



# SPRING NEWS LETTER

Dear members, the new tennis season is almost upon us. This information newsletter is intended to bring to members' attention key calendar dates and events that the committee has planned on your behalf. We hope you agree that there is a lot to look forward to this year at STC. We really hope there is something for all members and we look forward to seeing you at the club. Check the website for information about all these events.

## CLUB MATTERS

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Time is nearly here. Don't miss out on the early payment offer for adults and families.

Email

[membership@sonningtennis.com](mailto:membership@sonningtennis.com)

### SAFEGUARDING

Welfare Officer is Romy Spindler. If you want any information on STC policy and practices or need to report a matter, please contact Romy via email: [welfare@sonningtennis.com](mailto:welfare@sonningtennis.com)

### COMMUNICATIONS

Club website to be enhanced to include wider information on important documentation and policies. If you want to comment on how to improve our website please email: [info@sonningtennis.com](mailto:info@sonningtennis.com)

### OPEN DAYS FOR 2020

**CANCELLED: Saturday 28 March 11am – 2pm**

**Sunday 26 April 12.30pm – 3.30pm**

The club has been randomly selected by the LTA for a formal audit of our **Safeguarding and Diversity & Inclusion policies and practices**. This will take place on 17 March and will be managed by the club's Welfare Officer (Romy Spindler) with support from the club Chairman. The requirements and approach have been covered in committee meetings and we feel that the club is well prepared. That said, the purpose of the audit is to improve standards and STC will adopt any proposed changes. The recent survey that members were asked to complete was requested by the LTA. Thankyou to everybody that responded. Following the audit the club will receive a report that will be shared with members. If you have any concerns about what to do if you suspect any safeguarding issues please email [welfare@sonningtennis.com](mailto:welfare@sonningtennis.com). The full Safeguarding, Whistle Blowing and Diversity & Inclusion policies are on display (or are in a folder) within the clubhouse.

**All three courts will be repainted this Spring.** The member survey has been completed, over 50 members responded with a vote split of 2 to 1 in favour of blue courts with green surround. Further details will be issued when dates have been agreed with contractors (likely time April/ May). When works gets underway, courts will be out of action for about a week, work is very dependent on dry and warm weather!!

To support the **Open Days**, the committee would like to ensure that the clubhouse and courts are presented at their best! Hopefully we can arrange for a 'tactical' working party to meet at the clubhouse to undertake some general clean up activities. The proposal is to give the clubhouse a clean up during WAGS session on Wed 21 March followed by a last minute clean up(s) on the morning of each Open Day. We hope all members will consider helping out.

The committee is trying to address points raised, and discussed at the AGM, that arose out of the Member survey. To this end, a new **Peg board system** will be trialed during Tuesday evening sessions. Subject to light (and weather) Tuesday sessions expected to begin on 14 April at 6.30pm.

**Members Parking**, the committee request that members do not park on the grass near the clubhouse until further notice. Club captains can you ensure away teams are aware of this too. Parking arrangements for Open days has been discussed and visitors will be directed to St George's or BCS. Possible parking 'wardens' volunteers may be requested!!

## LEAGUE MATCHES

The club enters 6 teams (2 Mens, 2 ladies, 2 mixed) into two leagues.

Summer league is May to September.

Winter league October to April.

All members are eligible for selection. If you are interested in playing please contact one of the team captains (details below)

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## TENNIS EVENTS

**Saturday March 28 11am to 2pm First Open Day.** To include 'tennis taster' coaching sessions for the juniors. This is planned to overlap with club session to shows visitors what a social club we are.

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**Sunday May 17 10.15 am start. Spring American tournament.** Entry open to all adult and student members. A great way to play lots of tennis whilst meeting other members. You don't need a partner to enter...drawn on the day

**Club singles & doubles championships, from mid May.** Look for entry forms in the clubhouse. There will be a free BBQ for all members (bring your own drink) on **Finals day Sunday July 19.**

**Sunday Sept 20 10.15 am start Autumn American tournament.** Entry open to all adult and student members. A great way to play lots of tennis whilst meeting other members. You don't need a partner to enter...drawn on the day

## COACHING

**Adult Coaching:** New members "Rusty Racket" free one-hour coaching scheduled for: Friday, April 17, May 1st, May 22nd and June 5. Depending on numbers this may be extended to all members. Additional adult coaching can be available between 4 and 6 pm on Wednesdays depending on level of interest from May onwards.

**Junior coaching "Get Ready for the New Season" Camp Feb. 17th to 20th**

Easter holiday Camp **April 14th to 16th**

Half term holiday camp **May 25th to 28th**

Summer camps from **August 3th to 6th and August 17th to 20th**

Four-week courses starting **March 2nd and September 7th**

**Loudwell Cup on Sunday 13 Sept**

Email: [coaching@sonningtennis.com](mailto:coaching@sonningtennis.com)

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Book your table for the ever popular **Quiz Night Saturday 16 May** 7.30pm at Pearson Hall. Tables of 6 email [info@sonningtennis.com](mailto:info@sonningtennis.com) to enter a table or join a table with others. More details nearer the time.

**Skittles and pub games evening. Venue to be confirmed.** Saturday October 24. More details nearer the time.

Save the date **for the Christmas Party Saturday December 12** at Sonning Golf Club

**Members social evenings** watch out for dates and destinations

**Free BBQ** on Finals day of the Cub Championships. 19 July.

