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ALL ABOUT THE CLUB



CONGLETON LAWN TENNIS CLUB



THE BEST SPORTS CLUB IN CHESHIRE

All you need to know about the Best Sports Club in Cheshire

So it's official. We are the best sports club in Cheshire.

We all reckon Congleton LTC to be a pretty good Club, but now it has been confirmed by Sport Cheshire and Warrington Sports Partnership (now known by the snappier Sport Cheshire) at their annual awards ceremony. We are the Sports Club of the Year 2010.

We got to the final by winning the title of Sports Club of the Year in East Cheshire first. It is a great achievement for the Club, but it is recognition of all we have done in

the last few years.

Andrew Giltrap prepared our entry form for the awards and he cited our senior and junior playing programmes, our new club house, our renewed courts, our outreach programme to local schools and the things we do in the community.

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HISTORY OF THE CLUB

The Club is one of the oldest tennis clubs in the country having celebrated its Centenary Season in 1990. The Club has been on the same grounds throughout its history, initially renting from a farmer and then purchasing the freehold in 1926. The Club is run as a limited company for the members' benefit and a committee of Directors who are elected by the members manages it. The Club has always moved with

the times being one of the first to drop playing in tests and it operates an equal opportunities policy offering tennis to as many people as possible regardless of age or playing standards.

In 2008 we moved into a brand new clubhouse of which we are very proud.

THE BASICS

Membership of the Club

The Club has an adult membership of approximately 150 and a junior membership of 100. Full adult membership for the 12 months from April 2011 to end of March 2012 is £176 (£166 if paid before 1st May) and junior membership is £66. There are special rates for couples, families, playing parents, students and for midweek and winter play.

Playing Facilities

The Club has some of the best facilities in the area with 9 courts; 7 all weather and 2 artificial grass. 4 of the all weather courts are floodlit. We also have a practice wall and a mini tennis area. The old clubhouse has recently been converted into an indoor mini tennis area. The 2 artificial grass courts have been renewed recently as has court 4 which is now tarmac with new floodlights and this will be used by our coach as required.

Clubhouse

Our new clubhouse is a two storey brick building with balcony to include gentlemen's and ladies changing rooms with showers etc, a large function room with bar and kitchen, an area for juniors to use, an office and disabled facilities including lift. An appeal to raise funds for this project was named "Funding the Future" and resulted in over £100,000 being raised in three years that together with money accumulated over several years brought the project to fruition. The grand opening took place in April 2008.

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Access to the Club Facilities

The courts are not locked and some are available for use by members at all times except during Club sessions (Monday and Thursday evenings, Saturday afternoons), match nights (Tuesday evenings), and those used by the Head coach. There may also be matches at other times but some courts will be available on a first come first served basis. Members must use their own tennis balls except for club sessions.

Shoe-tags

All members receive a shoe-tag as proof of membership; please wear it when you are on the courts. Adult members can hire keys to the Clubhouse from the Secretary for a £10 returnable deposit. The floodlights can be used by members up to 10pm for £1 for 15 minutes using the slot meters in the junior area of the new clubhouse. The slot meters are emptied daily.

Clothing and Footwear

The Club has a policy that dress to be worn on the courts should have been manufactured for racket sports; this policy applies at all times. Shoes should be designed for tennis and black-soled shoes or trainers with ribs on the edge of the soles should not be worn as they damage the court surfaces.

Visitors

The Club encourages visitors to play at the Club either as prospective members or visitors to the area. There is a fee of £5 per visit. Short-term membership can be arranged in certain cases such as a month working in the area.

Junior visitors can play with members for £2 per session. Parents who wish to play with junior members can take out a reduced membership of £32.

Social Activities

There are American tournaments organized throughout the summer: May 14th Town Mayor's tournament, Chairman's Cup TBA, East Cheshire Mayor's tournament TBA in September.

Other social activities have been suggested such a Crown Green Bowls afternoon, Race Night, quiz and Casino Evening. Please speak to a committee member if you have any ideas. Watch the notice boards for details.

Wimbledon Tickets

The LTA allocate Wimbledon tickets to the Club and members can enter a draw to purchase the tickets. The chances of being able to purchase tickets have proved to be good for those members who are prepared to be flexible over the days on which they attend. Only members who are members of British Tennis and have paid their current subscription are eligible to apply for tickets. (age 9 and above).

Winter Tennis

The modern all weather courts and the floodlights have turned tennis into a year round game. Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons continue as club sessions through the winter, with members contributing to the use of the floodlights and the balls. A winter doubles league is run from October to March. The competitors are divided into divisions with monthly relegation and promotion so that the players soon find their correct level of play.

Three league teams are entered in the South & Mid Cheshire winter league, matches played on Sunday mornings

Club Sessions

There are three adult Club sessions per week from April 3rd until the end of September: Monday and Thursday evenings (6pm to 10pm) and Saturday afternoons (1pm to 6pm). The Club provides balls for members' use in doubles foursomes, chosen using a peg-board system, playing a set at a time. There is no need to pre-arrange a group to play good tennis three or four times a week. On Tuesday mornings a 'hardy perennials'

JUNIOR TENNIS

The Club is a former winner of the Girobank National Junior Development Club of the Year for its junior programme. For very many years we have successfully run junior coaching sessions on a Wednesday evening for all ages.

The membership fee of £66 includes a £25 voucher to use as full or part payment of coaching or equipment. (Subsequent children in the same family £60.) Thereafter any other coaching by our coach, Istvan Kaplan

100 Club

The Club has a policy of developing its facilities and it needs to be on a sound financial footing to do this. Joining the 100 Club can help achieve this. For a £2 monthly subscription, you can be entered into a monthly prize draw with prizes up to £100 available twice a year and with cash prizes on offer every month. Entry forms are available in the Clubhouse.

group meets from 10-1pm. The Club sessions are a good way to socialize as well with the bar being open and refreshments sometimes available on Saturdays. The members on a rota basis staff the bar.

will be charged accordingly. Children who show potential in these groups will be invited to attend a more extensive programme with the head coach. See separate leaflets for coaching timetable. Team players will be chosen from these groups and attend extra squad sessions. These players will play in various junior competitions throughout the year. The best players will be allowed to play in some adult club sessions and enter the club tournament.

Clubmark

The Club gained Clubmark status with the LTA in 2009. This is awarded to Clubs who can show that they are run well, have full coaching and playing programmes, have child protection policies, and are sound financially.

ADIDAS KIT

We have an arrangement with Adidas and Rosebank Sports so that members can purchase clothing and other tennis kit at discount prices with the proceeds going to the Club. Details are available at the Club

League Tennis

The Club enters teams in the South & Mid Cheshire League. For 2011 we will enter 7 Men's teams, 4 ladies teams and 3 mixed teams. The men and ladies play on Tuesday evenings, with some matches on Thursday evenings, and the mixed team plays on Sunday mornings. The number of teams allows for competitive tennis to be available for a wide range of standards of players

TENNIS CAMPS

The Head Coach runs multi-sport activity camps during school holiday week days. Non-members are welcome. Bookings can be made on a daily or weekly basis. The camps start at 9.30am and finish at 3.30pm. All the coaches are licensed and CRB checked.

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Tennis provides exercise, competition and a social network for all ages and all abilities. We have programmes for junior and adult beginners, improvers and competitive players in the best facilities in South East Cheshire.

Be a Part of the Cheshire Sports Club of the Year 2010

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The Committee's job is to run the Club for the benefit of the members, so if you require any information or you have a suggestion for improvement please contact one of them:

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