South Hawthorn Tennis Club

SHTC
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NEW MEMBER INFORMATION – January 2023

COURT RULES

1. Only members or visitors with members can play – one visitor per member.
2. Only herringbone/flat soled shoes are allowed.
3. Ripple sole shoes/cross trainers are **strictly prohibited** (they damage the courts)
4. En tout cas courts must be **bagged as directed** and **watered** BEFORE each set.
5. Synthetic clay courts must be **bagged** as directed AFTER each set.
6. Children under 10 (other than Junior members 10years or older) are **NOT** permitted in the Clubhouse unless supervised by an adult family member.
7. Children **under 10 Years of Age** (other than Junior members/coaching) are **NOT** permitted on the courts at any time unless accompanied by an adult family member.
8. Acceptable tennis attire must be worn at all times during play.
9. Be polite and friendly to all club members and enjoy your tennis.

Penalty for infringement of rules – fine and possible termination of membership.

ACCESS CARDS

Available from the Secretary for access to the courts, clubhouse and lights operation, upon payment of $25.00. If you lose your card, please notify the Secretary.
Replacement/extra cards available for additional cost of $25.00.
For security reasons do not write the name of club on the card.

PLAYING TIMES

Adult members are entitled to play on the courts on weekdays, Saturdays, Sundays and Public holidays during the following hours:

- No earlier than 8.30am on week-days
- No earlier than 9.30am on week-ends and public holidays
- Finish play and turn off lights by 10.00pm (please leave quietly)

Young junior members **(aged 10 to 16 inclusive)** are entitled to play on the courts on weekdays, Saturday mornings, Sunday mornings and Public holidays during these hours:

- No earlier than 8.30am
- No later than 6.00pm

Competition and Coaching have precedence over all other playing times.

You are advised to refer to the Booking Sheets to determine when courts are available.

All players are asked to show courtesy to other players wishing to play and limit their court time to one hour if other members are waiting to play.

COURT BOOKINGS

In periods of high activity, you are advised to book court use to avoid disappointment. There is an online booking system with a link on the Club Website. Please follow the instructions in the booking system page to make a booking. Once you are a registered member of the club you will be advised of your user ID and password. Please remove your name if you cannot use the booking 24hours before the booking is due.

ACCESS TO COURTS AND LIGHTS

Please access the clubhouse and courts using your access card, which allows access to all four courts. **Please ensure the glass entry doors to the clubhouse is locked shut after you enter or leave for member safety and security reasons.**

For courts 1 to 4 there is a steel cabinet under the balcony opposite court 3. For courts 1 to 4 - to turn the lights ON, pass the card over the court light reader next to the light control box, and push the Lights ON button of the court you wish to use (1 to 4).

For the lower Synthetic Clay Courts, the switches/reader panel is located inside the small shed at the south end of Court 6.

Lights ON - Swipe your access card across the reader then press court lights **on** button.

Lights OFF - Swipe (using the **same** card again) as above and press court lights **off** button.

Lights cost to members is $10.00 per hour/per court.

Payment – You will be invoiced for use approximately every 3 months**.**

Cards will be invalidated if lights accounts are not paid promptly.

Bookings have precedence over casual use of courts.

Coaching and Night Competition take precedence over social play.

CONTACTS

Any Executive member may be contacted for further information about the Club. Their names and contact numbers are displayed on the notice board in the clubhouse.

COACHING

The Club Coaches are registered with Tennis Victoria. For coaching of all ages and standards contact: **Sue Davey - 0412 145459** or **Dylan Edgeley - 0411 133935**

To assist in their professionalism bookings are pre-paid per school term and organized before coaching (3pm) or in writing.

Coaches organize a variety of social events eg. Holiday clinics, Round Robins & social events.

SOCIAL PLAY

Midweek social play for members and non-members is available on demand. Fee for non-members is $10.00/booking session.

Social play in the evenings is organized depending on the season, and courts availability due to night competition - please refer to the club website for details.

COMPETITION

Members wishing to play competition should register their interest on the website.

Adult competition is available on Saturday afternoons. These run from May –August and October – March. Check notice board for entries in January/July.

Mid week day competition is played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – limited vacancies occur. Please register your interest on the website.

Junior competition is available on Saturday and Sunday mornings – contact coaches or the Junior Convener

Night Competition is available in various formats from Monday to Thursday. Groups enter their own teams, as night competition is less formal than day competition. Single players are often needed – contact Night Comp Coordinator – Jeff Greening – 0419 381595.

Seasons run from February – June and July – November.

During the competition seasons, social play on Saturday and Sunday mornings is not available as the junior teams occupy all courts. For Saturday afternoon the on line Booking System will indicate court availability.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is made up of the following categories:

- **Family -** (minimum 3 family members of which one must be an adult).
- **Adult -** (aged 21 years and over as at 1st January).
- **Junior** - (aged under 21 years as at 1st January).
- **Senior** – (aged 70 years and over)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

	Annual Fees	**Nomination (Joining) Fee**
Adult	$210.00	$65.00
Junior	$80.00	$30.00
Family	$400.00	$100.00
Seniors	$60.00	$30.00

The Club year is from 1st March till the end of February the following year. Fees are due from the 1st March and **payment would be appreciated** by the 31st March. Subscription notices are sent to all members at the end of February. Pro rata fees payment applies during the membership year – please contact the membership secretary for information (membership@shtc.org.au).

Membership and courts access will be terminated if fees are not received by the 30th April.

VISITORS

Members are entitled to sign in one visitor per booking with a fee of $10.00 per visitor.
Payment can be made by direct deposit into the Clubs' WPC bank account.
A visitor can play up to four times, then it is expected that they become members.
Members must always be present and playing with a visitor at the club and members must not lend their access card to any non-member.

TOURNAMENTS

Club Championships are held annually for Adult members and Selected Juniors – **singles, doubles** and **mixed doubles** when numbers are sufficient**.** These events are held (over a 4 weeks' period) in October. Entry lists are placed on the "Tournament" section of the notice board and on the website. Dates are also advertised on the website and the notice board calendar events.
Trophies are presented annually.

WET COURT ROLLERS

A sponge roller is located on each en tout cas court (Court 3 & 4). These rollers should be used, following the directions, to dry excess water from the courts prior to any play.

MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting (when office bearers are elected) is held at the end of November. Notices are sent out 21 days in advance, usually by email and on the website. The Executive Committee meets on the second or third Wednesday of each month (February – November) and the Selection Committee meets as required.

CONSTITUTION

A personal copy is available on request from the Secretary (membership@shtc.org.au).

SHTC Website – www.shtc.org.au

The website is updated a number of times during the year.

Welcome to our club.