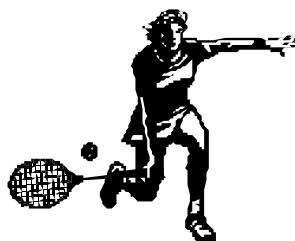


ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB



NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2006

CLUB AFTERNOON – SUNDAYS FROM 2PM TO 4PM

We would like to entice our members to come and meet other players for an informal club afternoon every Sunday from 2pm to 4pm. No need to bring 50p (as we won't need any lights). Just bring yourself, your racket and a tin of (half-decent) tennis balls if possible.

BOWLS CLUB SUMMER BALL – SATURDAY, 19 AUGUST

Full buffet and music. Tickets cost £10 and are available in the Bowls Club.

PS: Anyone interested in playing in the Darts League on a Wednesday evening? Contact Colin Cherry at the Bowls Club.

TENNIS PICNIC – SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2006

Back by popular demand – we are having another Tennis Picnic during the summer holidays where we combine a bit of [non-]competitive and enjoyable tennis with a picnic for all the family around the courts. Format depends on how many entries we have. We want everyone to join in, all standards are welcome.

HOSPITAL CUP TOURNAMENT

Our Mixed Doubles sadly had to withdraw due to illness in the family after getting to the semi-finals.

TENNIS PICNIC ON 30 JULY 2006

Five Mixed Doubles played on a glorious Sunday afternoon. Julia Studholme and Jeremy Drake (second win for Mr. Chairman this year!) won on 13 points just ahead of Elaine Wyld partnering Joshua Nichols and James Wyld partnering Elise Nichols in joint second place. Needless to say play continued until well into the evening. We were told that the food was great too.

CLUB NIGHT

Club nights, every Tuesday from 7pm until late, are a lively occasion these days with a great number of our members turning up to play. Ladies are now outnumbering the men! Young players will be given the opportunity to join in over the holiday period. Juniors over the age of 14 and junior league players can play at any time but others may be asked to forfeit their games if a high number of adult members are present. Juniors playing at club night will also be charged 50p. This arrangement will be reviewed after the holidays. **An “honesty” box / bag will be tied to the fence to make sure that members do pay their money when entering/leaving the courts at club night. We also need to re-iterate the fact that members are responsible for collecting “visitor fees” when bringing non-members onto the courts.**

DON'T FORGET OUR WEBSITE: WWW.ELSENHAMTENNISCLUB.CO.UK

For further info, league match, tournament results or pictures of recent events. You can also email us at mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT REPORT

On 15 July we held our annual junior tournament. This was another great success and with some magical performances and tennis on a standard surpassing all expectations. It is definitely becoming a highlight in the calendar. Unfortunately there were a couple of injuries which prevented Joshua and Elise Nichols from competing. Thankfully they are both back playing again and we look forward to them competing in next year's tournament.

The girl's trophy was decided in an epic battle between Esme Nichols and Julia Studholme. The match swung one way and then the other. In the end Esme was victorious.

There was a similar final showdown between Nick Enever and Ben Stiles for the U12 boy's trophy. On this occasion Ben was triumphant. A three way match up decided the U16 boy's title. Rob Booth, Alex Drake and Sam Bushell played some SW19-esque tennis in their bid to win the trophy. The matches seemed to go on indefinitely with 20 shot rallies the norm. Sam, with his experience at county level, poached points at key moments and this allowed him to go on and win the trophy. Congratulations to all the competitors for a superb tournament. Photos to prove what a great day it was are on our website. You can email us and we will email your photo(s) to you if you spot yourself in action.

LEAGUE MATCHES

The home leg against Herts CC was lost 10-6, which although disappointing was an improvement on the away leg. James Wyld and Rob Booth made their men's team debut and they both played very well under pressure of match play format. James partnered Hussain and continuously pressed the opposition, while Rob partnered Paul and stormed into the lead only to have it whittled away each time by the opposition.

The men's squad is certainly improving. With more players to select from and a great deal of improvement throughout, the future looks bright. There are still games to play in September and we'll be looking to see our results continually improve.

The mixed doubles against the current division leaders Clavering was a real stunner. Julia Studholme played her first match for Elsenham (after poor Hannah had to withdraw just hours before the games started). Julia's by now famous backhand and Hussain Shaida's usual magic ensured a tie after their four sets. The icing on the cake was the second pairing of Petra Studholme and our current under-16 champion Sam Bushell who won two and tied the other two sets to ensure a well deserved 10-6 win for Elsenham. Well done Julia and Sam.

A big thanks to our juniors, Julia, Hannah, Sam and Rob who are playing sensational tennis under pressure. The club's our junior work, the integration of younger players into club night and match play is certainly paying off. All this would not have been possible without Monica Sutherland (and Joy Lafferty) who have been coaching our juniors from the age of five onwards. Their tireless efforts to introduce youngster to the game have not gone unnoticed and are highly appreciated by the club.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

The first round of the summer tournament has been completed (on time!). Results on the website and in the hut.

LADIES AFTERNOON

Is also still going strong on a Friday afternoon, 2pm-3pm with our professional ladies coach. Join us for a giggle, gossip and some not so serious tennis.