

Swanland Lawn Tennis Club

Information for Club Members

1. Court usage

In order to achieve even wear on all court surfaces, **please DO NOT automatically use Court One** unless all the other courts are in use.

- a) Please will members wear recognised tennis clothing and soft-soled tennis shoes. Ordinary training shoes cause damage to the artificial surface. Committee members will ask players wearing training shoes to leave the courts.

As usual it is very important that shoe tags, as provided to all members (seniors and juniors), are worn at all times. Please help the Club to provide facilities only to paid-up members and bona fide guests.

- b) Members are encouraged to bring visitors to the Club, but please note that one person may normally only play three times as a visitor, unless by prior arrangement with the Secretary. If you wish to bring visitors for short periods of play, please contact Trevor Seanor (634681) for details.

The fee is £2 per visit and should be paid to a committee member and entered in the visitors' book. If a committee member is not available we rely on the members to make a note in the book (in the kitchen drawer) for collection at a later date.

It is normal that only seniors should take visitors. In certain circumstances students and junior members may take a visitor but a committee member must be consulted first.

Clearly if you are bringing visitors to the Club, the member is responsible for their behaviour both on and off court, and if the Club is busy, members with guests are asked to vacate courts after a maximum of 30 minutes play or one set.

Please note that friends and spectators must not go onto the playing area.

c) Court priority

Seniors have priority on the courts all day Sundays (except when there is junior coaching in the morning). Squad training sessions will be on the Club notice board. Seniors also have priority after 6.00 p.m. each evening **except** Fridays which is junior Club night. We would ask that seniors vacate courts at 5.30 p.m. on a Friday.

On all other days until 6.00 p.m. juniors, students and seniors follow the same rules - i.e. if the courts are full and people are waiting to play, doubles not singles should be played.

After one set (or approximately half an hour) you should vacate the court and let other players have court usage.

d) Students

At 16 juniors become student members and are able to play on Club nights and at American Tournaments.

Students who do not wish to join senior Club nights are welcome to join the last junior session on Fridays between 7.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.

e) **Care of artificial grass courts**

Please -

No chewing gum

Check soles of footwear to ensure they are clean before entering the courts

Drinks should only be on court when in a sealed plastic container (not cans or bottles), and must be removed afterwards.

2. **Coaching**

Teo Arkut continues to take the Friday night junior sessions which will commence the first Friday in May at 5.30 p.m. finishing 8.30 p.m. See detailed Coaching information on clubhouse notice-board.

Will members please note that courts will usually be in use for coaching sessions on evenings and weekends as detailed below.

Mondays and Thursdays	one court until 6.30pm
Tuesdays and Wednesdays	two courts
Fridays	five courts
Saturdays	three courts from 10am to 12 noon, otherwise one court
Sundays	one court 10am to 12 noon – two courts in the afternoons

Please check with the Coach if necessary.

3. **Matches**

- a) League matches are often played on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Saturday afternoons and occasionally on Sundays between 12.00 noon and 2.00 p.m. However there should always be at least two courts available for general play.

We have entered teams in the men's, ladies, mixed, girls and boys divisions and new members are actively encouraged.

Contact Trevor Seanor, Teo Arkut or a team captain if members are keen to play and are not already on the captain's list.

D. P. Horsley Memorial Award

Many of you will have seen the awards board in the Clubhouse and perhaps are unaware as to how this scheme works. Broadly it is to recognise a maximum of two junior players' contribution to the Club as a whole, i.e.

1. Services to the Club - membership of Club teams, assistance with functions, encouragement of other junior players.
2. Demeanour - Court behaviour and observance of appropriate etiquette at all times and at all playing venues so as to reflect credit on the Club.
3. Playing standard - Tournament results, membership of County and regional squads, acceptance for national invitation events etc.
4. Enthusiasm, diligence and enjoyment - recognition of these qualities in young players pursuing the game of tennis. This is a very important aspect in assessing the merits of players of modest standard and would allow the awards committee to consider those disadvantaged by for example, a physical handicap.

This award, we believe is unique in the area and if members are aware of any juniors who are likely to be possible candidates, then please inform a member of the committee.