



Welcome Pack

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Crescent Lawn Tennis Club.

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Dear Member

Welcome to our Tennis Club

Now that you have become a member, we would like to tell you what our club has to offer.

The following pages in this booklet give you information of activities and opportunities to play.

Whether you are a senior or junior member we provide for all abilities and it's a chance to meet other tennis players and make new friends or come down and play with your partner and/or family if they are also members. We play tennis all year round and we welcome you take part in our social tennis and our fun and friendly box leagues, club championships, as well as our social events. For the more experienced there is an opportunity to play for the club in matches against local clubs.

We have a wide range of coaching available for beginners, intermediate and experienced members and for those who have not played for a long time from our coaching team. Coaching is open to members and none members and for those of all ages and abilities.

For any further details, or to arrange to be met at the Club on your first visit then please contact us and we will ensure you are looked after. Also, to keep up to date with all that's going on at the Club, do check our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

We hope you will enjoy all the benefits the tennis club has to offer, and trust you will make the most of the wonderful facilities on offer

Regards

Crescent Lawn Tennis Club Committee

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1. About our Club

Crescent Lawn Tennis Club is based on the site of Sidcup Sports Club in Sydney Road, Sidcup.

We share the site with Crescent Cricket Club and Sidcup Rugby Club, together with some facilities including a bar and changing rooms. Car parking is free. Sidcup Sports Club also operates a small gym (not included in your tennis membership fees).

Crescent Tennis Club has eight courts, four of which a floodlight. Our clubhouse is open to members, information about the club and its activities can be found on noticeboards. We'd also highly recommend that you visit our website www.crescenttennisclub.co.uk for information about our club, club policies, our quarterly club newsletter, details about our leagues fixtures, and latest news about the Club.

Crescent Tennis Club is managed by a group of volunteers, who form our committee – if you feel you have any skills or experience that would benefit the Club's development, please do speak to member of the Committee.

President	Suzy Lundie
Chairman & Secretary	Graham Watson
Treasurer/ Membership Secretary	Bernie Adams
Welfare/Safeguarding	Gray Payne
Mens Captain	Tony Garrett
Ladies Captain	Dot Garrett
Fixtures Secretary	Chris Scarff
Social Secretary	Elliott Scott
Committee Member	Nick Baker
Committee Member	Dessi Orsmond
Head Coach	Neil Biddle

2. Membership fees

Each year our membership secretary will issue a request for payment of membership fees (usually late February/early March). We ask that all

renewing memberships are paid prior to the deadline date given – preferred method of payment is by bank transfer where possible.

Our current fees are on our website or from our Membership Secretary.

3. Booking a court

You can book a court via our website or e clubs website or via LTA's clubspark. (<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/CrescentLawnTennisClub>).

Priority booking is given to leagues fixtures.

If you no longer require a court please ensure your booking is cancelled.

4. Social Play Sessions

Social play sessions are open to members over 18 of mixed abilities and take the form of doubles, throughout the year. Play one set of doubles and then swap round – a great way to make new friends and contacts.

We pride ourselves in offering a good opportunity to play socially. Currently, there are social tennis sessions on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday mornings (9.00am-12.00pm) and Saturday afternoons (12pm to 4.00pm). Members are asked not to book courts for other matches, with the exception of league match fixtures.

5- Floodlighting

The floodlight switches are in box on court 3 and tokens are required – token are either in the box on court or in the cupboard in clubhouse – there is currently no charge for tokens. (Please note these must be switched off no later than 9.30pm to conform to our planning permission)
Coaching

6. Coaching

For coaching at any level please contact our Head Coach who runs a junior and senior coaching programme all year round and for all ages and abilities. Coaching sessions are usually in small groups, but individual coaching is available email; coaching@crescenttennisclub.co.uk

7 Club Championships

Every year the Club organises a club championships which usually runs through the main summer (usually from July) season, culminating in a final in early September. The different categories include:

Mens Singles Ladies Singles Mens doubles Ladies doubles, Mixed doubles, A handicapped Mixed doubles, Veterans singles/doubles and a number of junior events.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet other members of the club in a competitive but friendly environment. All standards of players are welcome.

8. Box Leagues

An opportunity for fun and friendly competitive play during the season. There box league for singles and doubles and they run from the spring/summer and autumn/winter.

A box has four/five players, with each player playing each other over a set period of time. For double matches, you do not choose your partner, so it's a good way to meet other members. The player who wins the most games is promoted and the player who wins the fewest is relegated. Players are responsible for arranging to play their box league games.

9. League Matches

During both the summer and autumn/spring seasons, the Club enters Mens, Ladies and vets Mens/Ladies teams in the Kent, North Kent and National Leagues. Matches are played both home and away and usually on Saturdays or Sundays, with occasional mid-week fixtures. These matches are for the more advanced players.

We also run several junior teams in the LTA Junior Team Tennis League during the summer.

Those interested in playing in teams should contact our Club Captains or Head Coach in the first instance.

10. Non Member play

The Club does allow non-members to play at the Club. Guest charges are applicable. Please contact memberships@crescenttennisclub.co.uk to make a booking.

You can also pay using the Sum Up card reader in the clubhouse cupboard. It's a touch screen device just follow the instructions

11. The 100 Club

To help raise funds we have a 100 club. This costs £2 per month (less than the price of a coffee). Each month two lucky winners are drawn, they receive £30 and £15. This is a money raising scheme, but if we do not get enough members joining we reserve the right to close it down and refund the participants.

