

Mount Pleasant Lawn Tennis Club



Captains' Welcome

Hello!

Welcome to Mount Pleasant Lawn Tennis club. You've just joined the friendliest and most social tennis club in Dublin!

Established in 1893 the club is situated in the picturesque Mount Pleasant Square, Ranelagh, only minutes from the city centre and has 11 all-weather tennis courts.

This short guide aims to give you all the key information you need to kick start your membership and get the best out of your time at Mount Pleasant. As you get more involved in the club you'll learn more about other fun tennis events from the tennis holiday, to our social tennis nights, to our renowned Open week event and even our club formal ball!

Welcome again to our club and we hope you enjoy your time with us!

Alexandru Neculaes, Men's Captain

Phil Patchel, Ladies Captain



General Logistics

2.1 Club Manager

[Club Manager](#) is our primary tool for managing our courts and organising the club Box leagues and ladders. You'll need to register an account on this platform in order to play

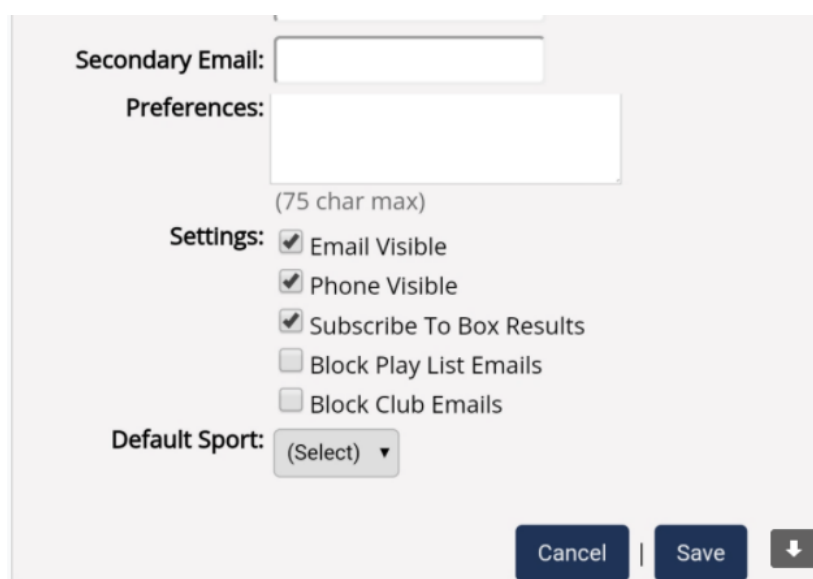
Account Setup

You should have received your Smart Club Cloud registration details via email from Dee (club Admin). If not please email Dee on admin@mountpleasantltd.ie

Contact Details

Please check that your contact details on Club Manager are visible to others. This is especially important if you are entering competitions e.g. Box League or Spring Tournament and your opponents will be trying to contact you to arrange matches.

- Sign into ClubManager
- Click on the My Services link in the top navigation and then select the 'My Details' option.
- Click the 'Edit Details' option and then select the 'Email Visible' & 'Phone Visible' options.
- Now when people look at your account in ClubManager they'll see your email & phone number and will be able to contact you to discuss suitable times and dates to play



The screenshot shows a web form for account settings. It includes a 'Secondary Email' input field, a 'Preferences' section with a large text area (75 char max), and a 'Settings' section with four checkboxes: 'Email Visible' (checked), 'Phone Visible' (checked), 'Subscribe To Box Results' (checked), 'Block Play List Emails' (unchecked), and 'Block Club Emails' (unchecked). Below the settings is a 'Default Sport' dropdown menu with '(Select)' as the current option. At the bottom right are 'Cancel', 'Save', and a download icon.



2.2 Newsletter



Every week the club sends out an email newsletter which will keep you well informed of what's happening in the club.

From social events, to updates on league team performance, to information on club tournaments, you'll find it in the club newsletter

It's the best way to ensure you know what is happening each week. To receive this newsletter please contact.

To get the newsletter each week add your name to the distribution list at <http://www.mountpleasantltc.ie/>

Register for our Newsletter

Register here to receive regular updates on club events (social and sports) which are open to non members.

