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Useful information about Merrow Lawn Tennis Club

Most of the information you need to know about our club is on the club website:

www.merrowtennis.com. If you have any questions about the club, our membership secretary will be delighted to help or point you in the direction of the right person to help. They can be contacted at merrowltc@gmail.com

Club Social Mix-in Tennis Sessions

We welcome members at the club social tennis sessions. If you have not attended a club social mix-in tennis session before, please contact the club membership secretary, who will be happy to organise an introduction to the sessions. The membership secretary or one of the club committee members will be able to advise about the tennis standard required prior to joining a club mix-in social tennis session.

“The Inbetweeners” Session is held every Wednesday evening from 6pm to 7.45 pm. These sessions are intended to provide an opportunity for people who are new to the club or perhaps a bit intimidated by even the social tennis sessions. We are always glad to see new faces and often have visits from members who are having Rusty Racquets lessons and are looking for somewhere to start playing games without too much pressure. There is no minimum standard and it is a very welcoming atmosphere.

Please contact Eric Stovell for more information or if you intend to come along ericstovell@hotmail.com

Coaching

- We offer a range of group coaching sessions to help you improve your game. Coaching is booked through our website at <http://www.merrowtennis.com/adult-coaching.html> and download the booking form <http://www.merrowtennis.com/coachingfiledownloads.html>
 - If you have a query regarding booking lessons, please call 07539 045371 or email for more information **Jorge Martin Munoz** at munozjorgemartin@yahoo.com
 - Individual private lessons can be book directly with one of the coaching team. Their contact details are available at <http://www.merrowtennis.com/private-coaching.html>

Court booking

- The on-line court booking system is available at <http://merrow.clubsolution.co.uk>, or via the club website or the touchscreen in the club house.
- There is a mobile App available for iPhone and Smartphone users that can be downloaded via this website if you access it from your mobile

- If you forget your password or have problems using the on-line booking system contact the membership secretary. Please also check the contact information up for you on the system is correct.
- Some courts are booked for matches, club sessions, coaching, junior or family priority, so please check court availability before turning up to play, see <http://www.merrowtennis.com/weekly-tennis-schedule.html>

Club House

- To access the clubhouse please email the Membership Sec and request the door code - merrowltc@gmail.com
- The club offers free use of tennis balls to all members. Three balls per court are available from the ball rack in the club house. New balls are put out on Saturday mornings and topped up on a Wednesday morning.
- **Floodlights** are free of charge for members. The switches for the floodlights are in the cupboard in the kitchen. Floodlights can only be switched on in order from court 3 to 1, and court 6 to 4 (i.e. court furthest away from houses first). They switch off automatically at 9.30pm weekdays and Saturdays, and at 6pm on Sundays. Please remember to turn off the floodlights when you have finished using them, as they use a lot of electricity.
- **Ball machine** – The club has a ball machine that members can use to practice. Keys to the club ball machine can be purchased at £10 each from Dave Clarke email: clarke_dm@hotmail.com
- Free Wifi is available to members. The passcode for the Wifi can be found on the notice above the Touch Screen in the club house.
- **Bar** – the club bar is an honesty bar, prices are displayed on the fridge and members should pay for their drinks in the cash box opposite the fridge (left hand side of the bar as you go in). Team captains and committee members have bar keys, and can open the bar for members. When the bar is closing all money from the cash box should be put in an envelope, labelled “Bar “and posted into the letter box outside the bar. Members failing to pay for drinks will result in the bar facility being withdrawn.

Clothing and Shoes

Recognised tennis shoes should be worn when playing, as they provide appropriate ankle support and grip for play. Normal trainers do not offer good ankle support and provide poor grip which can result in injury. Black soled trainers **MUST NOT** be worn, as the soles mark and damage the courts.

Merrow Tennis Club branded clothing can be purchased here:

<http://merrow.merchandise.clothing/>

Club Matches

We have a wide range of men’s, ladies and mixed teams who play matches all year round, in the local Woking, Surrey and Chaucer leagues. If you are interested in playing matches for the club, please contact Helen Farmer our match secretary at hcf28@btinternet.com, who can introduce you to the relevant team captain.

Singles League

If you are interested in playing singles, the club runs a competitive singles league (for men and women). Leagues run in two month cycles, rules and information are displayed in the club house. There is a one-off administration fee of £5 to join the singles league. For further information contact the singles league organiser Dave Clarke at merrow-results@hotmail.com.

Visitors

You are welcome to bring visitors to the play at the club on an occasional basis. The Adult visitors fee is £5, and child visitors fee is £2.50 (child guests must be signed in by an adult). Please sign visitors into the Visitors Book on the table to the right of the door as you go into the club house, place the fee in one of the brown envelopes provided, and post the envelope into the letter box under the bar. Visitors can play at the club up to five times a year.

Wimbledon Ballot

Merrow Lawn Tennis Club is affiliated to the LTA which provides many benefits, one of which is preferential access/prices to Wimbledon tickets. The club is allocated a number of tickets every year which are distributed to members through a ballot. Details of the ballot are sent out to all members giving full instructions on how to enter. You are only eligible to enter the ballot if you are a member of British Tennis. Registration is free and easy – follow the instructions at this link: <https://www3.lta.org.uk/Members/Join/>.