



Outdoor Court resurfacing proposal:

The Club has been considering options for replacement of the outdoor tennis courts. The current courts are in poor condition and at the end of their life cycle with problems such as being very slippery, dead patches and bad bounces (particularly on courts 1 & 2) and have a very skiddy bounce which makes them very fast

The majority of clubs that have replaced courts in recent years in Scotland have switched to an “artificial clay” surface. This is similar to the artificial grass courts in that it is a synthetic surface with a sand infill, but the court plays more like a clay court. Key features are:

- Surface is more abrasive and therefore slower ie the ball does not skid as much on impact with the court (better for adults and juniors alike)
- Sand sits more on top of the surface allowing controlled slides
- It is an all-weather surface in line with the current surface
- Although called “artificial clay” it is a clean surface and will not stain your shoes or clothes like a real clay court
- Its does require member maintenance and should be swept at the end of your play – this maintains the surface and ensures its ready for the next set of players

We will also be having the asphalt undersurface replaced which will help with the dead patches and bad bounces that we are currently experiencing

The surface we have chosen in Edel Advantage Red Court – this is the same used at Whitecraigs, Thorn Park, Western and Hillhead etc



What will it mean for members?

- **WHEN:** to start the project during the summer of 2025 (July/August)
- **HOW LONG:** Expected timeline for completion of the works is 5 weeks. The work will be completed in 2 phases - c2 weeks for court 1 & 2 then a further 3 weeks for courts 3 - 7
- **HOW LONG WITHOUT COURTS:** This means we will be down 2 courts for 2 weeks and then once those costs are completed we will be down 5 courts for 3 weeks (timings are dependant on weather!)
- **WHAT OTHER CHANGES WILL IT BRING:**
 - A new fence will go along the side of court 3 which will be about 1m high (and have kickboards attached to minimise sand loss. Access to court 3 will be via a new gate in the low-level fencing)
 - Members will have to sweep the courts after use to redistribute the sand and prepare the courts for the next members
 - The new surface will play better for members, enjoying better footing and a slower pace once the ball bounces off the surface
 - Visible ball marks when the ball has bounced, eliminating any controversial line calls!!

This should be a huge improvement to the outdoor courts and will provide a far more enjoyable experience to everyone who plays on the courts.