Your Name

Your Email Address



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SIGN UP



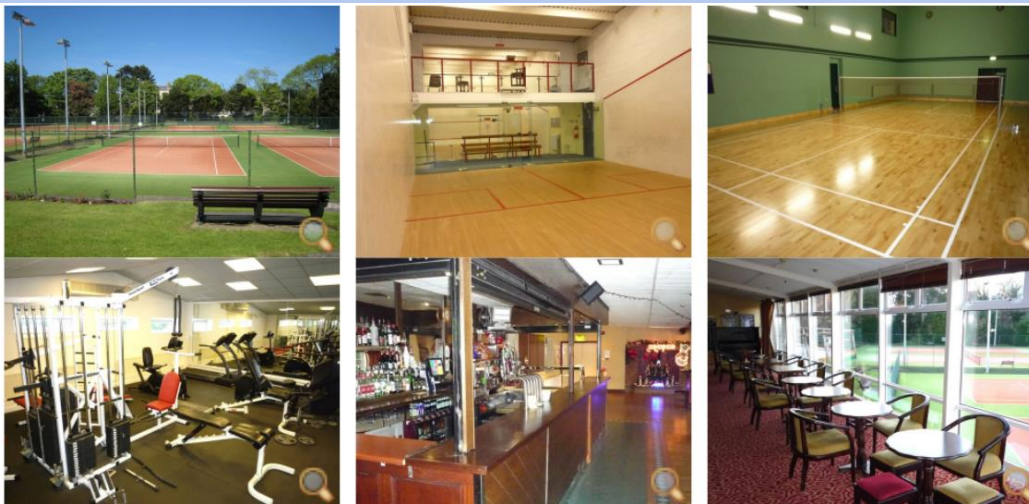
2.3 Clubhouse

Facilities

The facilities available in the club are of exceptionally high quality.

They include:

- 11 All Weather Tennis Courts (recently resurfaced)
- 3 Squash Courts (with viewing gallery)
- 2 Badminton Courts (new maple sprung flooring)
- Gym
- Bar and Lounge (with panoramic view of the tennis courts)
- Snooker Room
- Table Tennis



Building Access

All members are given a swipe card, which is used to enter the club house. The same card will enable you to access the ladies or the men's changing rooms.

Lights

Last year we installed new LED floodlights on all courts. The switches to turn on the lights on the wall behind the water dispenser just inside the club house entrance.



2.4 General Info

Attire

- Only recognized tennis attire may be worn on court. (No leggings, Bermuda shorts, rugby/football gear etc. cycling shorts, swimwear / beachwear.)
- Shoes worn on court must be a recognised tennis shoe with non-marking soles. Casual shoes, runners or other forms of sports shoes are not permitted on the tennis courts.
 - Players wearing inappropriate shoes will be asked by committee members or officers of the club to stop playing and to leave the court, as they will be in danger of causing injury to themselves as well as causing considerable damage to the courts.

Etiquette

- Good manners should be practised at all times. Don't have a tantrum if things aren't going your way.
- Racquet or ball abuse is not acceptable behaviour in the club!
- Swearing and abusive language or behaviour, racquet or ball abuse are bad manners.
- Consideration for other members and visitors is to be shown both on and off the court.
- Mobile phones: must be turned off or on silent when playing.
- Players should use the appropriate gates to gain access to their court and not walk across a court if there is a point in progress.

Website

You can learn more about the club at the website: <http://www.mountpleasantltd.ie/>

Admin

If you have any questions about your membership, then contact Dee Delaney during normal office hours on (01) 497 3733 or send an email to Dee on admin@mountpleasantltd.ie



