



# RLTCC NEWSLETTER

## September 2020

### Tennis news

After the successful reintroduction of junior coaching sessions on Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons we are proposing to introduce the following opportunities to adult members who would like more than just a 'friendly 4' and we will update you as soon as our plans become clearer.

#### Competition

**Singles/mixed doubles social/competition ladders.** We will shortly be sending out a **Survey Monkey** questionnaire asking for your feedback on some ideas that we have with regard to commencing some social and/or competitive ladders. Please do let us have your feedback.

#### Adult Coaching

We are going to **pilot the re-introduction** of some adult coaching.

1. **Sunday 0830 – 1030** Mixed Adult Beginners/early Intermediate players. Maximum of 12 players who will need to reserve a place each week on a first come/first served basis through a dedicated WhatsApp group.
2. **Friday 0830 – 1030** Ladies Intermediate Coaching plus limited organised doubles play ensuring we adhere to the no more than 6 people guidance. Maximum of 12 players who will need to reserve a place each week on a first come/first served basis through a dedicated WhatsApp group. First session Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in participating in either of these coaching sessions please contact David Fothergill on **07703 891266**

**Note: There are currently no plans to introduce mix-in sessions, club-sponsored or otherwise.**

### Court Booking – the dos and don'ts

As we get used to the requirement to book our court time a couple of issues have arisen that we'd like to bring to members' attention:



1. **Don't forget to cancel your booking if you no longer need it** in order that the court is free for other members
2. If there is no court available at your chosen time, **do contact David Fothergill to see if the coaching court is free for an hour or so**
3. With the evenings drawing in **do obtain floodlight tokens** to ensure you can carry on playing through to 8.30 pm. These are available from David Fothergill, Hilary Spurgeon, Richard Hutchins and Sarah Sheppard.
4. **Do please remember to vacate your court 15 minutes** before the end of the session, especially at busy times to ensure that parking spaces are available for members coming to play at the next session.

Thank you

### Croquet

We are awaiting confirmation of the dates when autumn maintenance of the lawns will commence. As soon as we have this information we will pass it on to you.

We are planning to arrange an informal club croquet tournament within the next few weeks – look out for details which will be made available as soon as possible.

### Maintenance

The replacement perimeter lighting has now been installed and will be up and running shortly and will make it easier for negotiating the route back from the tennis courts in the winter months.



The management committee has agreed to proceed with the replacement of the chestnut paling along the southern edge of the club and this will be project managed by Geoff George with the support of some of our members.

A very big **thank you** to all our members who have volunteered to help with the installation of the new lights and fencing. Your help is invaluable in enabling us to keep the costs down in what is a challenging year financially for the club.

## Marquees

After Storm Ellen blew through last week it became apparent that we would need to put away the marquees sooner rather than later. Richard and David did a sterling job in preventing one of them from blowing away last week but it's probably safer if they don't try to do it again.

We are scheduling a work party on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September** to dismantle and store the marquees. Any help will be gratefully accepted. **Work will start at 10.45.**



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Please note that all our policies can be found either on the website or by looking in the policies folder found in the right hand cupboard by the TV

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