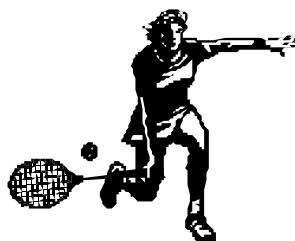


# ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB



## NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2007

### **ETC SUMMER TOURNAMENT AND FINALS – SUNDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1PM ONWARDS**

The sun finally came out and the summer tournament is beginning to get back on track. It would be most appreciated if everyone still involved can check and play their next fixture and so continue to move things on. We'll also be chasing any people still owing entry fees over the next week or so.

### **ETC QUIZ NIGHT, SATURDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 7.30 FOR 8PM AT BOWLS CLUB**

Put it into your diary now! The ETC quiz night (with quiz master Trevor of course) will take place on Saturday, 10 November, 7.30 for 8pm at the Bowls Club. Lyn is treating us to Shepherd's Pie & Beans and the Bowls Club licensed bar is available as usual. Tables of 8 please at a cost of £6 per head. Please book your table with Petra at 01279 814667 or email [mail@elsenhامتennisclub.co.uk](mailto:mail@elsenhامتennisclub.co.uk).

### **AMERICAN TOURNAMENT**

With two players shy of the 16 required for an American tournament we held a superb doubles tournament during bank holiday weekend. With an extremely good spread of food and Mike's PIMMS extravaganza we all had high energy levels throughout. This meant great rallies and match-ups without any one pair waltzing away with victory. It was Jacky and Jenny who eventually came out victors - well done to them both. There was an excellent turnout of juniors for this tournament and again demonstrating the excellent depths in our junior ranks.

### **FAMILY FUN TOURNAMENT**

Another excellent afternoon of tennis with a Davis Cup / Fed Cup theme took place on the Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Teams attended from as far a field as Australia, Madagascar, Iceland and Croatia. The singles and doubles round-robin format made for an entertaining tournament which saw Australia (Sam & Fiona) in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Iceland (Petra, Mike, Jamie & Jacky) in 2<sup>nd</sup> (but surely disqualified for having four players instead of 2?) and Croatia (Alex & Jeremy) in 1<sup>st</sup> position. Our particular thanks to Paul for organising all our summer events so successfully.

### **FAMILY PICNICS**

We held two tennis picnics this summer and both turned out to be very successful with lots of kids of various ages and standards enjoying good weather and having fun playing games. Our particular thanks to Petra, Jacky, Paul, Alex and Julia for organising and helping. It certainly benefited the newer members of our clubs to become integrated in family events and hopefully will attract more members in the near future as these events were open to non-members who just turned up and paid visitor fees for playing.

### **LEAGUE MATCHES**

The Mixed Doubles are on a roll! Yet another decisive win over Braughing (10:6) firmly puts Elsenham on top of Division II. With only one match outstanding, there is a good chance we will win and go up into Division I. Jacky Booth/Alan Verlander and Petra Studholme/Paul Burt were just too strong for the opposition. The Men's Team has yet to play a single match. Everything has been rained off (wimps!), postponed or conceded (by other teams) so far.

### **CLUB NIGHT ON TUESDAYS, CLUB AFTERNOON ON SUNDAYS**

Club nights are still going very strong every Tuesday from 7pm onwards, in nearly all weather conditions. Alternatively come and see us for the social part of tennis in the Bowls Club afterwards. Sunday afternoon (2 – 4pm officially) are also a great occasion for some not so serious tennis, tea & coffees and a chat.

## **PERFORMANCE CLUB NIGHTS ON EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAYS**

We have been unlucky so far with the weather but please note that the next performance club nights for team players are from 7.30pm onwards on the following dates throughout October. Please note that there won't be a performance club night on 19 September (mixed match taking place).

Wednesday, 3 October

Wednesday, 17 October

Wednesday, 31 October

We will be charging £1 as there will be less players and we still have to cover cost of the lights, etc.

## **HOSPITAL CUP UPDATE**

Sadly, all out but we will certainly try again. The last ones to go were Paul who lost in the second round of the Men's Singles, the Ladies Doubles in the second round, and our Mixed Doubles who got through to the semi finals. It's ETC's turn to host the finals next year so we are already looking forward to next year's event.

## **ESCL ONE DAY TOURNAMENT**

Did not win, but the good news is we had a great day teaming up with the ladies of Clavering. This one day tournament is a charity event playing against all other teams in the Essex league and it was fantastic to have ETC represented at this event (even though we did not get anywhere).

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE RE LOCKS – PLEASE REMEMBER!**

We have already lost one padlock from the gate so can all members/players please ensure that they are responsible for securing the locks onto the fence once they open the courts. We cannot afford to lose another one and it will cost a substantial amount of money to replace the locks and keys if this happens again.

Also please remember that if you bring non-members onto the courts, it is your responsibility to collect the visitor's fee and to ensure that they wear suitable footwear (non-marking and definitely no football boots).

## **FLOODLIGHTS AND TOKENS**

With evenings getting darker quickly now, just a reminder that you can buy tokens for the floodlights from Petra Studholme – 26 Leigh Drive, Anne Player – 2 Cranmore Close or Paul Burt – 23 Sunnyside, Stansted.

They cost £1 each and operate the lights for 35 minutes.

## **JUNIORS ACHIEVEMENTS**

Sam Bushell who is now ranked 80<sup>th</sup> in the Essex U16 league took part in various LTA tournaments this summer – with tremendous success:

Westcliff Summer Championships U16	-	Won
Essex Thorpe Bay Championships U14	-	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round
Next Generation Tournament Gidea Park	-	Quarter Final

Congratulations from Elsenham TC on all your achievements Sam.

Alex Drake was runner-up in the Thaxted under-16's tournament which was won by Sam Bushell for the second year running. Alex also took part in the Essex Thorpe Bay Championships where, in his first LTA tournament, he played a closely fought first round match against a much higher rated player.

## **LADIES MORNING AND LADIES MATCHES**

The Ladies now meet at 10am on a Friday morning for an hour's coaching by our coach Monica. All standards are welcome. There are also other Ladies (and Mixed) groups playing throughout the week so please contact Petra at 814667 if you would like to join them regularly or even just occasionally.

## **LAST BUT NOT LEAST – HELP WITH MAINTENANCE NEEDED**

We are planning a "maintenance" day early in October before our finals to tidy up and do some repair work around the courts and in the hut. We thankfully have some loyal handymen and gardeners in Dave, Hussain, Jeremy, Mike and Petra but it would be great if other members of the club would lend a hand. Offers of help are greatly appreciated.