



Play Safe & Stay Safe

'New Normal' Tennis & Croquet Play

Dear Members

It is with diluted excitement that at last tennis & croquet can be played at the club in a restricted way under the instruction of the Government & LTA.

Singles Play will commence on Wednesday 13th May from 12 noon but only for the following people.

- **ONLY** Members who have taken Holding Membership 2020 can play with ONE other Holding Member
- Holding Members may play with children, old and young, who are in their HOUSEHOLD
- Holding Members may play with extended family who live in their HOUSEHOLD
- For clarity, doubles play will only be possible if all 4 players are from the **SAME** HOUSEHOLD

Please read and implement the following:

PROTOCOL FOR TENNIS & CROQUET

Health and Welfare

- Due to the relaxing of the Lockdown the Club will reopen on Weds 13th May. However, the committee has had to make the following temporary changes in order to follow Government guidelines and LTA recommendations. Members are therefore requested to follow the new rules for the safety of everyone. Please take time to familiarise yourself with this document and stop to read all new signage at the Club. There will be no matches or Social groups at this current time and play will only be by booking courts as below.
- Members should avoid touching any hard surfaces wherever possible. All benches, chairs, court sweepers, net height measures, and handles will be removed
- Players should bring their own Hand Sanitisers. As soon as it is possible to arrange; Hand Sanitiser will be available by the entrance court as you arrive and in the changing rooms
- Do not go to the Club if you suspect you have a temperature, cough or symptoms related to Covid 19.
- The committee has endeavoured to follow both LTA and Government Guidelines in producing this document and has assessed all risks relative to COVID-19. If members have any relative concerns, they

should address them to the committee as all players who decide they are safe to play, do so AT THEIR OWN RISK

Access to Courts

- Access to courts: The only entrance to the courts will be on the North side of the hard courts as per the picture below. There will be a four-digit padlock with to access all courts which will be confirmed to you when you book your court as per the instructions below. From there all players are able to access all other courts via the internal gates. The main gate should be left open at all times except whenever players leave and no one else is playing then this padlock and gate should be locked. Access to the croquet lawns will be as normal.



Online Booking for Tennis & Croquet

- If you wish to play you must BOOK A COURT or LAWN prior to play by using the online booking system on the club website <https://www.walmartennisclub.co.uk/>
- This innovation is new to members and has been implemented so that we can arrive, play and depart in safety in arranging suitable times to play.

How to book:

- Go to the club website <https://www.walmartennisclub.co.uk/> click on Book Courts,
- Choose date and time to play. You can play for a maximum 2 hours on available grass, hard courts or croquet lawns. PLEASE LEAVE A 15 MINUTE BOOKING SLOT BETWEEN YOUR BOOKING AND A PREVIOUS BOOKING. This will allow social distancing between bookings
- Book Court which will take you to Club Spark page, you will be asked to Create an Account
- Name, email, phone, DOB, postcode, password, terms & conditions
- Confirm, which takes you to your booking form.

- You will be sent a confirmation email with PADLOCK CODE and do's and don't's
- ALL PLAYERS MUST BOOK A COURT PRIOR TO PLAYING

Playing Tennis

- Members will be expected to arrive changed and ready to play as the Clubhouse and Changing rooms will be locked. The Ladies toilets are to be used in an emergency and not as a matter of routine. There will be a Keybox by the door and the access code will be the same as the entrance gate.
- Players to mark their own balls and use their own when serving
- Play will be in Singles. Doubles is only allowed with 4 players from the same household.
- Please do not leave your kit by the net as normal in order to encourage social distancing.
- Adherence to these guidelines is paramount they have been created to ensure everyone's safety and our compliance with both Government and LTA guidelines. Members who do not adhere to them will be given a first and only warning.

Croquet

- Hoops to be left in
- Two lawns to be available with a distancing space between them
- All booking on line members requiring help with this should contact Nick Douet on his mobile...0744 384 6181
- Balls and clips to be handled with (player's own) protective gloves
- Only one person to be in the pavilion at a time
- Players must observe Social Distancing at all times and not shake hands etc
- Players should arrive after allotted start time and leave before the end of their booked time

A final note to you all, please bear with us during these extraordinary times as we introduce 'the new normal' to tennis and croquet. Reflect and support those who wrestle far more difficult dilemmas than playing tennis, We will soon play together to ease the weariness and struggle of Covid 19. We will embrace the freedom of exercise and companionship in responsible social distancing. Albeit having to book courts, play with coloured balls, wear gloves, disappear without a handshake. We will, in the near future, return to 'the normal' by opening the club house for celebration and life.

We look forward to seeing those who wish to play also good friends who cannot. Archery Square will continue its 137 year tradition of croquet, tennis and perambulatory exercise this Wednesday.

Peter Tullo
Chairman