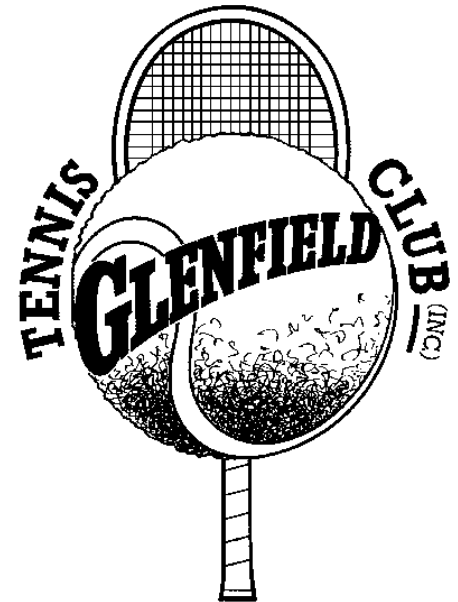


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We understand that being a new member at a club can be a bit scary sometimes – so we’ve put together some key questions and answers to help you get to know your way around the club!

Who’s who?

The Club is mainly run by the elected Committee. A list of Committee members for the current season is posted on the Club noticeboard and on our website (www.gtc.org.nz). It is also printed in the handbook published each year. There are usually a few committee members floating around the club, so please feel free to ask any of them for assistance.

How will I know what’s happening?

The Club’s key info source is our website, www.gtc.org.nz. Once you become a member, you also receive a handbook containing member contact details and general club information. The notice boards are good info sources, and there is also a regular newsletter which will be emailed or posted to you. Make sure you check the website, club noticeboards and newsletters for updates on upcoming events, special deals and other information.

What organised events are there?

We run organised tennis and social events throughout the year. Dates will be put on the website, on the noticeboards and in the newsletter. Some of the regular events open to members include:

Senior Club Days

These are our weekly social tennis days where people of all levels play together. They are held from late August until late April, and are on nearly every Sunday from 1pm (unless tournaments or special events are scheduled – which you are encouraged to enter). Club Days usually go for about 3-4 hours, so just come down any time, give your name to the organiser and join in!

Senior Interclub

For competitive players, we have interclub teams in most grades. Interclub is usually played every second week (weekends for doubles, weeknights for singles). Teams are usually finalised around mid-September. If you are interested in playing or filling in as a reserve, please let our Interclub Captain know (see website www.gtc.org.nz for details).

Junior Tennis

Juniors range from 5 to 17 years. Free coaching is provided every Saturday morning. Junior interclub is played on Friday nights or weekends, depending on the age group. Contact our Junior Representative to find out more (see website www.gtc.org.nz for details).

Midweek Tennis

For those of you lucky enough to not work 9 to 5, there is midweek tennis every Thursday from 9.30am. Men and women can participate in Club Days (midweek Interclub restricted to women only). A special midweek-only subscription is available, allowing play up to 3pm Monday to Friday. Contact our Midweek Representative to find out more (see website www.gtc.org.nz for details).

Tournaments & Club Champs

You don’t have to be a superstar to play in club tournaments – everyone is encouraged to play! Turnout is usually pretty good, and they are fun and a good way of improving your game. For champs events, there is a plate competition if you get knocked out in the first round. Have a go – you might surprise yourself!

Winter League (Seniors & invited Juniors)

Keep your eye in during winter by playing in our weekend winter league competition. Teams are made up from within the club and play each other in a round robin competition spanning several months. Contact our Club Captain to find out more (see website www.gtc.org.nz for details).

Social Events

We hold different types of events throughout the year, such as prizegivings, quiz nights, dances and other fun events. Keep an eye open for the notices.

Can I use the courts at any time?

Senior (incl. midweek/student) club members automatically receive a key to the courts and the clubhouse (junior keys are given to parents/ guardians). Apart from when organised events, coaching or interclub team practices are being held, you are free to use the courts anytime (Midweek members are restricted to Monday to Friday up to 3pm). Please remember to switch the lights off after playing, as they are very expensive to run!

Visitors may use the courts if accompanied by a member. Members are responsible for collecting their visitor’s fees. An honesty box (a long pole with a slot) is just inside the main gate for all fees, which are only \$5 per person per session.

What can I do to help the club?

You can help the club in several different ways, such as:

Joining the Committee

We are a volunteer club – we do everything ourselves, so the more people we have helping out, the better it is for everyone. Please be proactive in supporting your club.

Introducing new members

Encourage friends and family to join. For each new member you introduce, you will be eligible for a discount on your membership subs. The more members you introduce, the more you save!

Helping at working bees

A few times a year, we ask members to attend working bees to keep the courts and the clubhouse looking good. Please make the effort if you can.

Caring for our clubhouse

Interclub teams and committee members are rostered on cleaning duty for Club Days and tournaments. If you are using the clubhouse at other times, please make sure it is kept tidy and that the windows and doors are all shut and the alarm is set before leaving.

Supporting our fund-raising efforts

To maintain and improve the club facilities, we need to raise money each year. Please support our raffles, social events and other fundraising activities. The committee will welcome any new fundraising ideas.

Supporting our canteen

During Club Days or other tournaments, we have liquid refreshments available for purchase. Please don’t bring your own if it’s available with us – it helps keep your subs down!

Supporting our sponsors

Details of the club’s sponsors will be published in the Club Handbook. Without them our club cannot grow, so please support them whenever possible – and let them know you are a GTC member! If you have any contacts that could lead to new sponsorship, please inform the Committee.

Making donations

If you are able to donate your time or services to the club, please inform the Committee. Donations of raffle prizes and/or equipment to the club are also gratefully appreciated.

If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact a Committee member, email secretary@gtc.org.nz or check out our website at

www.gtc.org.nz