

Crowthorne Tennis Club 2017/18 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, recently refurbished, all with county standard floodlights, tennis is available all year round with evening play up to 11pm.



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 a landscaped viewing and barbecue area provides a safe and attractive environment next to the courts. Plans are afoot to add an improved clubhouse with cloakroom facilities.

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. There are club "mix-in" sessions every night of the week and the afternoon sessions, for those able to play at those times, are extremely popular.

There is a choice of Full or Off-Peak Membership for adults, one including play after 6pm Monday to Friday and the cost of floodlights and the other not. You have the option to pay in 3 instalments in successive months if your sub is over £100 and all subscriptions include the cost of balls.



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 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 regularly gaining promotion and rising through the divisions.



We now have web-based singles box leagues, for those who want regular singles 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 Monday evening and teams are entered in the Junior Leagues both summer and winter. Tennis camps for junior members are often organised during the school holidays.

We have a committee member dedicated to managing the junior activities, a junior club night (for members only) on summer Friday evenings plus regular squad sessions for potential team players.

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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 other useful information.

We have two types of Senior Membership, Full and Off-peak. Off-peak membership excludes play after 6pm weekdays and the cost of floodlights, whereas full membership includes play after 6pm on weekdays and the cost of floodlights. If your subscription comes to £100 or more, you can also pay in three monthly instalments; six if it's £300 or more.

Subscriptions 2017/18:

Full Senior (over 18)	£175
Off-peak Senior (over 18)	£145
Full-time student or U25	£74
Junior (11 - 18)	£56
Mini (10 and under)	£32

New members joining after July pay a pro-rata subscription depending on the number of months left in the season. Unlike some clubs there is NO JOINING FEE for new members.

DISCOUNTS are available for families - go to the Calculator on the web site Subscription page to see what's available. 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.

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. Another adult beginners/improvers coaching session is on Wednesday evenings.

Adult beginners joining the club are entitled to up to 3 free group coaching sessions depending on month of joining.

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 with floodlights
- Club "mix-in" sessions with balls provided
- Cheaper coaching
- Cardio tennis
- Web-based Singles Box Leagues
- Social 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 afternoons. See the Club Calendar for fixtures. Half-day tournaments are organised on some Sundays or Saturdays or Bank Holidays. 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. Some courts are usually free mid-week evenings after 9pm. See below for regular sessions.

Saturdays	9:00 – 11:00	Mini Red/Orange/Green Coaching	11:00 – 12:00	Junior (Yellow) Coaching
	From 12:30	Winter ladies' matches	From 1:30	Summer adult matches – some junior matches
Sundays	From 10:00	Winter adult, Aegon or Junior matches		
Mondays	4:45 – 6:30	Mini/Junior Red/Orange/Green/Yellow Coaching	6:30 – 8:30	Adult Beginners/Improvers Coaching
			6:15 (Summer)	Veterans' Matches – usual home night
Tuesdays	2:00 – 4:00	Adult Club Afternoon	6:00 – 9:00	Intermediate/Advanced Club Night
Wednesdays	TBA	Cardio Tennis (Summer) – subject to demand	6:00 – 9:00	Adult Improvers Club Night
	7:00 – 8:00	Adult Beginners/Improvers Coaching		
Thursdays	2:00 – 4:00	Adult Club Afternoon	6:00 – 9:00	Adult Club Night/ Match Practice
Fridays	5:30 – 6:30	Junior Club Night (Summer)	6:00 – 9:00	Adult Club Night (All)
			6:15 (Summer)	Veterans' Matches (occasional)