Frequently asked Questions



1. How do I join the club?

Download an application form from our website www.woodendbltc.co.uk or pick up a form from the club bar. Post the completed form to the club for the attention of the membership secretary along with your cheque. Membership cards should be carried at all times and are essential to indicate that those on court are tennis members.

2. How do I book a court?

A new court booking system is being piloted during 2011-12. Members should insert their membership card in the slot against the court number and set the time of the start of play. If all courts are full then members will be able to see the next available court and alert players to the fact that they are waiting for a court.

3. How long can I play for?

When the club is busy and players are waiting **one hour maximum**.

4. What are the rules on court?

Normal court etiquette rules apply at Woodend eg closing court gates, no running onto another court to retrieve your ball when a rally is in progress, no shouting, spitting, swearing, firing balls into the netting, no leaning on the nets (strain on the end posts) etc the general rule being to respect others on court and look after the fabric of the grounds.

5. How do I pay for floodlights?

Tokens can be purchased for 50p from behind the bar and then inserted into the box fixed to the brick store in front of court 3.

6. How late can I play in the evening?

Courts should be cleared between 10.00pm and 10.30pm.

7. What should I wear on court?

Sports clothes and tennis trainers with non-marking soles are essential for **all** members. Under **no** circumstances should hard-soled shoes be worn on court. Football tops are not permitted and jeans should not be worn on court.

8. Can I purchase balls / tennis equipment at the club?

Used match balls can be purchased from the coach or from behind the bar (£1). Also for good deals on sports equipment speak to the coach. Sports wear with the club logo can be ordered from the Purple Rock Catalogue (available in the bar area).

9. Is coaching available?

There is a comprehensive coaching programme for juniors, adult beginners and improvers. Check website for details. Coaching can be paid for in a block or on a pay as you go basis and is available to non-members. The approximate cost is £5 per hour for **group** coaching. In addition private lessons can be arranged by speaking to the coach.

10. Can I play during coaching sessions?

Two courts are always available for members to play even when coaching is scheduled.

11. What are the rules regarding juniors on court?

Juniors are encouraged to play after school; adults have priority on the courts after 7.00pm. Young children members should be supervised by an adult while on court.

12. How can I find someone to play with?

Adults and intermediates are welcome to come to social tennis on a Thursday evening commencing at 7.45pm (8.45pm on match nights).

13. Can I enter any competitions?

There are a series of competitions throughout the year, check the website emails and notice board regularly for details.

14. Can I play on match nights?

Courts can be played early before match games start and later on in the evening after the matches are finished, normally after 8.45pm. Two courts are available for playing during matches as long as stray balls do not interfere with match play.

15. Who has priority on court?

Matches and social tennis on a Thursday evening always take priority over any other games. Adults have priority after 7.00pm.

16. Can I bring a non-member to play?

Non-members can be brought as guests of an adult or intermediate member 3 times per year; thereafter they are encouraged to join the club. Non-members are not permitted on court at busy times.

17. Can I use the shower facilities?

The shower facilities are available to all members whenever the club is open, access to clubhouse is by using the fob entry system.

18. Are there lockers available to tennis members?

There are a few lockers available for tennis players. These can be used while on court, they should not be used for long-term storage of equipment. A £1 coin inserted into locker enables the key to be removed for the duration of a game.

19. Are there rules about the Bowling Green?

Yes, everyone should keep off the Bowling Green and the savannah surrounding the green and if you require access to the green to retrieve a ball, the white steps should be used.

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