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FALCON BOWLING & TENNIS CLUB

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CLUB RULES with REMINDERS & INFORMATION ~ 2018

All Falcon Full *Playing-Members* may play Bowls *and* Tennis *and* Boules. **Social/Non-playing Members** may play Boules, though Social Members may bowl or play tennis if invited by a Playing-Member and **if the guest fee has been paid**. All Tennis Members and novice Bowlers are offered a FREE introductory bowling session to enable them to start playing and take part in social bowling. **Playing Seasons: Bowling** generally runs from mid-April to October; **Tennis** mid-April to mid-November, weather-dependent. Falcon's FREE-to-members floodlit **Winter Tennis Club-Night** at the Meadows runs from October to end-March. Boules can be played at any time/all year. The grounds, garden and clubhouse are open all year.

Teas, Coffees & Juice are *not free/not included* in the subscription, but members may make themselves tea, coffee or squash from the cupboard by putting the appropriate amount in the honesty box. **Parents** should supervise small children in the clubhouse and toilets. For **live Information** on events or cancellations etc. go to www.falcon-club.co.uk where clicking **Online Courts Booking**> links to 'Notices' - the regularly-updated online noticeboard. More information can be found on the website or by e-mailing the Club Secretary.

Voting Age: in accordance with the Company's Articles, full playing members of the FB&TC Ltd aged 16-and-over are classified as Voting Members. All members of all ages are welcome to attend and contribute their views at AGMs or EGMs.

Entry Key-Codes are given to members with their membership confirmation. **Please make sure the gate closes/locks behind you as you enter and leave;** this is particularly important for the safety of Junior Members. Falcon Members **must never tell the key-code to anyone**. Falcon Club and grounds are a **NO-SMOKING** and no-vaping environment. **DOGS** must always be held on a leash and never allowed to run free in the Club grounds.

TENNIS: **Tennis courts:** all tennis players should **brush the court after play**. Players should **wear suitable tennis shoes** that will not damage the clay courts. The courts are numbered 1, 2, 3 from the tennis pavilion (east) end. **Keep the court gates closed and** close them on exit. **Members should water the courts** if necessary, when too dry, using the sprinkler provided. Members should observe all the standard courtesies of tennis, e.g. not crossing or walking round a court during play. The only way to book a court at Falcon is by our **FREE, Online Tennis Courts Booking**. **To book a court:** go to www.falcon-club.co.uk - to the Tennis or Home page - and click **Online Courts Booking**>. Your online booking guarantees you a court; everyone can see and check everyone else's bookings on any smartphone or mobile device. If other members are playing on your booked court when you arrive, simply let them know what time your booking starts. **You need to ACTIVATE your online courts booking**. **To book a tennis court:** 1. sign in - 2. click time-slot - 3. click **Confirm** (confirmed bookings turn blue) **To cancel a booking:** 1. click on your booking - 2. click **YES** (to free up the slot)

N.B.: a standard booking for 2 or 4 players on one court is **1 hour maximum**; consecutive bookings of more than one hour by the same players are **invalid**. You may make bookings up to 13 days in advance but **please cancel bookings you can no longer use**.

ACTION! - Sign in and change your starter-password to a personal one.

Social Tennis: Mixed social tennis takes place three times a week, on Tuesdays 6 – 8pm, Fridays 9:30 – 11:30am and Sundays 2 – 4 pm throughout the season. All Falcon Adults and Intermediate Members aged 16+ are welcome to turn up and join in.

BOWLING: Mixed, informal **Social Bowling** takes place MON-TUE-WED-THU-FRI at 2pm and on MONDAY evenings. The Wednesday session is a 'Hat Game' - arrive by 1:50 for a 2pm start. On SATURDAY MORNINGS at 11am bowling takes the form of a 'Hat Game' - arrive at 10:50 for an 11am start. All Falcon Adult and Intermediate Members aged 16+ are welcome to come along and join in. Bowlers should wear suitable, flat-soled bowling shoes **or put on the disposable plastic overshoes supplied** immediately before stepping onto the green. **Bowling bookings:** there is generally no need to book a 'rink', but if you need a rink to be reserved for a match, an event, or visitors, either arrange it while at the Club or email the Club Secretary. **Bowling Equipment** may be borrowed from, and should be returned to the bowling cupboard in the clubhouse. **Lockers** may be available - ask at the Club or email.

