

DANBURY TENNIS CLUB COURTS 4 & 5

IMPORTANT INFORMATION---PLEASE COMPLY

The renovated courts should be ready to use by Monday 6 October (evening)

The difference between the new courts & 1,2 &3 is primarily that the clay courts utilise a 1mm-2mm surface layer of clay, i.e. the surface is loose & lies above the underlying carpet.

This layer MUST ALWAYS BE MAINTAINED.

This is achieved by regular brushing, after you have played, so the next people on have a good starting surface.

There are drag brushes that can be pulled along by hand. On each side of the courts, start at the edge of the WHOLE play area & work in a circular motion TOWARDS THE CENTRE. This will ensure that the heavy play area e.g. along the serving line for example will be properly covered. (the clay tends to migrate towards the edge of the courts in general).

Once complete, there are 2 line brushes, which you need to run along the lines so that they are cleanly revealed.

If you are playing and can see the carpet underneath, then the courts have not been swept properly. Once you get down to bare carpet, they will play as the Astroturf on cts 1,2 &3 and the club will have wasted a lot of money on the clay system. The large store of clay is because in the first year the clay will steadily settle into the carpet & need regular top up---the first is likely in 4-6 weeks and will be done by the contractor.

A fixed shoe brush is yet to be fitted outside the courts, to keep your shoes clean, especially if transferring to cts 1,2,3. and this will be fitted asap. The interconnecting door is now permanently shut to stop unwanted red clay transferring to the front courts.

Please also remember that cts 4 &5 must stop by 9.30 pm, so if you play, stop by 9.20 so you have time to brush before shutting down the lights. More information will be given once we receive it from the contractor, and also we shall endeavour to make sure that the courts are professionally brushed from time to time, as are the front ones.

Meanwhile enjoy the new surface, it comes with a good reputation (or Matt will be fired!)

Thank you all for your cooperation.