

Glan Aber Tennis Club Newsletter

May 2021

Welcome to the new tennis season and thank you to those players that have renewed their memberships. We have a few outstanding payments and would encourage you to register before keyfobs are deactivated. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members - please contact Sophie, our Membership Secretary, if you need any further information or help. If you would like the opportunity to have a friendly introductory session with a player from the club, this can be arranged by contacting Sophie (07941 096855). Hopefully, we will be able to invite new members to a social gathering (with tennis) in the near future.

Courts continue to be booked via the Clubspark system. Please contact a committee member if you have any questions or issues.

Members may invite a local guest to play up to 4 times a year whilst anyone living further than 25 miles from Chester may visit more often. The visitor's fee is £2.00 which can be given to a member of the committee/ coaching team or paid by BACS. When the clubhouse is fully open, the fee can be put in the membership box on the wall opposite the door.

Social tennis on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons has been running on WhatsApp groups to manage numbers. From 17th May, numbers will no longer be an issue. Many players like the WhatsApp groups as they are assured of a game. We are happy for these to continue but please don't feel you can't play if it makes the numbers odd. It's also perfectly okay to turn up later and/ or leave earlier. Tennis balls will be available in the club house.

HOUSEKEEPING

The CWaC drainage problem appears to be localised and is only affecting the ladies' public toilets, we will re-open the clubhouse for toilet facilities. Opening hours may vary depending on a keyholder being on site.

Whilst the clubhouse has been closed, we have taken the opportunity to redecorate throughout. We have also purchased some new chairs and will get a couple of occasional tables to use with them. The old roof duct which was leaking has been replaced with tiles. We have also completed PAT and fixed electrical testing to comply with insurance requirements.

The mini court has already been resurfaced and we are awaiting the final painting and line markings. Hopefully these will be done in the next couple of weeks. The four main courts have had a maintenance treatment and two further treatments will be carried out this year.

Floodlights: Will has been working with CWaC and various contractors on floodlight replacement for well over a year and finally it looks as if we are on track to have new LED lighting. The proposal has been sent to CWaC and hopefully the order will be placed and lighting installed for winter 2021! It should even include the public court floodlights. Watch this space.....

Even with all this on-going maintenance, we still need some assistance from our ever-helpful membership! We are planning a bit of a 'Weedathon' to smarten up the edges of the courts and the paving around the clubhouse on Saturday 5th June. We would be so grateful if anyone could spare the time to come and rid us of random dandelions, etc. We will be there from 11.00 till 13.00 and would welcome any helpers. Please bring gloves and tools. Many thanks.

COACHING PROGRAMME

Aidan of All Court Tennis Academy (ACTA) continues to run a comprehensive coaching programme, ably supported by assistant coaches, Lotte and Sam. If you download the ACTA coaching app, you can view available sessions. Private lessons are also available to book with the coaches.

If you are interested in children's half term or summer camps, please contact Aidan and sign up early to guarantee your place.

We currently have two or three boys helping on the children's P&P sessions but would welcome female helpers if anyone would like to volunteer..... helpers/leaders are paid to assist. Please let one of the coaching team know if you are interested.

Pay & Play coaching sessions will continue on Saturdays throughout the summer:

09.00-09.30 & 09.30-10.00	3-5 years	£2.00
10.00-11.00	6-11 years	£4.00
11.00-12.00 & 12.00-13.00	Adults	£5.00

No booking required for children, just turn up. Adults, please use WhatsApp to book (max 8 per group) - contact Andrea on 07792 474504.

SAFEGUARDING

Andrea Hopkinson and Will Grattan are our Welfare Officers. All relevant policies are available on the Club website and displayed on our noticeboards.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

These will not take place in the traditional format this year but there will be tennis tournaments for those that would be interested. Details will follow.

YOUR COMMITTEE

Will Grattan - President & Safeguarding

Colin Barnard - Vice President

Sue Britton - Secretary

Ken Wither - Treasurer

Sophie LeBrocq - Membership Secretary

Andrea Hopkinson - Safeguarding

Mark Chappell

Aidan Wiggins - Head Coach

We would welcome a couple of new members if anyone would like to join the Committee. Please let us know. We are particularly keen to include representation from parents of the younger players at the club to ensure that we are fully aware and supportive of the needs and expectations of this age group. We usually meet monthly on a Wednesday evening although currently these are virtual meetings.

For up-to-date information, please visit our website at www.glanaber.com.