COACHING + GETTING STARTED

- **Tennis Coaching** is available to all members who wish to learn or improve their game. Eighteen weekly sessions of **Junior & Intermediates'** coaching are offered for a one-off registration fee (see Coaching Application Form). **Adults' coaching** is available by booking the spring and/or autumn coaching blocks in advance. (Concessions are no longer available.) Coaching places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Details of classes, times and prices can be viewed on Falcon's Coaching web-page and/or from the online Documents store. Book classes online by clicking the link on the website and signing in.
- An **Introduction to Bowling** is offered FREE to all Falcon Adult and Intermediate Playing-Members who are beginners at bowling. The course is led by experienced Falcon Bowlers and consists of informal, introductory instruction to help you get started. You will then be invited to join in a 'hat game' (= teams decided by names drawn from a hat). To arrange your Introduction to Bowling, please email the Club Secretary.

GUESTS & GUEST FEES: **Every guest - including non-members in your family - must be signed in on arrival.** The **Visitors Book** and payment slips are in the glass office at the front of the Clubhouse. **Playing-Guest Fees: Adults - £4 per visit/day; Juniors/Intermediates - £3 per visit/day.** Guest fees apply to playing Bowls, Tennis and Boules. **Members must host and play with their guest/s** on the green, courts or boules *terrain*. **Social Members** may only introduce social/non-playing guests (free).

The Club is run by a small Committee of elected, volunteer members who meet some four times a year. Club members are urgently sought to step up to the Committee. Offers of help for Club events are both welcome and needed. Please email any suggestions for the Club to the Secretary at falconclub@hotmail.co.uk.

HOW TO SIGN UP - FREE online courts-booking

1. Sign-in

- go to the Falcon website and click [Online Courts Booking>](#)
- **sign-in** using your **USERNAME + STARTER PASSWORD**

2. Change your password

- click **My Details** on the menu at the top of the page.
- type your starter-password
- type your *new*, personal password twice, in the boxes.

3. Remember to ACTIVATE your courts-booking

by clicking [Update Member Information](#) before leaving the page.

Advance booking: you can book **up to 13 days in advance**, but **please cancel bookings you can no longer use.**

HOW TO BOOK A TENNIS COURT:

sign in — click time-slot — click [Confirm](#) (your bookings turn blue)

HOW TO CANCEL A BOOKING:

click on your booking — click [YES](#)

Don't worry if you make a mistake - you can make and cancel as many bookings as you like till you get the hang of it!

RULES & COURT ETIQUETTE

A standard maximum booking per 2 *or* 4 players is **1 hour**

and

There's **no limit to the length of play** *if no one is waiting* to get on court, *but*

Booking CONSECUTIVE HOURS IS NOT PERMITTED.

Irrespective of whether you have booked a court, please observe the courtesy of inviting waiting players to join you on court.

Alternatively, play to the end of a set, then offer the court to those waiting.

Wait till the end of a game or a change of ends before walking past other players to reach your court.

BRUSH THE COURT AFTER PLAY and **CLOSE THE GATES WHEN YOU LEAVE**

USERNAME = first initial.surname

e.g. Jane Smith's username would be J.Smith

If there were two J.Smiths in the Club or in a family, the full first name will be used to disambiguate, e.g. Jane.Smith and Jim Smith.

PASSWORD

If you don't change your password, your court bookings are not guaranteed. Protect your bookings, identity, and the security of this system by changing your password asap.

The screenshot shows the 'Falcon Bowling and Tennis Club' website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with 'My Details' circled in red. Below the menu is the 'Update Member Information' form. The form contains the following fields: 'Member Sign On Name' with the value 'NICK', 'Start Date' with '16 January 2012', and 'Expiry Date' with '15 January 2013'. There are three password fields: 'Old Password', 'New Password', and 'New Password Confirmation', all of which are circled in red. Below the password fields are two sections: 'Contact Details' with an 'EMail Address:' field, and 'Address Details' with fields for 'First Name' (value: Nick), 'Surname' (value: Nick), 'Daytime Phone:', and 'Mobile Phone:'.