



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

The questions below should hopefully help you find what you're looking for. If not, please either :

- email us on info@bracknelltennis.com,
- click on a link on the left hand side (e.g.membership, events, history) or
- phone our Club Secretary, David Passby for some friendly advice on 01344 441148

I'm a beginner ; how do I join in?

Its easy – just come along any Thursday evening or Sunday afternoon from 1.30pm. We will be delighted to meet you – Bracknell Tennis is a friendly, relaxed club that understands how difficult it can be for players to 'fit in' to club protocol !! So relax, and come join the fun - just bring a racquet (seniors).



Can I just turn up and play?

You can come along Thursday evening – or Sunday afternoon – on 2 occasions– so you can sample our facilities before you make any decisions about membership. But after this, you will need to decide if you join. FYI - we have social nights on Tuesday and Thursday nights (call by from 7pm onwards) and on Sunday from 1:30pm. Ask for David Passby, club secretary or anyone who is around will be more than happy to help you.

I am coming along on my own; will there be other people to play with?

Yes. We have people of all standards and ages who mix in together. Bracknell Tennis is an excellent club to meet new people. As a newbie – you can come along on Thursdays and Sundays – it gives all players the chance to meet each other in a relaxed atmosphere. During friendly matches and tournaments, we always try to mix players so everyone feels at ease playing with partners.

I've never played tennis before. How can I learn?

I haven't played tennis for ages. Is there some refresher coaching available?

Do you provide different levels of coaching for beginners or improvers like me?

The answer to all 3 questions is 'Yes' - absolutely.

Bracknell provides a range of courses and refreshers for all standards of players, to improve - both for senior or juniors. You should look to join British Tennis too. You can find more information on our coaching section. Better still, come along and have a chat to Trevor Kotchie, our club coach, or call him on **07703 256922** to arrange to meet him for a chat about what you'd like. Unlike other clubs, Trevor runs a full-time coaching regime.

Do you run social events or outings for your members?

Yes we do. Bracknell Tennis offers a wide variety of high quality social events throughout the year – we are lucky to have excellent club facilities to run these events in comfortable surroundings. We also arrange for groups to go further afield, such as weekends away (eg. Windhill Hill tennis), quiz evenings, skittles evenings.

How many courts do you have?

We have five newly-laid courts, all with state of the art floodlighting most nights until 10:50pm.

Can I play at night ?

Yes, you can play every night of the week if you so wish !! With state-of-the-art efficient court lighting, you'll find all you need here at Bracknell Tennis.

What's your dress code for tennis?

We simply ask that you wear recognised tennis clothing / tenniswear and proper tennis shoes.



What if I break my strings?

No problem. We have a number of stringers at our club who will be delighted to sort your racquet out.

I'd consider myself an advanced player. How much does your club offer in terms of playing standard?

Bracknell Tennis Club caters for all standards, right up to AEGON national standards. Our top players, are highly ranked in Berkshire Leagues (eg. ratings 5.1), and play to a high standard. We also have a Singles League and 2 LTA registered ratings tournaments and a club championship competition, where players can challenge for honours and improved ranking/rating points

Other useful FAQs for your reference are:

LTA Tennis :

<http://www.lta.org.uk/FAQ.htm>

<http://tennis.about.com/od/faqandreference>

