

Newsletter

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A note from the Chairman...

Welcome back to the 2021-22 Season. Your club is now fully back up and running. The kitchen and clubroom have been refurbished, the ladies' changing room repainted and the drinks fridge restocked. We have a full list of fixtures kicking off with the home fixture against Bristol on 2nd October, followed by the Real Tennis & Golf Challenge versus Royal Worlington on 3rd October - do apply to the match managers if you would like to play. I am enormously grateful to Rachel Pittaway who has taken on the mantle of Membership Secretary and has prepared this first Newsletter of the new season, which we hope to become a bimonthly fixture; if anyone has any suggestions as to what they would like to see in future editions, please contact her. Finally, we plan to have a mulled wine and mince pie evening in December (Date TBC) when you can bring along guests and potential new members, enjoy the new ambiance and hopefully watch some exciting tennis - more anon!

Upcoming Fixtures

Home matches

*2nd Oct: Bristol and Bath
3rd Oct: Worlington
14th Oct: Pennant – Prested
24th Oct: Philanderers cc
31st Oct: Petworth
7th Nov: Hatfield House
21st Nov: Brigands*

National League:

*24th Sept (TBC): Petworth (H)
31st Oct (TBC): Cambridge (A)
26th Nov: Hatfield (H)*

Brodie Cup

14th Nov: Manchester/RTC (A)

See the [NRTC website](#) for a full list of fixtures and details.

Please contact match managers to get involved or just come along, watch some tennis and support your club!

Coronavirus Update Reminder: The Club is now fully open!

There is no restriction on the number of people allowed into the club. The changing rooms and kitchen are open with water and drinks available.

Individual guests and guest clubs may visit.

However - the virus has not gone away so please act responsibly and:

Do not come to the club if you have any symptoms whatsoever.

Do not come to the club if you are self-isolating.

If you test positive having recently been in the club, please inform the pro.

Reminder: Don't forget to check contact details are up to date on the RTO website. Annual subs are due in October 2021 for the new season, please check standing orders are up to date. Please contact the membership secretary with any queries: membsec@newmarketrealtennis.club

A Club of 3 Games....

Your club now hosts 3 versions of Tennis: Real Tennis, Sticke and T60. You definitely know of the first, probably heard of the second and have no idea what the third involves. Sticke is a game played with full size lawn tennis racquets and depressurised tennis balls. T60 has just been invented at Newmarket and designed to be fun and quick. It consists of a basket of 60 differently coloured balls played with Real Tennis rules but where different coloured balls count for single, double or even triple points. Come and give them a try and get Andrew to teach you the rules. You will be surprised how much fun you can have on a real tennis court.



Clubroom and Kitchen Update....

The committee are excited to announce that the new kitchen will be finished and fully operation for the start of the new season. New facilities will include a hob, dishwasher and a microwave. The club thanks Ian Lindsay for his generous donation towards the new kitchen. We hope our members and their guests enjoy this updated and much improved facility!

The clubroom and changing rooms have also been given a fresh coat of paint during the last year and we will have new furniture for members and guests to enjoy whilst in the club. Keep a lookout for some new fantastic artwork to include a wonderful photographic history of the club.

Huge thanks go to Logan Crawford for his hard work in overseeing these improvements.



CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Both the Fingleton Cup and Brown and co. have reached the crunch stages of the competition! Keep a lookout for match dates to be announced and do try and come along to watch what will no doubt be some high-quality tennis!

There are two exciting and highly anticipated Fingleton Cup semi-finals coming up.

**E.Nutter/K.Smith Vs C. Clifton Brown/J Burnett
R.Duncan/A.Tusa Vs C.Pittaway/S.Norman**

The Brown and Co. second semi-final will take place between 2020 winner **Ben Turner** and **Charlie Pittaway**, with **Ed Turner** awaiting the winner in the final.

Good luck to all still involved in the competitions!

NEW MEMBERS: It is vital as a club, that we maintain and ideally increase our member numbers, to keep the court busy and widen access to opponents. If you have friends or colleagues who are interested in getting involved and having a go at Real Tennis please speak to Andrew to arrange a free taster session or bring them along to watch a game.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

After a depleted social calendar in the previous season we look forward to hopefully many more occasions to play tennis and socialise in the club over the coming year. We hope to see you all soon and enjoy a glass of something together!

1st January 2022: Hangover Doubles

31st March 2022: Over 65 Wine Break Doubles

10th May 2022: AGM

28th May 2022: Finals Day

10th-12th June 2022: Rose Bowl

Tuesday and Thursday morning doubles are due to resume- contact Andrew to get involved!

We want to hear from you!

NRTC is **YOUR** club. If you have any news you would like included in the newsletter, or suggestions for how to improve your club, please contact the membership secretary or the chairman.