**ROTHAMSTED TENNIS CLUB 2024-25**

The Club welcomes old and new members of all grades of experience and asks all members to encourage their family and friends, inside and outside Rothamsted, to join.

The 4 courts are for the use of Tennis Club members **only**. To protect the court surfaces, it is essential that proper tennis shoes with non-marking soles are worn. Courts should be reserved using the booking system, details of which will be provided on joining.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** for 12 months from 1 April 2023

All Tennis Club Members must also be members of the Rothamsted Sports and Social Club (RSSC) or the children of members. The subscriptions include RSSC subscription, which is £10 for staff family and external members and £5 for juniors (under 18).

**Internal Members (Rothamsted staff, students and honorary RSSC members)**

* + One adult £40.00\*
  + Partner of staff (inc. RSSC membership) £50.00\*⁋
  + Child (**under** 18) of staff (inc. RSSC membership) £17.50\*⁋
  + Rothamsted student in full‑time education free†
  + Social membership free
  + Short‑term worker at RRes by arrangement

**External Members**

Note that the number of external members may need to be restricted if they exceed the Club’s permitted allocation relative to internal members.

* + One adult (inc. RSSC visitor's membership) £70.00
  + Child (**under** 18) (inc. RSSC visitor's membership) £25.00
  + Social membership (inc. RSSC visitor's membership) £15.00

**Visitors** (see below)

* + Adult £5.00
  + Junior £2.00
  + Visiting coaches £12.50‡

\*first time staff members and their family can join for half price (for one season), but family members must pay the full RSSC subscription: the reduced rate for staff is £20.00, partners £30.00 and juniors £11.25; † Rothamsted students can join for free, but MUST complete an application form; ⁋Partners and children of staff members need to pay the RSSC subscription; ‡ Charge per court per hour.

The completed application form should be sent by email [rothamten@gmail.com] or post to the Tennis Club Treasurer, Rothamsted Research, AL5 2JQ as soon as possible, indicating whether you are willing to play for the men’s team and which tournaments you wish to enter. It is important that internal members pay their subscriptions **promptly** because their number determines the number of external members permitted. A**pplicants should not pay the subscription until they have been informed that their application is successful.**

**VISITORS**

Friends introduced by members may play occasionally (no more than five times). Members are responsible for paying visitors’ fees to the club bank account Rothamsted Tennis Club 30-98-97 64392668.

**CLUB SESSIONS**

Club sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (4 courts) from 5.30 pm onwards, starting on 9 April. It will not be possible to book courts at these times. The bar will usually be open. Prospective members may attend one club session without paying a visitor’s fee provided they contact a member of the committee beforehand. The Men’s team captain can reserve one court for team practice on either day.

**OPEN EVENING**

An open evening will be held on Thursday 16 May from 5:30 pm. This is an opportunity for prospective members to meet other members and try out the courts.

**MATCH FIXTURES 2024**

Team fixtures for 2024 are attached. Please note that some courts will not be available if there are home matches.

**TOURNAMENTS**

All paid-up members of the Tennis Club are eligible to enter the tournaments.

**SINGLES**

The singles tournament is open to all members (male and female) and will start in early June. It will be played during the following months with finals played before the end of the season. Entry lists compiled from members' forms will be put up on the Pavilion notice board in mid-May.

**DOUBLES**

**RUSSELL CUP** Partners for the mixed doubles tournament for the Russell Cup will be drawn in late May. The tournament will be played during the following weeks, with the finals to coincide with the Club barbecue. The entry list compiled from members' forms will be put on the Pavilion notice board and sent out by email.

**MAGAN CUP** This will be played in August, the date to be decided nearer the time.

**AMERICAN TOURNAMENT**. This will be played on Sunday 29 September.

**COACHING**

Coaching for members of all standards (including juniors) is available by arrangement with our coach, Graham Moores (apreslabs@gmail.com). Coaching sessions are usually held on Mondays, from 4:30 -6:00 pm, starting on 8 April. If these times are not convenient it is possible to make alternative arrangements by contacting Graham.

**BALLS**

Tennis balls are normally provided for club nights and are kept in the Pavilion walk-in cupboard. Practice balls and some new balls are placed in the grey bin on court 1, which is locked with the same combination as the locks on the court gates.

**AFTER USE, PLEASE RETURN BALLS TO THE CUPBOARD OR BIN FROM WHICH THEY WERE OBTAINED**

Combination padlocks are fitted to the gates of the courts. The combinations will be changed on 1 April and will be supplied on receipt of a tennis club subscription.

**WIMBLEDON TICKETS**

Club members who have joined the LTA [The Official Home Of Tennis For Britain | LTA] and have opted in for tickets will be entered in the centralised LTA ballot for tickets*.*

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

A barbecue will be held to coincide with the Russell Cup final, the date to be decided later. The Magan trophy tournament in August will be followed by a cream tea. The American Tournament on Sunday 29 September will be followed by the end‑of‑season supper. A quiz evening will be held in November. Details of these events will be sent to members by email.

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**2024 MATCH FIXTURES**

**Men’s Division 2 Topspin Racquets South Beds Summer league**

**May**

Linslade B                          away                     Thursday 2 May                                7:00 pm

Flitwick & Ampthill C       away                     Wednesday 29 May                         7:00 pm

**June**

Leighton Buzzard B          home                    Wednesday 5 June                           6:30 pm

Edlesborough A                 home                    Wednesday 26 June                        6:30 pm

**July**

Flitwick & Ampthill B       home                    Monday 1 July                                   6:30 pm

**August**

Dunstable B                        away                     Thursday 22 August                        7:00 pm