



New member's information. (05.03.21)

Tennis

Who can I play with?

To get you started, we have fortnightly hitting sessions for new and potential members. If you are interested in joining in, text the Subs Treasurer who will add you to the list for the next session. We also organise social tennis most Fridays. These nights are a great way to meet other members. All levels are welcome. For new juniors, Sunday Fun Tennis is on at 2pm every Sunday and hitting practice for older juniors/teens on Friday evening.

When can I play?

Apart from the arranged hitting sessions described above, you can play on any of our 9 courts at any time of the day weekdays and at weekends. Exceptions to this are Sunday mornings from 10.30 to 12.30 when 'Sunday Morning Men's Tennis' takes place or when tournaments or coaching is organised and all courts are booked. If you are interested in taking part in Sunday Morning Men's Tennis, please contact the Tennis Capt.

Do I have to book a court?

As September to June can be quite busy in the evening, we recommend that you book a court from 7pm. See guidelines to signing up to our court booking system and booking a court below

Where do I buy tennis balls?

The tennis balls used by the club are Wilson and Tretorn. These are available in most sports shops and can also be purchased from the club bar.

How does the tennis grading system work?

Competitive tennis is sorted by grade (i.e. players playing in Open Tournaments such as Wimbledon or US Open are ITN 1 and beginner tennis players are ITN 10). If you play competitions and make it to the finals or win the final, you will earn points which gives you a chance to move up to the next grade. This ensures that you are playing with players of a similar tennis standard. The website, <http://www.tennisireland.ie/> has information on the grading system and upcoming competitions. You will also need to register with Tennis Ireland before entering competitions. After a couple of months with the club, new members can apply to be graded through the club Tennis Captain

How do I organise coaching?

The club has three registered tennis coaches available for private or group lessons

Tennis Queries: All tennis queries can be directed to the Tennis Captain.



Croquet

Croquet is traditionally played most afternoons/evenings, all year round, weather permitting. New members welcome every Sunday morning between 10:30 - 12:30 to try it out. Croquet balls and mallets are available at the club. For more information please go to our croquet page on our website (<https://www.rushbrooketennis.com/croquet-bowls>) or contact our Croquet Captain.

Events

Events & competitions (both social and competitive) are held throughout the year. Event information is posted on club notice boards and through the various social media channels. One of our most popular tennis competitions is the Tribes which is held annually in January/February for club members only. It is for all levels and is a great way to meeting other members as well as improving your tennis. Information on upcoming events can also be found on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Rushbrooke-Tennis-Club-115493188462286/>).

Child Protection Policy

The club has three designated Child Protection officers

Club Attire and Behaviour

We request that people dress appropriately for the sport of tennis/croquet (i.e. no soccer/rugby jerseys, appropriate non-marking footwear etc.) Members should be respectful of the club facilities and fellow members at all times.

Bar Opening Hours

The bar opens Monday to Friday at 7pm and on Sundays from 12 noon to 8pm. The bar is available for hire at any time for any occasion such as birthdays, communions, baptisms, etc. Please contact Ms. Ber Kelleher, Bar Manager@ 086-3221944 if you wish to make a booking or have a query.

Bringing Along Friends

We love to see members bringing friends along to the club especially if your friends are interested in becoming a member! Visitors must pay a green fee of €5 and the member bringing along the visitor must sign them in at the bar. A maximum of three visits is permitted for each visitor.

Volunteering

The club is run by volunteers. From making cakes, to cutting grass, working on committees, finance, marketing, fundraising, etc., the club always welcomes volunteers to help out. Please contact the Chairperson of the club, or any other committee member, if you wish to volunteer.

First Aid

There is a first aid box available in the office. A defibrillator is available in a box at the front of the clubhouse, next to the entrance to the changing rooms. The code is 2019.



Booking a Tennis Court

There are two booking slots – 7pm to 8.30pm and 8.30pm to 10pm. The cost of booking a court is €12 for 90 minutes. This cost covers the cost of the flood lights. The cost is normally shared by the 2 or 4 players. This cost reduces during the summer months when floodlighting is not required. To get set up on the court booking system, please ask a member of the bar staff.

