



Increasing Membership

A new leaflet for this season gives prospective members all the essential information they need about the club: membership categories, the playing times, coaching, social involvement, family discounts... and an application form.

A simple 'flyer' promotes Open Day to local families. It's included in the spring issue of the Riddlesdown Recorder residents' magazine and is being distributed door to door around the club.

And then there's this second edition of Topspin, our newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 10 July
Senior Finals Day

Sunday 11 July
Junior Finals Day

Saturday 8 May
Wimbledon and
Club Tournament Draw

Family Open Day SUNDAY 18 APRIL

Calling all members, prospective members and friends!

The tennis club is a focal point local families can enjoy, whether they play tennis or not. So please do think about anyone who – especially neighbours, family friends and friends of friends – you could encourage to come to this year's Family Open Day.

Gave up tennis some years ago? Time to regenerate. Too old? But tennis is a brilliant way to exercise. No ball sense? Just what coaching is for. Not sporting? Become a social member for only £15, enjoy the social life of the bar, play pool or darts, take part in the regular quizzes and themed nights.

Above all, the club is good for children: a new ability, new friends, something else to do in the school holidays, the self-discipline of tennis and its courtesies. Start at the age of four with mini-tennis! Mark Love's coaching team has the courts bubbling with energetic, enthusiastic kids having fun and gaining a competitive spirit.

And there are family discounts when one member is paying the adult sub – up to 20%.

We hope as many members and local people interested in seeing what the club has to offer will come along with the families to support and enjoy this year's Open Day, meet club organisers and our coaches.



PROGRAMME

10am	Children's tennis with our coaches and juniors
12.30pm	BBQ
2pm	Senior tennis
4.30pm	Tea and more tennis

Colourful new Membership Cards!



We are keen to encourage everyone to play tennis. But Purley Bury is still a private club needing to look after its own maintenance costs – it cannot be for free public use.

Sometimes it is hard to be sure who is a member and who isn't, so for this season we have introduced membership cards for everyone. Please keep yours on you.

Visitors wanting to use the courts, including parents of juniors, need to pay the £3 visitor's fee and be playing with a member.

JUNIORS WHO CAN PLAY WITH ADULTS

A list of juniors whose standard of play is good enough for them to be invited to play with adults is kept in the club house, and updated. The youngest recent additions are:

- Danielle Hayter*
- Oliver Adekoya*
- Ben Fullard*
- Harrison Walden*
- Charles Francis*

Web address

www.purleyburytennisclub.net

Who's for more Tennis Interactive?

The strength of a tennis club is in how well it gives all its members the kind of tennis they want. The challenge is when we all want something different!

We think we now have a logical spread of membership categories to suit everyone. Starters and Improvers as a prelude to full membership. More converts to full adult membership. Encouragement for juniors to play with seniors as soon as their standard merits it.



This all heads towards greater interaction between members over the club sessions: Monday and Thursday evenings; Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. Tennis that's enjoyable and constructive for everyone. I've talked with John and Janet Brotherhood, Glenys Baker and Sara Crouch to see how we can give membership greater flexibility in club sessions.

On top of this we want the club to be a lively focal point for local people as social members, and be a true family club, with parents and their children all getting the most out of it. Hence Family Open Day follows last year's bonus of Greg Rusedski's visit: the morning for children, the afternoon for adults, with plenty of coaching help.

Please support us.

Alan Browne
Chairman

COMMUNICATE! Use our Website

Which of our teams gained promotion? What happened in the last friendly match? How did the last social event go? Who won the last Quiz night? Are there any pictures of Open Day?

We see the web site as a week-to-week way for members to keep up to date with what's happening at the club. For match captains to post results. For pictures of social events to be enjoyed. For coming events to be promoted.

And it shows members and non-members alike what the club offers, how it is organised, all about the extensive coaching activities, its history – as well as all the latest news.

It's the modern way of going about things. Help keep our web pages interesting. Communicate!

Give your news to Alan Browne: phone 01883 744541, email alangebrowne@hotmail.com - or in person.



YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

Chairman

Alan Browne

Club Captain

John Lowe

Ladies Captain

Amy Farrin

Treasurer

Graham Potton

Club Coach

Mark Love

Social Secretary, Junior Representative, Child Protection Officer

Jenny Krekis

Maintenance

Ian Livermore

Bar Representative

Mike Standen

Club Play

Alastair Horsford

Membership Secretary

Steve Cooke

Committee Member

Matt Sorensen

ORGANISERS

Thursday night rota

John and Janet Brotherhood

Monday night rota

Glenys and Chris Baker

Sara Crouch

Friendly matches

Mike Goodwin

Tennis Balls

Katherine Willis

Web site

Nick Bygrave

Committee members' and organisers' contact details are listed in the club house and on the web site.

Ideas wanted for social events

The first spring social event is on Saturday 10 April – a Quiz night. There will be a social event on the evening of Saturday 8 May when the draws for Wimbledon tickets and the club tournaments will be made followed by a cold buffet supper. Tickets for the buffet can be purchased in advance at the bar and are priced at £5.00 per head.

