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Bangor
County Down
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Welcome to Bangor Lawn Tennis Club

Senior, Intermediate or Couple
Membership



WELCOME TO BANGOR LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Club Facilities

- 6 Artificial grass courts (3 floodlit).
- All year round play, weather permitting.
- Club House with changing facilities and showers, catering facilities, lounge and function room.

Club Membership

We have a diverse membership of varied abilities with ages ranging from 4 years to 80 years. Bangor Lawn Tennis Club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of club membership. A copy of our Equity Policy can be seen on the club house notice-board.

Club Sessions

Members of all abilities are welcome to play in the sessions listed below. The purpose of a club session is to provide social tennis in a doubles format.

Day	Time	Club Session	Number of Courts
Monday	7.00pm to 9.00 pm	Adult Members (and invited Juniors)	6 (3 floodlit)*
Tuesday	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Men Only	3
Wednesday	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Ladies Only	3
	6.30pm to 9.00 pm	Adult Members (and invited Juniors)	6 (3 floodlit)*
Saturday	9.30am to 2.00pm	Junior Club - check notice board for times for each Age Group	5 courts normally
	2.00 pm to 5.00 pm	Adult Members (and invited Juniors)	6

*Throughout the year there may be home matches which will affect the number of courts available during a club session. Details of these will be shown on the Online Court Booking System - easily accessible through the clubs website - www.bangortennis.org.uk.

In January 2017 we introduced an on-line booking system (which will also highlight when matches/competitions are on).

Balls are provided by the club for all club sessions.

Use of Courts outside Organised Club Activities

Members can use the courts outside the club sessions outlined above. Courts are also used for coaching, matches and tournaments. The weekly programme for court usage is available to see on the On-line Court Booking System.

Members are welcome to use the courts for singles or doubles. During such play, members should note the following:

- The new online booking system will clearly ensure that players can book in advance and be assured of a court - you can book a court for up to 90 minutes.
- Members must provide their own tennis balls.
- Please use the lights responsibly and turn them off when not in use

[On-line Booking System - Acebook](#)

The system is easily accessible - through our website - <http://www.bangortennis.org.uk/> - you can also book courts through the 'tablet' we have installed in the Clubhouse. (though you cannot register from this or cancel courts from the tablet).

You can check quickly what courts are in use, if any competitions or special events are on and, of course, book your court. **Members can book courts up to 8 days in advance** (with two bookings during peak periods 6.00pm to 9.00pm) and currently no restrictions at other times. The Committee believe this will provide a fairer system and greater transparency for all members.

You must register first - please do so ASAP through the Acebook website - you need to have your registration validated before you can actually book. Please remember your User Name and Password (both are case sensitive).

There are instructions on how to book a court beside the 'tablet' in the Clubhouse - but please note you cannot register from the tablet (and you cannot cancel a court from the tablet). It is fairly straight forward.

Please also note that **when you arrive to play you must 'Check-in' on the Clubhouse tablet.**

If you are down at the Clubhouse during a Club session ask a Committee member for help if you want a quick introduction.

[Court Keys / Club House Access](#)

- A member over 12 years old may obtain a court key on deposit of £3.50. A parent/guardian of a junior member under 12 years of age may also obtain a key to be used by the parent/guardian.
- An adult member (18 years and over) may obtain a swipe card (allowing access to the club house) on deposit of £10.

These are available from the Membership Secretary - contactable at membershipsec@bangortennis.org.uk.

[Leagues and Competitions](#)

We enter teams in various Belfast and District leagues and cup competitions. If you are interested in participating, watch the notice-boards or look at the club website. Request normally go out at the start of the year - but do keep an eye on the club notice-board. Teams are often looking for substitutes to stand in when team players are not available.

We also have a men's singles ladder, a club championship tournament and various social tournaments. We hope you will participate in some of these activities.

[Junior Club](#)

A supervised Junior Club is available for all junior members, organised in two separate age groups (under 12 years old and 12 – 17 years).

The Junior Club provides the children with the opportunity to play matches and put into practice all the skills learned in coaching sessions. In club sessions the children are taught how to score and are encouraged to learn the etiquette of the game from a very early age.

Currently the Junior Club meets on a Friday 5.30pm-7.00pm and on a Saturday morning there are various Junior Club and coaching sessions for different age groups between 9.30am and 2.00pm - check Clubhouse notice board for more details.

Junior teams are entered into the league at Under 14 and Under 18 level and the younger children have opportunities to play friendly matches with other clubs.

We also host the North Down Junior Championships, sponsored by Wilson Nesbitt Solicitors, which attracts junior players from all over the province. There is also an introductory mini - series event for younger players.

Coaching

There are lots of coaching opportunities for both adults and juniors. Our coaching is provided by Bangor Tennis Academy and details of current courses are available on the Academy website (www.bangortennisacademy.co.uk) or from the club coach Tim Blomley (07542 920 293).

We have a very successful "Pay As You Go" programme for members and non-members who wish to build up their skills and confidence before venturing along to club sessions. These are organised by the club coach one evening during the week.

The junior coaching programme gives youngsters the opportunity to maximize their potential, which may be all the way to national level or enthusiastic club member. It also gives juniors a chance to acquire skills that will stay with them for life.

Social Activities

The club organises social events throughout the year and details are posted on the club noticeboards, club website, Facebook page and twitter account. A bi-monthly BLTC newsletter has recently been introduced to help keep members informed of activities and forthcoming events.

Visitors

- Visitors are always welcome at the club.
- A visitor must pay a court fee of £5 per visit for an adult (18 years and over) and £2.50 for a junior (under 18). The fee should be put into the envelope available in the club house and the visitor's details, name and date of visit, and the member's name should be written on the envelope.
- A visitor may play up to six times in a year. If he / she decides to join the club, the money already paid will be deducted from their membership fee.
- A visitor may use all of the club's facilities and join in club sessions.
- Members are responsible for the behaviour and safety of their guests at all times and all visitors have a responsibility to adhere to the rules of the club.
- A prospective member may play on a trial basis before joining.

Club Rules, Bye-Laws and Policies

- A copy of the Club Rules / Constitution is available in the club house and on the club website.
- We have a few gentle rules that, if followed, allow all members to enjoy their tennis and time at the club. The Club Bye- Laws are displayed on a notice board in the club house and on the club website.
- For all policies that are in place at Bangor Lawn Tennis Club please see the club website or the notice boards in the club house.

[Further information](#)

Club website	www.bangortennis.org.uk
Facebook page	www.facebook.com/bangorltc
Twitter	@BangorLTC
Club house notice boards	

[Contact us](#)

The club is managed by the Management Committee elected by the members at the AGM in September.

If you have any ideas, queries or concerns, please come and talk to any member of the Committee (see club house notice-board for photographs and contact details of all committee members).

You can email us at info@bangortennis.org.uk.

If you have any queries about membership, email membershipsec@bangortennis.org.uk.

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