

Crowthorne Tennis Club 2010/11 Season

Crowthorne Tennis club is situated in the grounds of St. Sebastians Playing Field with pine trees on three sides and a cricket ground to the south. With four all-weather courts, all with county standard floodlights, tennis is available all year round with evening play up to 10pm.



The St. Sebastians Pavilion offers excellent changing facilities and the presence of a bar and small kitchen allows the Tennis Club to arrange social events during the year. The pavilion is also the venue for other clubs including Scrabble and Bridge.

The courtside clubhouse together with the recently improved viewing and barbecue area provides a safe and attractive environment next to the courts.

The club has a thriving membership, a high percentage of whom play regularly, but we welcome new members at any time during the season and the club is open to anyone, whatever your age or ability. Even if you have never played before, you can join and learn to play with others of a similar standard.

We offer some coaching as part of the membership fee for adult beginners and there is a weekly beginners and improvers club night. If you are interested in joining, ring one of the contact numbers below or come up to one of our club nights.



The standard at Crowthorne Tennis Club is mixed and we can provide something for all levels of ability. Not everyone is expected to play in the teams although this is encouraged if you are of a sufficiently high standard and are willing. All ages are catered for, and the afternoon sessions, for those able to play at those times, are extremely popular.

The club enters teams in the Veterans as well as the usual Mens, Ladies and Mixed sections of the Berkshire Summer and Winter Leagues. The club also has Mens and Ladies teams in the AEGON Team Tennis competition, which includes singles matches in addition to the usual doubles.

Our Thursday night Match Practice session is popular, with teams gaining promotion and rising through the divisions.



Subject to demand, there are the singles leagues, for those who want more regular competitive play. And there are also occasional tournaments some with the emphasis on the social side, others targeted at more serious players.



Junior coaching, including Mini-Tennis, takes place every Saturday morning and teams for boys and girls are entered in the

Junior leagues both summer and winter.

This season we have introduced a new Mini category for under 11s and added more discounts to encourage family groups to join. We have a committee member dedicated to managing the junior and coaching activities, a junior club night (for members only) on summer Friday evenings plus regular squad sessions for potential team players.

There are also singles leagues for junior members and tennis camps during the school holidays.

Junior members showing sufficient ability and maturity are invited to become 'nominated juniors' which means they can enjoy all of the advantages of adult membership for a junior subscription. Youngsters can come to our junior coaching sessions even if they are not members; however, fees are cheaper for members.

Juniors have always had priority on the courts weekdays up to 6pm, apart from during club sessions, and the improved environment around the courts provides a safe and attractive viewing area plus shelter from the elements.

The friendly attitude of the club cannot be emphasised too strongly, as the members are well aware that joining a new club can be a daunting prospect. We are not big; we are certainly not elite, but we do enjoy our social tennis as well as giving those with ability the chance to progress. The club has retained its village atmosphere and provides family membership at a reduced rate.

The season begins on 1st April and runs to 31st March. Members are issued with a key to the courts (£5 deposit), a key to the clubhouse (£10 deposit), the combination number and alarm details for access to the pavilion toilets and showers, and a other useful information.

Subscriptions:

Family (2 adults + 2 juniors)	£364
Couple	£300
Senior (over 18)	£158
Full-time student	£75
Junior (11 - 18)	£56
Mini (10 and under)	£32

The subscription includes membership of the St. Sebastians Sports Club and Associate Membership of the LTA. Benefits of this include free membership of British Tennis, an annual allocation of tickets

for Wimbledon, which are distributed to British Tennis members by ballot, liability insurance and eligibility to enter county league competitions.

New members joining after July pay a pro-rata subscription depending on the number of months left in the season. Existing members get a 5% discount when they rejoin if they

pay before the end of March. Unlike some clubs there is currently **NO JOINING FEE** for new members.

Special rates are also available for other family combinations of adults, juniors and minis.

Adult group coaching for beginners and improvers is every Monday evening, with members getting cheaper rates than non-members. In addition to the regular Monday group session, members are encouraged to arrange private tuition with the club coach either individually or in pairs or fours.

Adult beginners joining the club are entitled to up to 4 free group coaching sessions.

As well as welcoming beginners and improvers, the club provides competitive opportunities for the more able players. Subject to demand and court availability, there are singles leagues for those who want regular competitive play, and half-day competitions of various sorts during the season. Some of these are more competitive than others, but there are events where the emphasis is on the social side and these are great opportunities for beginners and other new members to mix in and meet other members.

So what are the benefits of membership?

- Free use of courts
- Club nights with balls provided
- Cheaper coaching
- Singles leagues
- Half-day tournaments
- Entry to annual Club Championships
- Participation in Wimbledon ticket ballot
- Eligibility for league teams
- Affiliate membership of LTA
- Free membership of British Tennis
- Free liability insurance cover
- Membership of St. Sebastians Sports Club
- New friends and Social Events!!!



Winter matches are on some Saturdays from 12.30 and some Sundays from 10 and usually use 2 courts (all 4 if two teams at home). Summer matches are on Saturday afternoons (2 or 4 courts) with Veterans matches occasionally on midweek evenings (2 or 4 courts). AEGON matches are usually Sunday mornings from 10.00. Junior matches are on Sunday

mornings from 10.00 or on Saturday or Sunday evenings from 5.00.

Half-day tournaments are organised on some Sundays or Saturdays. On weekdays before 6.00, juniors have priority except when there's a club session. At all other times members are free to use the courts whenever there's one spare for social play, for singles league matches or for club championship matches. See below for regular sessions – some may depend on demand.

Saturdays	9:00 – 10:00	Mini-Tennis Coaching	10:00 – 12:00	Junior Coaching
	From 12:30	Winter ladies' matches	From 1:30	Summer adult matches
Sundays	From 10:00	Winter adult, Aegon or Junior matches		
Mondays	5:30 – 6:30	Junior Boys & Girls Squad Coaching	6:30 – 7:30	Adult Coaching
	7:30 – 9:00	Beginners & Improvers Club Night		
Tuesdays	2:00 – 4:00	Adult Club Afternoon	6:30 – 9:00	Intermed/Advanced Club Night
Wednesdays	6:30 – 9:00	Adult Improvers Club Night	From 6:15	Veterans matches
Thursdays	2:00 – 4:00	Adult Club Afternoon	6:30 – 9:00	Adult Match Practice
Fridays	5:30 – 6:30	Junior Club Night (Summer)	6:30 – 8:30	Adult Club Night (All)