Various other ideas are being considered by the social committee, led by Jenny Krekis: a Salsa Night, a Wine Tasting, an Elvis Night, a Caribbean Night, and a Wii night with children.

But what ideas do *you* have? What would tempt you most to join in? Please email your thoughts to Mike Standen at mhstan@msn.com – we want to make our social events as varied and interesting as we can. Look out for notices in the club house and on the web site for latest details.

We need your email address

Running the club efficiently depends on prompt communication – and quickest these days is email. Please make sure we can contact you by giving your email address to Steve Cooke or sending it to the club's own email address: mail@purleyburytennisclub.net

Equally, let us know if you don't have an email address!

TENNIS BALLS

Included in your sub and always available in the tea room – supplies organised by Katherine Willis

FLOODLIGHTS

Tokens £2, from the Pavilion Bar

MAINTENANCE

If you notice any maintenance problem, please tell Ian Livermore or email: maintenance.pbtc@googlemail.com

HOUSEKEEPING

Please keep the club tidy, use the litter bins.

BIGGER CLUB HOUSE

Quotes are being obtained on the cost of extending the club house and introducing disabled toilets. The committee is investigating investment grants and interest-free loan schemes

POLLING DAY: 6 MAY

The Council has reserved the club as a polling station for elections on 6 May

ON-COURT DRESS CODE

Any accepted tennis clothing – doesn't have to be white. But not football kit please, youngsters! It is important, however, that everyone wears proper tennis shoes, not trainers – which can mark the surface.

COURT BOOKING DIARY

Kept in kitchen drawer – please always give a contact number and replace the diary. Be aware of pre-booked club sessions. Team matches take priority.

Subscriptions

Once again subs are held at last year's levels. So they are very competitive – and tennis balls are included. Please, it helps if you pay as quickly as you can after receiving your subscription form. Please contact Steve Cooke if you have any queries.

Adult	£156	Junior 12-18	£63
Adult Weekday	£89	Junior 9-11	£49
Starter	£20	Mini tennis 4-8	£15
Improver	£50	Social	£15
Young Person	£94		

Family discounts are available to tennis playing members when at least one member is paying an adult subscription: 15% discount for two members, 20% discount for three or more members.

Club tournaments

The organisers again are John Lowe and Alastair Horsford. Any juniors who are agreed to be of sufficient standard may enter the senior tournament – as well as the junior tournament. Names on entry sheets at the club house please, displayed from Tuesday 30 March to Friday 7 May; also indicate if you wish to enter the Plate Competition for first-round losers.

The draw is on Saturday 8 May – make sure you enter before then (and annual subs must have been paid). Senior and junior finals are on successive days, 10 and 11 July – please do not enter if you will be away.

To free up courts for the tournaments during the two weeks before finals day (w/c Mon 28 June & Mon 5 July) we have asked the Rota (Monday & Thursday) and Match Practice (Tuesday & Wednesday) organisers to operate a "just turn up" policy, as priority will be given to tournament matches.

This should still leave plenty of court space for members, but we might have to be a little patient. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Matches

Contact John Lowe, Club Captain, if you are interested in playing match tennis.

Mens		Mixed	
1st Team	Russell Smith	1st Team	Katherine Willis
2nd Team	John Lowe	2nd Team	Sarah Wilson
3rd Team	Graham Potton	3rd Team	Amy Farrin
4th Team	Michael Vaughan		
Ladies		Friendlies	
1st Team	Amy Farrin	Mike Goodwin	
2nd Team	Sarah Wilson		
3rd Team	Sue Walkden		
4th Team	Julia McKnight		
Mid week	Gay Leaker		

Coaching

Daytime and evening for adults, individually or in groups. After school for children, and during school holidays (1.30-4.30pm 'tennis camps'). Coaching at Purley Bury Tennis is run by Mark Love's MDL Coaching (020 8668 5250). Details are on the club's web site or visit www.mdlcoaching.net

Wimbledon tickets

The draw will be made at the club, 7.30pm on Saturday 8 May. Put your name on the list in the clubhouse – but remember, only British Tennis members are eligible (and you have to have paid your club subscription). The full LTA Wimbledon ticket draw rules are displayed in the clubhouse.

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JUNIOR FRIDAY NIGHT

Pay and Play for juniors from 5pm. MDL Coaching runs junior teams and organises competitions for juniors and mini-tennis upwards. All enquiries to Mark Love, who runs MDL, or to one of his coaches.

FAMILY SESSIONS

Courts can be booked for families to play together from 8.30-10pm on every Friday except the last of the month, and parents of juniors can also join in. On last Fridays there are Junior American Tournaments.

RESTRINGING

Offered by John Haggis through MDL Coaching. New tennis shoes and rackets also on sale. MDL: 0208 668 5250; John: 07774 491 835

SUPPORT OUR BAR!

The bar is open:
Mon to Thur 7.30-11pm
Friday 5-11pm
Sunday noon-2pm
Why not stay on for a refreshing drink after you have played tennis?

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Everyone welcome! Enjoy the Pavilion Bar and take part in social events

Only **£15**

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