3. Playing Tennis

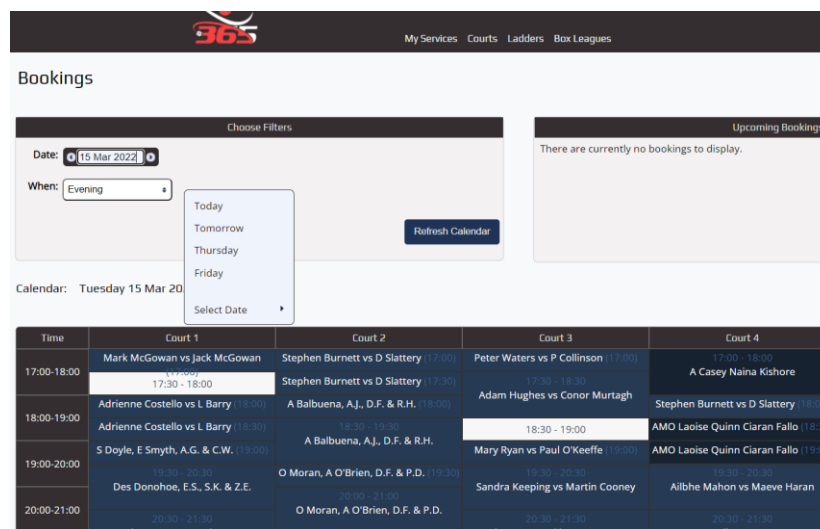
Well now you've got the logistics out the way it's time to start playing tennis. Here at Mount Pleasant there is no shortage of ways to get out on the courts and meet new people!

2.5 Booking a court

Prebooking

8 of the 11 courts can be pre-booked as follows:

- The simplest way to play is to book a court for you and another member.
- Log into Club Manager and click the Courts link and select 'Bookings' from the top navigation.
- On screen you'll see the court bookings for today. You can book a court up to 3 days in advance



Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
17:00-18:00	Mark McGowan vs Jack McGowan	Stephen Burnett vs D Slattery (17:00)	Peter Waters vs P Collinson (17:00)	17:00 - 18:00 A Casey Naina Kishore
17:30 - 18:00		Stephen Burnett vs D Slattery (17:30)	17:30 - 18:30 Adam Hughes vs Conor Murtagh	Stephen Burnett vs D Slattery (18:00)
18:00-19:00	Adrienne Costello vs L Barry (18:00)	A Balbuena, A.J., D.F. & R.H. (18:00)	18:30 - 19:00	AMO Laoise Quinn Ciaran Fallo (18:30)
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19:00-20:00	S Doyle, E Smyth, A.G. & C.W. (19:00)	O Moran, A O'Brien, D.F. & P.D. (19:30)	Mary Ryan vs Paul O'Keefe (19:00)	19:30 - 20:30 Ailbhe Mahon vs Maeve Haran
19:30 - 20:30	Des Donohoe, E.S., S.K. & Z.E.	19:30 - 20:30	19:30 - 20:30 Sandra Keeping vs Martin Cooney	19:30 - 20:30
20:00-21:00	20:30 - 21:30	O Moran, A O'Brien, D.F. & P.D.	20:30 - 21:30	20:30 - 21:30
	L Quinn, E.O. & T. Higgins & K.H.		Ciaran McGuckin vs L Lacey	E McBarlow, E.G. & B. & S.D.

- Select your preferred time and a small window will appear where you add the details for your booking
- First you have to find your opponent's name from the membership list
 - Members are permitted to bring guests to play tennis during off-peak hours. (Peak hours are 5 - 8.30pm weekdays and 10am - 1pm weekends)
 - The guest fee is €7 and fees can be paid via Paypal <https://paypal.me/MtP164>



The screenshot displays the booking interface for Mount Pleasant L.T.C. It includes a date selector for Thursday 17 Mar 2022, a table of court availability, and a 'Make a Booking' modal. The modal fields are: When: Thursday 17 Mar 2022, Time: 18:30 - 19:00, Where: Court 2, Opponents: (Select), Match Type: Friendly. There are 'Cancel' and 'Book' buttons at the bottom of the modal.

Booking Rules

A player can make a booking up to 3 days in advance.

The default booking is for 30 mins so don't forget to hit the extend booking to get a 1hr slot!

A player can cancel a booking up until the booking begins.

Players must cancel unused bookings as a courtesy to other club members.

A player can have a maximum of 2 bookings in a day.

A player can have a maximum of 7 bookings in a calendar week.

A player cannot be involved in multiple bookings at the same time.

