



Pit Farm Tennis Club Newsletter

February 2026

February is a great time to...

Celebrate our **BOX LEAGUE WINNERS!**

The competition was fierce in our latest Box League, which ended in December.

Huge congratulations to all our winners, and a massive thank you to **Thom** and **Karen** for organising the league and keeping things running smoothly. As you will see, the league and its divisions are growing!

Div A Winner Thom Van Every, special mention Fred Johnson

Div B Winner Max Beech, special mention Richard Dvorsky

Div C Winner Steve Knight, special mention Patrick Sullivan

Div D Winner Bob Langhein-Blair, special mention Bridget Parker

Div E Winner Baris Puskulcu, special mention Tom Klein

Div F Winner Marie Wheeler, special mention Andrew Bresler

Div G Winner Nakhul Malhotra, special mention to Gerald Smith



February is also a good time to **think about your membership renewal.**

Our new membership year starts 1 March 2026. The fees and membership categories will be confirmed to members following the club AGM.

If anyone wishes to:

- change membership category
- try out some club sessions with a view to changing membership category
- bring friends or family along to try out the club sessions
- not renew their membership for 2026/27

please get in touch with Caroline via

membership.pitfarm@gmail.com before 28 February 2026.

We have a long waiting list for Minis and Juniors so if you don't wish to renew your child's membership please let Caroline know asap, so the place can be offered to someone else.

Membership renewals will be sent out via Clubspark the first week of March.

There will be an option to pay by bank transfer, should you not wish to pay by Clubspark.

More information on this will be sent out later in February/early March.

AGM - 6 February

Our 2026 AGM is happening on **Friday 6 February at 7pm**, and we'd love to see as many members there as possible. Your first drink is on the house!

Electronic voting for committee nominations opened 28 January 2026, and will close on Wednesday 4 February 2026.

The club is run by volunteers and powered by its members. Please make sure you vote and come along to the AGM to have your say, and help shape the future of the club — every voice (and vote!) counts.



February is a great time to...

Plan a holiday!

Looking for a tennis-themed getaway this year? Zoe, a PFT member, is offering a special rental rate on her **3-bedroom villa** (double & twin beds) at **La Quinta**. Enjoy world-class facilities with 20 clay tennis courts and 28 padel courts, all set in one of Europe's sunniest destinations. La Manga is the perfect place to play, relax, and recharge. Email membership.pitfarm@gmail.com for details. www.laquintaclub.com

Please note the booking will be directly with Zoe and the club accepts no liability.



*Wish you
were here!*



February is also a great time to enjoy the clubhouse.

We're excited to share that we now have a fantastic new pool table in the clubhouse, and we hope members enjoy using it. Please take care of the table and keep food and drinks off the playing surface. We're also pleased to announce that a new table tennis table has arrived! Instructions for use can be found at the end of this newsletter, with a printed copy available in the clubhouse. We hope you enjoy both additions!



We need you!

Follow us on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) for all the latest news and updates from the club. If you're a team club captain, please send us match results and photos. Or if you would like to rub in a recent Box League win, share your scores and we'll post these too. Tag @pitfarmtennis or email membership.pitfarm@gmail.com

Follow us on  [Instagram](#) and  [Facebook](#) and  [YouTube](#)



Click [here](#) to book.

February is a great time to...

Get some coaching.

Pick up some **new tennis skills**. Check out all the fantastic coaching sessions on offer at the club with our Head Coach **Paul Kozak** and Senior Adults Coach **Ashley Mount** by clicking the buttons above.

Head Coach – Paul Kozak

Paul Kozak has been Head Coach at Pit Farm Tennis Club for over 15 years. A Level 5 Master Tennis Club Coach (MCC) (the highest level of LTA coaching award), Paul has also gained his Coach Tutor Qualification (CTQ) with the LTA, which is for experienced coaches who have a strong track record of developing programs and players. Paul was a former pro himself, and has shared the court with the likes of Federer, Agassi and the Williams sisters. Paul offers adult, junior and group coaching.



Coaching rates:

- 1:1 £80
- 1:2 £85
- 1:3 £95
- 1:4 £110

Non-members pay a £5 surcharge.

Senior Adult Coach – Ashley Mount

Ashley Mount is an LTA accredited Level 3 coach, ITA Level 3 (Spain) Professional coach, and RPT European Professional coach, with a wide range of experience coaching all ages and abilities, and a BSc Sport Psychology degree. Ashley aims to help players to improve their game and reach their full potential, whilst enjoying all the fun and social elements that tennis has to offer. Ashley offers adult coaching 1:1 and for groups.

Club Group Coaching sessions:

Members £10 per hour, non-members £15 per hour. In the event that a group doesn't run because of insufficient numbers (minimum 4 being required for the group to run) Ashley is offering the option of a 1:1, 1:2 or 1:3 private/semi private session if people would like to.



Coaching rates:

- 1:1 £40 p/h
- 1:2 £30 p/h per player
- 1:3 £25 p/h per player

Non-members pay a £5 surcharge.



Thanks to Liz for serving up some Scottish culture in the clubhouse last month. Tuesday-night tennis was transformed into Burns Night, with dancing, poetry and delicious food.