Every member has been assigned a user I.D and a PIN. Every member’s PIN has been set to 1870 so we recommend you change this PIN the first time you log on. User IDs are available on the notice board in the clubhouse.

To log into the online booking system in your address bar at the top of your home page type: www.ebookingonline.net/box/71. This will bring you to the booking home page. Enter your user ID and your pin (default 1870) and click ‘sign in’. We recommend at this stage that you click on the ‘manage account’ tab and change your pin number. We also recommend you enter a valid email address in the relevant box. The system will then send you an email confirmation every time you book a court.

PLEASE NOTE YOU WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO BOOK A COURT IF YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT CREDIT IN YOUR ACCOUNT. CREDIT CAN BE ADDED TO YOUR ACCOUNT BEHIND THE BAR AND THERE IS NO MIMIMUM AMOUNT.

To book a court:

When logged on to the booking screen select your date in the bottom right hand corner Then click on the court time you require (7pm or 8.30pm). There is a next button on the top right of the screen to see more courts. After clicking on an available court you’d like to play on, you will see the following box:

Make a Booking
Time Now: 9:51:48 pm

Court Ref: court 2 Multi-session booking available.

Time & Date: 20:30, 23rd January 2020 Total number of sessions for this booking 1 2 3

Player information

Player 1 <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="louise ORourke"/>	Player 3 <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>
Player 2 <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	Player 4 <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

Confirm Booking
 Cancel Booking

You can search for players by entering the first couple of characters of their first or last name in the player field and then select the player from the dropdown list.

For a guest click the icon and type the name of your guest.



Your own name will appear in player 1 box. You will then have the option to enter the names of the other players if you wish.

To add player 2, 3, 4, just click on the box and type the first 2 or 3 letters of the players surname and hit the magnifying glass and choose the player from the drop-down menu. If you enter 2 players after clicking confirm 6 euro will be taken from each player. If you have 4 players entered 3.00 euro will be taken from each player etc. If a player hasn't enough credit in their account, you will get a message letting you know. You can exclude this person(s) and the charge will be shared by the rest of the individuals. All players entered will receive a confirmation email.

Booking courts can also be done over the telephone and by a member of the bar staff.

Any questions with the system can be directed to Ms. Ber Kelleher, Bar Manager@ 086-3221944.

Club Events

Tennis:

- Tribes competition January/February
- Annual Mixed League
- Men's/Women's Singles Ladder
- Easter Senior **Open** Tournament (**members from other clubs play in this tournament**)
- **Open** Vets Tournament last weekend in March annually
- **Open** Senior Summer Open usually 2nd week in July
- Irish Junior Close Championships, open junior tournament usually first week in August
- Social tennis every Friday night during Autumn and Winter
- Men's Tennis every Sunday morning
- Kids fun tennis every Sunday afternoon – Sunday Fun Day
- Minimum of 3 inter club senior friendly's each year
- Minimum of 3 inter club junior friendly's each year
- Turkey leagues each December
- Senior/Junior nights
- Senior club close tournament every September
- Junior club close midterm every October
- Easter Kids camp
- 2 summer camps
- Sunday mornings men Christmas competition
- Winter League teams (Playing against other clubs. You have to be selected for a team)
- Cork Regional League (Spring League) teams. (Playing against other clubs)
- Summer Cup teams (Playing against other clubs)
- Autumn Under12/14/16 Junior competitions
- Summer Junior Cups Under 12/14/16/18
- Private and group coaching all year round
- Training camps and boot camps for adults



Croquet:

- 8 Inhouse (Close) Croquet Competitions
- 1 National Open Croquet Competition
- A Christmas Croquet Competition
- Inter Club Croquet Friendlies

Both:

- Annual club awards night
- Charity and Club fundraising events



**Rushbrooke Lawn Tennis
&
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Child Protection Policy

Rushbrooke Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its members and in particular the protection and welfare of all children involved with the club. Every individual in the club should at all times show respect and understanding for their rights, safety and welfare, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club and the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.

The club has appointed the following Children's Officers



Eddie Ronayne
086-8364153



Sally Donegan
087-2491377

The club has appointed the following Designated Liaison Officer:



Louise Davidson
086-8753793

Any of the above should be contacted immediately if any concerns arise. The clubs Safeguarding policy is available in the club for any member to view.