12. Easy FundRaising

As the title suggests this is another fund raising initiative. It is a 'Cash Back' system. Whenever you buy something on-line the club will receive a percentage of your spend. It costs you nothing but having an account with Easy FundRaising, and a little time and effort. Look on the website and click the Easy FundRaising link, sign up for an account. Thereafter every time you want to buy something on-line, go to your Easy Fund Raising account before logging onto your on-line supplier – just about every on-line supplier supports this scheme

13. Safeguarding/Welfare, Diversity and Inclusion

Crescent Lawn Tennis Club acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. The Club is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice, reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and LTA requirements. A copy of the Club's full safeguarding policy is available on the club website (see www.crescenttennisclub.co.uk (policies))

Everyone involved in tennis has a vital role to play in promoting diversity and inclusion and we ask everyone to proactively promote safe and inclusive tennis.

Our Welfare Officer is responsible for promoting safeguarding within the Club and working with others to ensure a safe and inclusive environment is achieved: email, garywpayne@yahoo.co.uk

14. Health and Safety

We take the health and safety of our members seriously. We ask that members with any existing medical conditions discuss with us, in confidence, any issues that we should be made aware of to ensure their safety at all times when at the club.

Our coaches are DBS checked and have first aid training. We require all parents and guardians to supervise their children when at the Club.

We advise our members to wear suitable tennis footwear when on court and during the summer months we'd ask you to follow our recommendations in our sun awareness policy.

We would ask all members to report any concerns or accidents that occur, when at the club and we undertake regular reviews of our facilities to ensure they are safe. Further details of our health and safety policy and sun awareness policy can be found on our website.

15. Website, Social Media –Filming and Photography

The Club has an active social media and marketing presence. You can follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

We are happy for members to participate in social media activities relating to the Club, however, we will not accept inappropriate use of social media that is negative towards our members, the club, Sidcup Sports Club or is deemed offensive in any way.

In order to promote the Club and its activities we may from time to time seek to

film or take photographs of our members. This will only be done with the individual's permission and in accordance with our social media and filming and photography policies. Parental or guardian permission must be sought for any involvement with junior members. We will not give permission for third party use of our images.

We will respect the individual's rights to decline participation in filming, photography, social media or marketing.

We would ask all members to take the time to read our policies regarding social media and filming and photography. These can be found on our website.

16. Wimbledon tickets

Our Club receives an allocation of Wimbledon tickets from the LTA for distribution to our members by ballot. In order to be eligible for entry into the ballot you need to have British Tennis Membership (BTM), which is free, and have opted into the ballot via the LTA website. You have to opt in to the ballot on an annual basis. It is open from September to mid-February.

The number of pairs of tickets that we receive is dependent upon the number of BTM members affiliated to our Club, who have opted into the ballot. For this reason, we would strongly encourage you to sign up to BTM and opt in, even if you do not wish to enter the draw.

Further details about Wimbledon tickets are sent out in April/May.

17. British Tennis Membership

Membership is FREE – please consider registering every person in your family who is a member of the Club. You only need to do this once – membership is continual each year.

Please note that all members who take part in any competition, including leagues matches (team or individual) will also require British Tennis Membership.

To obtain a BTM via the internet, go to: <https://www2.lta.org.uk/advantage/>

Members receive a number of benefits – see LTA website.

18. Data Protection

The Club may collect personal data in a number of ways. Details of marketing preferences and who we share your data with are outlined in our data protection policy on our website.

19. Respect and Behaviour

All Club members and Club officials must show tolerance, courtesy, good manners, fairness, honesty and integrity in their dealings with Club members, officials, Club members' guests, playing and social visitors.

20. Club Reputation

All Club members should endeavour to protect and further the Club's good reputation at all times. When representing the Club, all players and officials will observe the principles of good conduct.

21. Resolving differences

We hope you enjoy your time with our Club. However, we understand that at times there might be a need for you to resolve a difference. If this is the case, we ask you to do so in the following order:

1. Between the parties involved.
2. By reference to the appropriate Club Captain or Club Welfare Officer.
3. By reference to the Club Chairman.

22. Court Etiquette

The following is an extract from British Tennis website on court etiquette which reflects our approach.

- Please do not walk behind players whilst a game, a rally or coaching is in progress, this is to avoid distracting other members and most importantly to avoid any potential accidents on court.

- If you are trying to cross a court please wait until you are invited to and it is safe to do so.
- If a stray ball comes onto your court don't knock it back immediately, wait until the owners are ready and then hit it to the server's end.
- During play and particularly between games, keep the amount and volume of conversation down to a minimum necessary to play and enjoy your own games. Too much chatter can be disturbing to those playing nearby and, in between games, can hold up play for people waiting.
- Line calls can be a problem and we recommend the use of what the Americans call the 'honour system'.
- Only call the lines on your side of the net.
- Call clearly and firmly what you see and what you honestly believe to be correct.
- If you are not absolutely certain or didn't see the ball clearly, the ball was IN and must be given in the opponents favour.
- If occasionally you have serious doubts as to your opponent's eyesight, ask politely if they are certain as to the accuracy of their call. If they say that they are, get on with the next point.
- If you feel your opponents regularly have difficulties making correct calls, start looking for different opponents!
- If in social friendly matches there is some doubt over a line call, offer to play the point again rather than cause undue aggravation and time wasting.
- Do not criticise your partner or opponent, be positive and offer encouragement instead.
- Overall, use your best judgement and we all want to be competitive but don't let your emotions get on top of you!

Thanks for reading and enjoy playing!