

NPTC NEWS

September 2026

Greetings from The Needham Platform Tennis Club Board of Directors:

Please read this newsletter completely and let us know if you have any questions.

2026 Club Opening

The club officially opens on [Tuesday, September 15th at 8:00 AM](#)

2026 Hut Access

The passcode to the door is 1545* The door will automatically lock when the door closes. You will need to enter the code each time you enter.

There is no code to enter at the end of the day/night.

Court Reservations

Courts can be reserved through the website or app, 7 days in advance, beginning at 7:00 AM, on a first come, first served basis. Members can maintain 3 open online reservations at a time. Following play, members should exit promptly when the next group arrives at their scheduled time.

Needham Platform Tennis Website

We have a new website provider and an all-new look and feel to the website. Like most technology transitions, it was a little rough to make it operable.

If you haven't already logged into the new website, please do so.

The website remains www.needhamplatformtennis.com. Your existing login information should work on the new site.

If it doesn't, please email needhampaddle@gmail.com and we will send you a password reset.

The website has lots of new features as well as the mainstays such as court reservations and members directory.

Lots more to come on the new website.

Needham Platform Tennis (NPTC) App

The NPTC app is the easiest and quickest way to access your NPTC account. The app gives you access to the court reservation system as well as the club member directory. Once you login to your account from a phone browser, there will be a button at the top that asks you to download app. Click on the button and follow the directions.

NPTC Men's League Tryout

The NPTC men's evening league tryouts are coming up. They will be held on the evening of Wednesday, September 16th, and during the day on Saturday, September 19th.

Please note that the tryout is optional and only necessary if you are new to league play or you think your PTI does not accurately represent your playing ability.

You can sign up for one of the available time slots in the Google Sheet Link: [Tryout Sheet](#)

Please feel free to reach out to our pro, Carel, if you have any questions. [\(617\) - 347-2195](tel:617-347-2195) or email: cptennis@gmail.com

NPTC Women's Round Robins

Wednesday night round robins are an opportunity for women to meet other members and play in a social setting. These will be

offered on a limited basis this Fall with weekly signups and more information available soon.

First Friday Round Robin and Pot Luck

Monthly First Friday Socials are open to all members at every level of experience. Hosts organize the paddle so everyone attending gets as much playing time as possible with several different partners.

For those new to paddle or the club, First Friday Socials are a great way to meet members and set up future matches. Bring your paddle, your own beverages, and a snack to share. No RSVP is required.

SAVE THE DATE

October First Friday Social and Welcome to New Members
Friday, October 3rd, starting 6:30pm

New to Paddle Clinic

Our pro, Carel Pretorius, will be holding a clinic for members new to paddle. He will cover the basics of paddle, including scoring, strokes, serve, screen play, court position, and much more.

The date of the clinic is Sunday, September 27th, 12:30-2PM. There is no signup. Just grab a paddle and come to the clinic. Loaner paddles will be available for those who need them.

Lessons and Clinics

We are very fortunate to have Carel Pretorius returning as our paddle pro. Carel will continue to offer team practices, clinics, and lessons. More details will be available on clinics and lessons soon.

Paddle Equipment

Carel has Xenon demo paddles to try and new paddles for sale at a lower price than any online store. He also offers all other Xenon products, including footwear, bags, and apparel, at a discounted rate.

Additionally, members can purchase paddle balls for \$13 per sleeve, which is well below the prices on Amazon or other online retailers.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to place an order. You can contact Carel by phone at [\(617\)-347-2195](tel:617-347-2195) or by email at cptennis@gmail.com.

4th Court Construction

Construction of the 4th court is expected to start around November 1st. It is expected to last for approximately 2 months.

During the first few weeks, while we are preparing the site for the court contractor, it may be loud, messy, and a little disruptive to weekday play.

The existing 3 courts will remain open at all times during construction.

Please be patient and let the board know if you encounter any problems during the construction period.

New Members, Conditioned on 4th Court

New members admitted conditioned on construction of the 4th court, will have access to the court reservation system when the 4th court is online. Members in the category are welcome to participate in social events, clinics and lessons.

NPTC Rules and Regulations

This is our 6th year of operations, and we have had very few issues to address. Thank you for recognizing our culture of fun,

improvement, respect for each other and the club, and competitiveness at all levels.

We do have a few club rules and regulations, which are attached to this email.

Please continue to follow the rules and regulations so we can all continue to have fun during the upcoming paddle season.

See you on the courts.

Barry, Dan, Kelly, Kevin, and Matt