Safeguarding update from our Welfare Officer

An aspect of safeguarding is images. The online world moves fast — photos and personal details can be shared or searched in seconds — and many people simply don't want themselves or their children appearing online at all. So, please don't take photos or videos without making sure others you capture, including those accidentally snapped, are happy to be in them, and happy with what you plan to use them for.

Phones **must not** be used in the changing rooms. If you must take them in there with you, please keep them in your bags or pockets. That avoids any accidental misunderstanding or discomfort.

For more detail — here is our [Photography and Filming policy](#).

In the meantime, if you have any concerns about welfare, discrimination, poor practice and abuse, Jim and I as our **Welfare Officers** are the first point of contact. All concerns raised are treated in confidence.

Report any concerns to:



Welfare Officer

Liz Hill-Smith

pitfarmwelfare@gmail.com

07977 543502

Or in her absence:-



Deputy Welfare Officer

Jim Langan

langanjames62@gmail.com

07817 441521

Concerns can also be referred directly to the LTA via the online concern form:

<https://safeguardingconcern.lta.org.uk/>

Remember, safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone at the Club.



February is also a great time to ...

Watch us on YouTube

Cold weather keeping you off court? No problem. Level up your game with our latest FREE coaching sessions on YouTube. Watch Paul break down the Ready Position, pick up Ashley's top tips on the Split Step, and dive into lots of short, high-impact lessons designed to help you hit winning shots and play smarter matches. Click the button to watch, and make sure you're following our social channels for more Pit Farm Tennis coaching coming your way soon.

The Ready Position

Paul's latest video shows you how to lock in a strong ready position for the incoming ball. Get this right, and you'll enjoy a more compact swing, better balance, and extra time on every shot.



The Ready Position



Over the net



Improve your Serve



How to Volley



How to Save a Life

Thank you to **Dr Rosalind Van Every** for giving her time to help train our members to use the club defibrillator. It was a very informative session.

The Pit Farm Tennis Club defibrillator can be found inside the clubhouse on the wall near the front entrance.





Please note

Court bookings

When booking a court, all participants names must show on the booking system. Members are permitted to book a 1-hour court allocation per day. Members bringing along visitors to play at the club must enter visitor name in the visitor book (in clubhouse) and pay the appropriate fee.

Parking - please be mindful when parking in Hillier Road to only park in the marked parking bays. Please respect our neighbours and do not park across any driveways.

Access gate - for security/safety please can you shut the access gate after entry/exit as a mag lock is now in place. The code (required for entry) has been updated. If you missed the email, contact membership.pitfarm@gmail.com to receive it again. There is a push button located on the wall by the gate for exit.

Guests at Pit Farm Tennis

Please note, as a member, you may bring a guest to play with you, but please adhere to the club rules:

- Only one guest per member is permitted at a time.
- Each guest is allowed a maximum of 6 visits a year.
- **The guest's name must be included in the court booking.**
- Please add your guest's name to the visitor book in the clubhouse.
- You will need to pay the guest fee before playing. This can be paid in two ways:

Online:

Bank: Lloyds

Name: Pit Farm (Guildford) Hard Court Tennis

Sort Code: 30-93-74

Account number: 00171127

In person:

Put the cash in an envelope clearly labelled with your name, your guest's name and the date. Put this in the guest fee box in the clubhouse.

- The cost is £5.00 for seniors and £2.50 for juniors.
- Members may bring their children for £2.50 per visit, with no limit on the number of visits.

Best wishes,

Your Committee 2025-26

Tim Martin – President • Gary Wicks – Vice President • Ian Kenyon – Treasurer

• Dawn Davies – Secretary • Cephas Vazquez-Howard / Alex Orr Co Chair • Bridget Parker – Club Captain

Committee: Barney Whiteman, Jim Holloway, Jonathan Freeston, Jackie Shaw, Laurence Fletcher, Matt Jones, Paul Taylor, Phil Rowlands, Ruth Iles, Thom Van Every.

Non-Committee: Liz Hill-Smith – Welfare Officer, Caroline Rowlands – Membership Secretary, Richard Morris – Examiner

Contact pitfarmsec@gmail.com



Pit Farm Tennis Club

Table Tennis Table User Guide



When using the table tennis table please note:

- the table tennis table is stored outside the clubhouse, on the patio.
- before use, please follow the instructions below for unfolding the table and take care while doing so.
- after use, please fold the table back up and replace the cover.
- bats and balls are stored inside the wooden coffee table in front of the sofa, near the front door of the clubhouse.
- please ensure all bats and balls are returned after use.

IN ORDER TO LOWER THE TABLE TOP

- Unlock the table top, pressing on the red buttons ① on the sides at the bottom, ② near the level of the wheels, on each side.
- Lower the table top 3 until you reach the playing position. Do not let the table fall otherwise it may get damaged.

For added safety and playing comfort, ensure that the block is properly fixed. if it is not, lift the table top from both sides of the net.

IN ORDER TO RAISE THE TABLE TOP

- Unlock the table top by pressing the red buttons ① on the sides at the top ② (at the same level as the net), on both sides.
 - Lift the table top ③, accompanying it until it is in the correct position.
- For added safety ensure the table top is completely blocked.

