

PADEL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021

Welcome to November's edition of Padel News, where we share padel updates from around Britain. Please share this newsletter with rackets clubs in your county and encourage them to circulate amongst the rackets' community.

PADEL DASHBOARD

No of courts in the UK (at 12/10/21)	123
No of covered courts	39
No of outdoor courts	84

How to find courts [near me](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON EAST GLOUCESTER CLUB IN CHELTENHAM

This month we heard from Darren Morris at East Gloucester Club in Cheltenham. He has worked with the LTA to produce an insightful case study on their padel story. Any clubs considering starting their padel journey should read the full story [here](#).

In short, East Glos secured 50% project funding from the LTA's Quick Access Loan and self-financed the rest to build 3 flood-lit padel courts. The full project cost £250,000. The club introduced pay and play which allowed non-members to play padel whilst offering a lower hourly rate to members.

So how are they doing so far?

- 200+ new members.
- Popular tournaments run once a month attracting more than 80 players.
- Current court utilisation is 55% increasing to over 80% at peak times.
- Anticipated return of £20,000 in year one for court hire.
- Increased sales in pro shop and sponsorship opportunities
- 250 club members have attended padel taster sessions
- A new rackets membership has united squash and tennis communities

Let's hear it for the girls

A familiar ingredient at successful padel venues is the availability of training sessions and fun tournaments and leagues. East Gloucester is no exception and run fun mixed, ladies and men's tournaments once a month and reported 8 ladies' pairs in a recent ladies' tournament.



East Glos padel ladies

Any clubs looking to start their padel journey, can find out more information below:

<https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/venue/support-your-venue/documents/lta-padel-guidance-note.pdf>

<https://www.lta.org.uk/workforce-venues/tennis-venue-support/club-forum-webinars/>

[Why build more than one padel court?](#)

Why not contact the NTC and arrange a padel taster session for your county office? Consider inviting representatives from clubs in your county who may be contemplating padel courts and want to try it for themselves. The NTC is more than happy to facilitate padel taster sessions, led by a padel coach ntc.enquiries@lta.org.uk or call on 0208 4877298.

COMPETITION

For information on upcoming tournaments click [here](#)

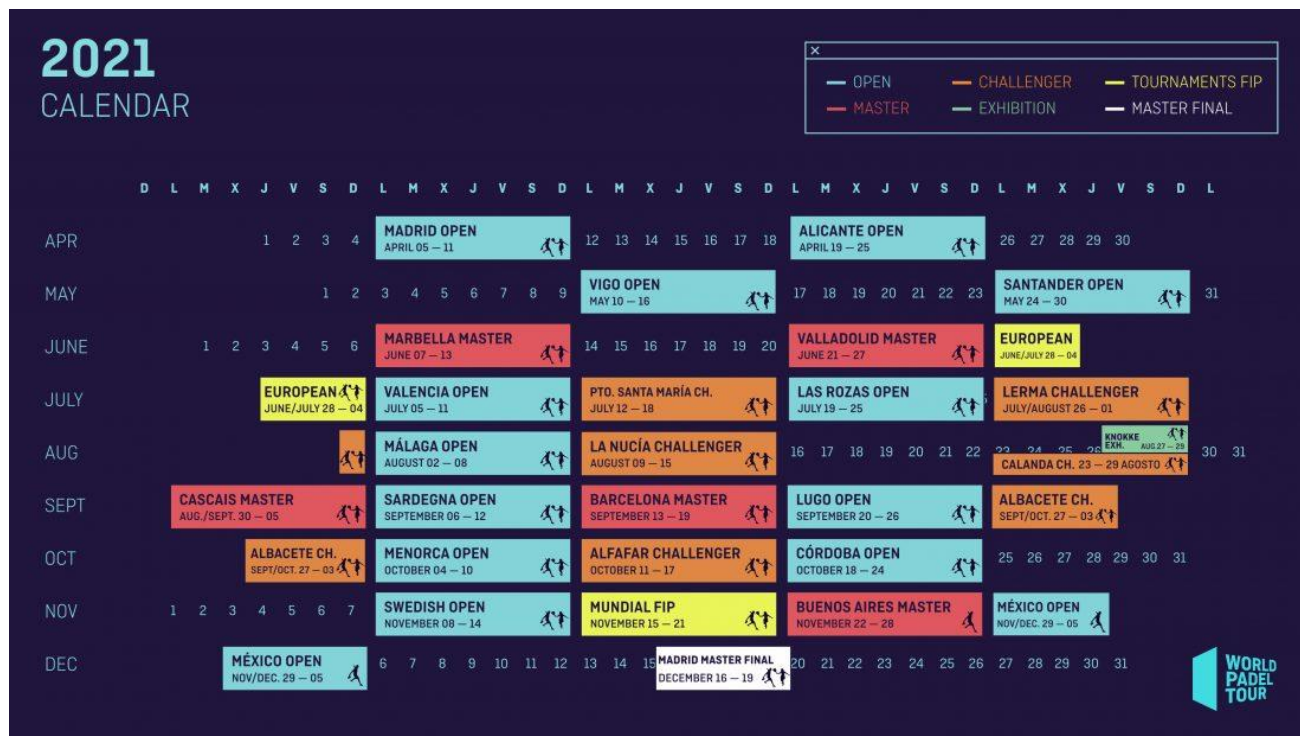
Congratulations to Rocks Lane Chiswick, winners of the iPadel Club League 2021, beating North London in the finals in some hard-fought sets.

Teams can now enter the iPadel Winter Club League 2021/2022 [here](#)



WORLD PADEL TOUR 2021

<https://www.worldpadeltour.com/en/tournaments/>



COACHING UPDATE



The first pilot padel Activator session has taken place with two more scheduled for November. Tutor training is scheduled; tutors will shadow Sandy Farquharson, then roll out one day Activator courses to the 450+ individuals who have expressed an interest in padel coaching. Courses will be available to book on the LTA site in the same way that umpiring, and tennis coaching courses can be booked. The 4-day padel trainer qualification will be available in the next couple of months. Existing racket sport coaches, who would like to sign up for LTA Activator courses should indicate their interest [here](#).



OFFICIATING NEWS

Remember existing tennis referees can do the free one-hour LTA Padel Referee Conversion Course. If you are an LTA Licensed Official and would like to upskill yourself and learn more about Padel Officiating, you can complete the LTA Padel Referee Conversion Course [here](#).

Call to action!

Please make sure you have a padel page on your county website and encourage venues with padel courts to do likewise.

If you have any padel news, please share with katherinemontague22@gmail.com or stephtrill@gmail.com