

Thames Tennis Club

Newsletter

Sept 2021

The good news is...it is officially Spring, bye bye winter! However, unfortunately Covid has returned and sent us back to our bubbles. Stay safe and fingers crossed we can get back to a sense of normality soon.

Tennis under Covid Levels

Some of you will be itching to get out and take advantage of some free time to play tennis. However, you will all be aware that tennis cannot be played and the club is closed under Level 4. It is not going to be much different under Level 3.

Under level 3 the club rooms must remain closed (no entry to any players). Play can happen but only within your current bubble and you must take hand sanitiser that you apply before and after entering the courts. You must also scan in using the code on the club window.

Once we get to Level 2 we can open the club rooms and play outside of our bubbles but we need to have contact tracing/scanning in place, have lots of hand sanitiser available and all be hand-washing regularly. We also have to minimise sharing of equipment. Realistically we will not be getting back to organised tennis until Level 1. Hopefully we go quickly down through these levels and get back to where we were.

For specific guidance by Tennis NZ on play under covid levels, go to their website (<https://tennis.kiwi>).

Jon Ballantyne (Club President)

THAMES JUNIORS

Winter Junior coaching is currently on hold until we reach Covid Level 2.

More information around the guidelines that will be in place for this happen will be sent out once we reach Level 2 – which fingers crossed we get there soon and can get back out on the courts!

Looking ahead, the summer coaching season starts in Term 4. This entails coaching on Thursdays from 3pm and Club Day on Fridays from 3:30pm.

Enrolments will be taken online via the Tennis Clubs website. More information will be forwarded out to families towards the end of Term 3.

As always if you have any queries contact Coach Shannon

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Court lights update

The lights on courts 1-3 have been giving us problems for the past few weeks - particularly on court one. The electricians have made a good guess as to what is causing the issue but can't be sure until they are able to inspect the lights using a cherry picker. Our plan is to order the spare parts before they go up in the cherry picker so that we can fix the issue in one go rather than having a couple of goes at it. We hope to order the parts as soon as businesses open after lockdown. It may take a few weeks to get the parts depending on whether they are readily available.

Ultimately, the lights on courts 1-3 need to be upgraded to modern LED lighting. This is a significant investment so we will look to external funding for help.

Feel free to try the lights on courts 1-3 for casual evening matches. It seems to work best if you do not switch both of courts 1-3 switches on at once - let one lot come on fully first. We will advise members once organised evening tennis can resume.

The last say...

Why are fish never good tennis players?

They don't like getting close to the net.

NOTICE OF THAMES TENNIS CLUB AGM

When: Thursday 23rd September

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Tennis Club Rooms, Brown Street.

All welcome.

TTC Open Day

This event was scheduled for Saturday 18th September but due to the latest Covid outbreak, and the unknown length of lockdown, our Open Day has been put on hold until further notice.

Tennis Leagues (when Tennis resumes)

MONDAY: If you are wanting a casual game of tennis on Monday night contact Peter Hudson on 027 3342426 or Sarah Christophers on 0226194413. Start time 6pm.

TUESDAY WINTER LEAGUE: The Tuesday winter league competition will begin on Tuesday 3rd August. More details below

WEDNESDAY: Wednesday tennis is up and running please contact Tim for more details. Ph: 868 9188

THURSDAY: Fortnightly during the day. Contact Brian, Heff, Peter H or Graeme.

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