

Widecombe & District Sports Group

June 2024

Dear Member (s)

Membership renewals are now due. The door code will change on the weekend 6/7th July

NEWS

AGM - The AGM will be in the Church House on Thursday 25th July at 7pm. Other than the usual AGM business the main focus of our discussions will be fundraising for resurfacing the tennis court. The current court surface has been deteriorating for a number of years and although still useable the time has come to get it resurfaced. A significant amount of money is required approximately £25,000 so we will be looking to apply for some grants to help fund this. One of the most important aspects of applying for grants is community support and this is where we need your help. We would really appreciate you showing your support by attending the meeting so we can discuss ideas about fundraising and how you might be able to help support the grant applications. We also need to increase our membership which is incredibly good value at £25 for a family and £12 for an individual so please spread the word.

Fundraising – to kick off our fundraising Geoff & Claire Partridge are organising a charity Clay Pigeon Shoot on Saturday 6th July in Widecombe. Details can be found in the attached poster. Any offers of help with the BBQ or refreshments would be much appreciated also please spread the word to anyone who might be interested in putting a team together or if you have not got a team just turn up and we will be able to make a team on the day.

Subscription Rates

This year the membership fees remain unchanged. These represent amazingly good value and all monies raised help towards the on-going costs of the WDSG area which sadly do not get any less over time. Please note the court fee is now charged at £1.50 per person (please see team games for other charges).

Website

Please have a look at our web pages of the Widecombe website where you can download membership forms and find out any latest news from the WDSG. www.widecombe-in-the-moor.com/sports_group

Boules Area - Don't forget our Boules area is available to use any time. If anyone is interested in arranging a regular evening to meet up and have a game please get in touch with a member of the committee.

Door Code - This code will be changed on or about 6/7th July. Everyone who has renewed their membership by this date will be emailed the new code (those not on email will be contacted by phone).

Court Fees - Members are asked to put the court fees (£1.50/per person) in the envelopes provided, (kept in the Storeroom). To write their name, date and the amount on the outside, put it through the letter box on the inner door of the store room. Alternatively you can keep a record and pay online.

Court Bookings – We have a notice board by the court on which members can book the court in advance if they wish. Otherwise just turn up and play if it is free. We have considered an online booking system but not introduced one as yet but are happy to keep this under review if there is demand.

Reminders - When using the court could you please make sure you wear soft soled shoes (this is very important to prevent unnecessary wear to the surface of the court). After using the court, please leave it tidy, all rubbish in bins, the net slackened and tied up with centre band. Also please ensure that the gates are closed, so that animals cannot get onto the grass area.

Children under 16 using the play area or tennis court should be supervised by an adult.

Dogs are not allowed anywhere on the Sports Ground/Play Area – Thank you.

Flood Lights - Can we remind all members that the flood lights should not be on after 10pm

Membership Categories

Full membership with voting rights

You must be a resident of the civil parish of Widecombe-in-the-moor (including Ponsworthy and Poundsgate)

Associate membership without voting rights

For anyone living outside the Widecombe area. (Associate members may not serve on the committee).

Groups/Clubs wishing to book the grounds/court (on a regular basis) should apply for group membership only i.e. Tug o'War, cricket, etc. should have at least one full member present and are asked to pay a group membership fee per year for that activity only to help towards maintenance costs etc. The hourly court fees still apply if the court is used during a club training session. Members with in these groups will need to apply for individual/family membership if wishing to use the court outside of these club sessions.

Team games (e.g. hockey/football, cricket) may be played with at least one member being present with all participants paying either £1.00 (for WDSG members) or £2.00 (for non-members). Members with in these groups will need to apply for individual/family membership if wishing to use the court outside of these club sessions.

Businesses/B&Bs who have a family membership may invite their holiday guests to use the court. Please note it is the responsibility of the business owner to provide the door code to their guests and to ensure the guests knows the rules and that they abide by them. **They must pay the court fee of £1.50 per person.**

Guests playing with existing members on a regular basis after 3 or 4 occasions should become members or associate member.

Social Events

The court can be booked for social events by arrangement with the committee, by the hour or by the day.

School and Pre School

May use the court during the day at no charge.

Annual subscriptions for the year 2023/24 are due now

Please return your membership form to the Treasurer, Mrs Norma Tempest at the address on the form. We ask that subscriptions are paid promptly, as it is essential for insurance purposes that all using the court and sports club facilities are fully paid up members.

Individual junior membership (under 16)	£6.00 per annum
Individual senior membership	£12.00 per annum
Family membership	£25.00 per annum
Team/Clubs	£65.00 per annum

Court Fees – £1.50 per person

Membership fees can now be paid through online banking but it is very important that we still receive a form either by post or email. This is so we can keep accurate membership records and claim any gift aid where applicable.

Please note the court is booked regularly at the following times:

Tuesday	Adult Tennis (16+) 6.30 – 9.00pm, £1.00 (for WDSG members) or £2.00 (for non-members), just turn up and play
Thursday	Tennis 6.30 – 9.00pm, £1.00 (for WDSG members) or £2.00 (for non-members) Under 16's with ability are welcome to these sessions with a parent who is also playing.

All members are most welcome to join on these evenings and if you are looking for someone to play tennis with I am very happy to send out a request to the membership and put you in touch with each other.

Yours sincerely
Claire Partridge (Secretary)