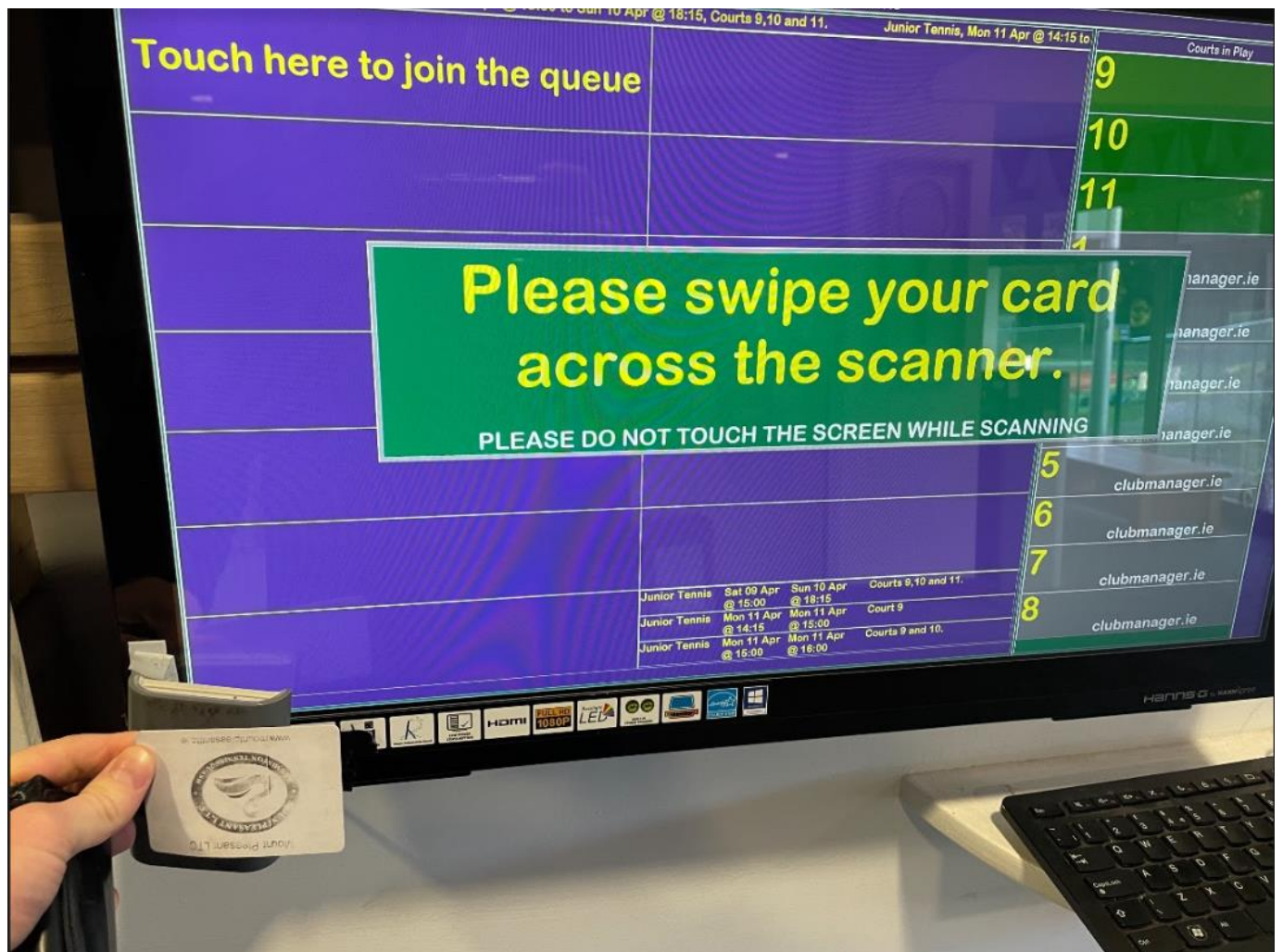
A player must select no more than 1 opponent from the list when making a booking.

Junior members may use courts at weekends and up to 6pm weekdays.

Order-of-play courts

Courts 9 to 11 are first-come-first-served and cannot be booked in advance, perfect if you plan a game last minute. Bookings are managed by scanning your membership card at the screen inside the front door.





1hr is given to singles and 1.5hrs to doubles play. Ladder challenges have unlimited time so remember to swipe off after the match.

Any queries on how to use the system, contact Dee in the office or the Tennis Committee mptennisco@gmail.com and we'll arrange for someone to show you how it's done.

