

WELCOME TO PENZANCE TENNIS CLUB



We hope you will find the following information helpful to you as a new member of the club. Should you have any queries not covered please contact the office info@penzanceclub.co.uk or a member of the committee whose names and telephone numbers are posted on the notice board in the foyer of the clubhouse.

Penzance Tennis Club is fully affiliated to the [Lawn Tennis Association](http://www.lta.org.uk). If you want to know more [https://www.lta.org.uk/](https://www.lta.org.uk) or contact the office.

CLUB OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Please go to <http://penzanceclub.co.uk/contact/> for current Club office opening hours.

Times are subject to change. Any changes will be advertised on the club's noticeboard.

COACHING

The club offers coaching for all levels of players and all ages.

Please ask in the office for coaches contact numbers.

SHOE TAGS

You will have been issued with a shoe tag that we ask you to wear when on court. This helps ensure that people using the courts are paid up members.

BOOKING SYSTEM

We now operate an "online" court booking system. This can be used by all members over the age of 16 (and visitors). Once a full member you will receive a username and password which will allow you access to the system. Courts can be booked up to 7 days in advance. Go to www.penzanceclub.co.uk and select "online court booking". Any problems/queries please report to the office.

PLAYING TIMES

The courts are available to members from 8am to 10pm and there are details of specific times for individual booking of courts, mix-in sessions, junior tennis, coaching, etc. Juniors have priority between 4pm and 6pm Monday to Friday, and on Tuesday junior members have coaching and organised play from 4pm to dusk. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays there are social mix-in sessions from 12 noon to 3pm and Wednesdays and Fridays there are also evening mix-in sessions starting at 6pm. Please note that a small contribution towards floodlighting is payable during the winter months. On Friday evenings supper is available from the café.

FLOODLIGHTS

After dusk play is possible on all 7 courts via the use of floodlights which are token operated. Tokens may be purchased in advance from the bar. The current rate is £1.25 per token (= 15 min).

GUESTS

Members may bring guests to play on the courts. A guest fee is payable prior to playing. There is a guest book for signing visitors in on the table in the foyer and monies may be paid at the bar, in the office (if open) or left in a brown envelope (provided in the visitors book) and posted in the secure Subscription Box on the wall in the foyer. The current guest fee is £5. Members can bring guests up to 5 x per season. If playing with more than one guest it may be more favourable to pay an hourly court hire fee. This is currently £8 per court per hour. For holiday makers wishing to play on more than once occasion there is a special rate of £11 per week per person (max. 2 weeks).

TOURNAMENTS

Throughout the year a series of tournaments are arranged and details of these will be posted on the notice board. We would encourage all members to take part in these events which are arranged with all levels of play catered for. Tournaments may sometimes affect court availability. Please check the booking sheets and notice boards.

CAFÉ

We have a superb café/bar in the clubhouse which is open to both members and non-members. It is licensed and serves light refreshments and lunches. Supper is available on Fridays. Opening hours are displayed in the clubhouse.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE (DETAILS ABOVE) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY BEING A MEMBER OF OUR CLUB AND WELCOME ANY OFFERS OF HELP OR SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE CLUB.

DAILY RULES, REGULATIONS AND REQUESTS TO THE CLUBHOUSE

- *A no smoking policy operates within the clubhouse and club premises.
- *No dogs are allowed in the clubhouse and only allowed on the terrace or within the grounds, if on a leash. Dogs leading blind or partially sighted patrons are allowed to all areas.
- *Food and drink may not be consumed in the clubhouse unless purchased from the café/bar.
- *Please respect furniture, fittings and equipment
- *Please keep all changing areas tidy and report anything you feel may be hazardous to players, committee members or staff
- *During cold weather please ensure that all external doors are not left open
- * Bikes are not allowed in or through the clubhouse
- *If you believe you are last to leave the premises please ensure the back door (towards courts) is locked and that the front door locks behind you.

TO THE COURTS

- *If you believe to be the last on court please ensure the nets are lowered after play
- *When raising the net please do not use undue force on the handle, putting excessive tension on the posts. This damages the foundations supporting the net posts.
- *Please do not take glass onto the courts
- *Chewing gum must not be consumed on court.
- *Bikes, pushchairs and anything likely to damage the surface must not be taken on court. Wheelchairs are allowed.
- *For your safety, please respect any requests made by the Groundsman.
- * Please report any hazards to the office a member of staff or committee member.
- *If you are last off the courts please ensure the gates are locked behind you.
- *Please do not open gates on a court when play is in progress.
- *Please do not walk across the back of a court when play is in progress.
- *Please do not attempt to retrieve a ball from another court when play is in progress
- *In order to be as fair as possible to all Club Members when booking a court consecutive sessions are not allowed. A member may play consecutively if invited as a "fill-in" for a doubles game, using respect and fair play to all.**
- *Court booking can be made up to 7 days in advance. If you cannot attend a booking please cancel online or cancel via the office if open.

TO THE MEMBERS

- *Members are requested to observe the rules relating to court booking.
- *Members may introduce a guest to the club, subject to a maximum of 5 visits in any one year, and after payment of a fee as advertised in the visitor's book. The visitor must be signed in by the member.
- *Members are obliged to inform the club office of any change of address as soon as possible.
- *The club is open to the public for play on payment of the hourly fee as advertised in the visitors book.
- *Please wear tennis shoes when on court and clothing appropriate for the game of tennis.
- *Members are expected to observe common courtesies both on court and within the clubhouse and grounds following the LTA's guidelines of fair play, showing respect to ensure enjoyment by all, using ones common sense.

Further details can be found here <https://www.lta.org.uk/play/the-basics/fair-play/>



Thank you.

Penzance Tennis Club Committee