



NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2007

ETC GOES TEN PIN BOWLING – FRIDAY, 25 JANUARY 2008, 7.30PM

Just to prove that we are not just good at tennis, we have organised a social ETC outing, adults and juniors (need to be accompanied by an adult) will go Bowling at Lakeside Superbowl in Bishops Stortford.

Cost as follows: £4.25 for adults and £3.25 for juniors. There is limited availability so book early with Petra (01279 814667 or mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk).

JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT – TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2008, 6 – 8PM

Half-term event again: we are challenging all our 10 to 16 year old juniors, who currently don't play regularly at club nights to come and join us for the evening. Just bring your racket and 50p.

ETC AGM – THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2008

The ETC Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 22 February 2008, 8pm at the Village Hall (Room Upstairs). All members are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there. In addition the club is actively seeking new committee members. A proposal form is attached, which needs to be signed by two current members of the club.

“BRITISH TENNIS” – LAST CHANCE TO JOIN UP

It's FREE to join and if you sign up before 31 December you will be entered into a draw for one of a number of pairs of Wimbledon tickets. Also, if we get enough ETC members to join the Club will qualify for a discount on its LTA affiliation fee. To sign up, go to <http://www.lta.org.uk/Membership/MembershipReview>. The ETC affiliation number is ESS439 or come and see Petra or Jeremy for a form to fill in.

ETC QUIZ NIGHT

Our quiz night was a success all around and we made a substantial profit. Our particular thanks to Trevor, our quiz master, The Bowls Club for their hospitality, to Lyn for the excellent catering and to all those who helped in any way. Can we also thank all our members who support the ETC team at other quiz nights, highly appreciated.

WINTER TOURNAMENT

As we have too many injured ladies this winter season, we decided to change the format slightly for the Winter Tournament. We would like to invite Mixed Doubles pairing to enter but those who are not able to “attract” a female will be entered into a separate Men's tournament. Deadline is 31 December. The tournament itself will be played in round robin format from January to March 2008.

MATCH REPORTS – ESSEX SMALL CLUB WINTER LEAGUE

Men's Doubles: The first men's match in the winter league has been extremely successful with a 12-4 win at home against Stansted. Jamie Mitchell and our newest member, Grant Anderson, formed an awesome pairing dropping only one set over both matches. Hussain Shaida and Paul Burt formed the other pairing and battled hard in both matches to maintain the high standards set by Jamie and Grant!

The Mixed Doubled also had an excellent start to the season with Hussain Shaida and Di Suckling and Alex Drake and Petra Studholme winning comfortably against Braughing 14:2. Even rain, wind and the freezing cold could not stop play.

PERFORMANCE CLUB NIGHT

Starting on 9 January 2008, Performance Club Night will be on every Wednesday from 7.30pm onwards. This is for our team players to practice and we are lucky enough to get some coaching from Lyn and Hussain on an informal basis. Put your name down to play for ETC and you are more than welcome. We are charging £1 to cover the cost of the lights.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Club Night – every Tuesday from 7pm until the lights go out – costing you 50p only. The social part starts in the Bowls Club after that (entirely at your cost).

Performance Club Night – as mentioned before will become a “weekly occasion” as of January.

Club Afternoon – every Sunday from 2 - 4pm - the social “family” club session where all standards come to play. No charge.

Ladies Morning – the ladies meet on a Friday from 10am for some coaching by Monica, some not so serious tennis and plenty of gossip. Monica is only charging £4 for 1½ hours of coaching – excellent value and great fun. All standards are welcome.

DIARY FOR 2008 (so far)

Events Update Dates

Ten Pin Bowling Outing	Friday, 25 January, 7.30pm at Bishops Stortford
Junior Club Night	Tuesday, 12 February, 6-8pm
AGM	Thursday, 21 February, 8pm at Village Hall
Dog Racing Evening	12 March (to be discussed in more detail)
Quiz Night	Saturday, 23 February, 7.30pm for 8pm at Bowls Club
Quiz Night	Saturday, 29 November, 7.30pm for 8pm at Bowls Club

ENTRY FORM – WINTER TOURNAMENT 2007/2008

I / We would like to enter the ETC Winter Tournament

Name(s)

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Please return the form to Petra Studholme, 26 Leigh Drive, Elsenham by 31 December

NOMINATION FORM

POSITION	NOMINATION	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
Chairman			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Committee			
Committee			
Committee			

You can be nominated for more than one position, but remember your proposer and seconder must be members of ETC. Please return this form to either Jeremy Drake at South View, Park Road or Petra Studholme at 26 Leigh Drive by 19 February 2007. Thank you.

Finally
Elsenham Tennis Club is wishing all its members and their families
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.