2.6 Box League

- We run 4-5 box leagues throughout the year. The aim of the league is to encourage regular competitive play and to help players expand their circle of hitting partners. It is particularly beneficial for new members so well worth joining!
- It is a mixed singles league, with participants grouped together in boxes of five or six players of a similar standard. Approximately 250 members participate in the Box League and range from beginners to experienced players.
- If you win your box you move up a level while if you finish at the bottom of your box league you will drop down a level.



- There are roughly four Tennis Box League competitions each calendar year (January-February, April-May, July-August, October-November)..
- Once you've joined, you'll see your Box league group and results on Club Manager.
- People should check that their contact details are visible to other members on Club Manager for ease of organising matches.

If you want to participate in the next Box league then send an email to mpboxleague@gmail.com

2.7 Tennis Ladder



If you are keen to test yourself out in some 3-set tennis matches, then the ladder is for you.

Everyone is ranked from top to bottom. Challenge somebody above you and you take their position, and you can start to work your way up the rankings. Beware, you'll have to defend your position from those below you! Generally, you are only able to challenge. New players have one free challenge which means they can challenge any player on the ladder. Choose wisely because if you lose your first game you'll have to start from the bottom of the ladder!

Being on the ladder is a key criterion for being selected to join a league team. There are mens & ladies ladders for both singles and doubles tennis.

You'll find all the rules about the club Tennis ladder here; [Ladders \(mountpleasantltd.ie\)](http://Ladders.mountpleasantltd.ie)

If you want to join the ladder, please register on Club Manager or contact mptennisco@gmail.com

2.8 WhatsApp Groups

There are several WhatsApp groups for players of different levels looking for a hit. Contact the relevant group admin for your level to be added to a tennis WhatsApp group and find someone to play with!

You'll find their contact details on Club Manager!



Ladies

Class 1-3: Margaret Holland
Class 4/5: Laoise Quinn
Class 6/7: Ciara McGowan
Daytime Tennis: Lisa McMunn

Men

Class 2-4: Colm O'Byrne
Class 5-7: Fergus O'Callaghan
Class 7+ : Ray Murphy

Mixed

Non-League & New
Members: Des Donohoe

2.9 Tournaments

We like competitive tennis here at Mount Pleasant and have a range of tournaments through the year. There is a good mix of social tournaments through to the serious business of the club championship

Friday night American Tournament (doubles):

- A fun social tournament run every week. Sign-up for social tennis begins on Friday approx. 9am, using the link <https://forms.gle/mt5oq4sCnP3m9FJX7> (same link every week). The link closes at 5pm on Friday (unless maximum numbers already reached) & pairings will be sent to players via email.
- Where possible, the tournament is graded Contact Aoife with any queries mpfnst@gmail.com.
- €5 admission with food/prizes afterwards.

505 nights:

- The first Friday of every month is a 505 night. A disco in the bar follows the usual American tournament. The [505 monthly draw](#) takes place at approximately 10.30pm with great prizes available.

Spring Tournament:

- Held in March / April each year, it is a graded singles and mixed doubles knockout event with the finals in mid April.

New to Tennis mornings:

- Held every 2 to 3 months. New members come down and play some tennis and meet other new members and all go for coffee afterwards into the club house.

Open American tournaments:



- Held on occasional Saturdays throughout the year, the tournaments are followed by food and entertainment in the bar. They are the same format as the regular Friday night tournament and are open to non-members.

Open Week:

- One of the biggest Open Tournaments in Dublin attracting over 600 players of all standards is held mid June. Entertainment is organised most nights with the Thursday cocktail night & Sunday family day the perennial favorites. Find out more about [Open Week here](#).

Captain's Day:

- American tournament in July for members only. This year's Captain's day, will be held on Saturday 16th July. All members are welcome.

Club Handicap knockout tournament:

- Held in Aug / Sept each year

Club Championships:

- Running over Aug and Sept we hold the championships in singles, doubles and mixed. They are held in parallel with the club handicap events, the finals are held in September.

Christmas 'Turkey' Tournament:

- A mixed doubles tournament held just before Christmas each year – with festive prizes

2.10 League

If you want to represent the club in the Dublin Lawn Tennis Council (DLTC) league competitions, then you should contact the club captions.

DLTC League teams are selected primarily based on your club ladder position. Members who wish to be considered for a team are strongly encouraged to compete for ladder positions. In certain circumstances captains' discretion will be utilised and recent tournament performance and attendance at coaching sessions may be taken into consideration.

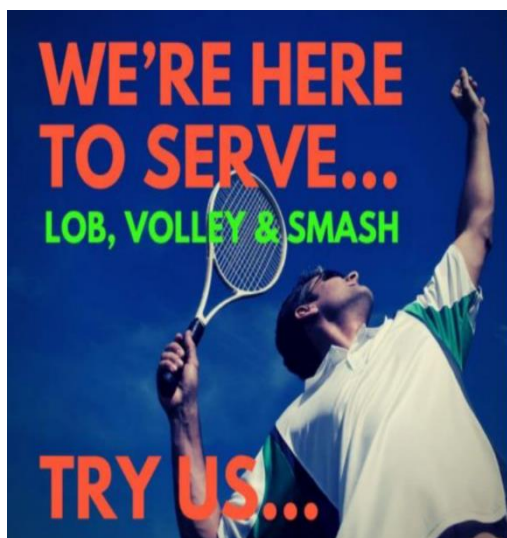
The club enters multiple teams into the various league competitions throughout the year.

- Summer league:
 - Held in May / June on Mon / Tues / Wed evenings for ladies and at the weekends for men
 - Teams consist of seven players: three singles and two doubles pairings



- Senior League (Over 35, O/45 and O/55):
 - Entries this year close late July with matches starting in early Sept. Men play on Sunday mornings and the ladies in the afternoon
 - Teams consist of three doubles pairings
- Floodlight league:
 - Entries close in August with matches starting in early Oct. Held throughout Oct and Nov on Tuesday and Wednesday nights
 - Teams consist of four players: two singles and one doubles. Draw on the night decides who plays singles and who plays doubles.
- Winter league:
 - Entries close with the DLTC in December with games from end January. Round-robin section runs for five consecutive weeks.
 - The mens matches are generally held on Sat mornings and ladies on Sun afternoons.
 - Teams consist of three pairs of doubles, selected from the mens and the ladies doubles ladders respectively.
- Mixed League:
 - Entries close with the DLTC in May with games from early July played on Friday nights.
 - Teams consist of 3 mixed doubles pairings.

2.11 Coaching



It's always important to keep improving your technique or maybe you need some help ironing out a few kinks in your game!

Coaching is one of the best ways to improve your tennis game

There are three tennis coaches in the club if you are interested in perfecting your technique.

All the coaches have a mix of individual and group lessons available





Conor Carroll

Conor Carroll (TCI Level 2 & ITF Certified Coach, Director of Tennis, Qualified ITN Assessor & Cardio Tennis Instructor) has been coaching and mentoring for over 20 years. Conor has held clinics in Lansdowne, Donnybrook & David Lloyd Tennis Clubs. As a player, he has won numerous men's singles titles: West of Ireland (9 times), City of Galway (3), Mount Pleasant Club Championships (20) and is currently an Irish overage international.

Contact: 086 4077006 / carrollconor@eircom.net

Cost: €50 per hour



Owen Casey

Owen Casey is a Level 3 Tennis Ireland Coach. He has an abundant amount of experience of both coaching players and playing to international standard himself. Owen represented Ireland at 3 Olympic games, and held ranking for 15 years on the ATP Tour. Owen is available to coach members of all ages and standards.

Contact : 087 290 3161

Cost: €90 per hour



Ann Marie O'Grady

Former International player AnnMarie O'Grady has been sharing her love of the game for over 15 years and is now available for private coaching and group sessions. She loves teaching ALL the strokes in one relaxed, fun, engaging sessions. She has a great sense of community and fun about the game and looks forward to welcoming you for some fun tennis sessions this Autumn

Contact: [086 260 0050](tel:0862600050) / amogrady@gmail.com

Cost: €50 per hour; €25 pp 2 share lesson; €17 pp 3 share; €15 pp 4 share

4. New Member Checklist

Get on newsletter mailing list

Register your details on club manager

Make your contact details visible on Club Manager

Join a WhatsApp hitting group

Sign up for the next Box league (mpboxleague@gmail.com)

Register for a Friday Night Tennis session

Join the club tennis ladder and challenge someone

