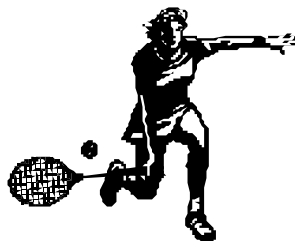


# ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB



## NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2009

### **RACKET DEMONSTRATION / TRIALS, 9 JUNE, 7PM ONWARDS**

Don't forget that Lee, the pro from Gosling Tennis Centre is coming this evening, Tuesday, 9 June with some demo rackets for us to trial and to give some advice on tennis related matters.

### **AUSTRALIAN TOURNAMENT ON 12 JULY, 1 PM ONWARDS**

It's going to be another one of our tournaments where you get teamed up with someone you will have probably never played with. As it's going to be a fun event, the teams will be of equal strength so not to worry. Entry form attached. There are going to be the "usual" refreshments so that alone will be a reason to participate.

### **TENNIS PICNICS – FRIDAY, 24 JULY AND FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST, 11AM – 2PM OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS**

Two tennis picnics have been scheduled for this summer and format as follows. Free for ETC members and non members pay the usual visitor's fees (£2 per adult, £1 per student and 50p for juniors). Bring your racket and a picnic. We will be doing fun games for the kids and more serious games for the older ones. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

We would like to welcome Mark Shillam to ETC. Mark is already enthusiastically participating in both club nights so great.

### **WINTER TOURNAMENT**

Only one team has managed to play nearly all their matches so the winner of the Winter Tournament 2008/9 are Hussain Shaida and Petra Studholme. Group B only managed a couple of games between them so we declared that category as failed. But thank you to those of you who made the effort to play!

### **EGM AND CONSTITUTION**

Our EGM was held on 13 May and the new constitution was adopted as proposed by the committee. The Wimbledon draw happened after the EGM and everyone who was successful in the ballot has now received their tickets so enjoy Wimbledon!

### **JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT**

A stream of eager juniors were waiting for us at 6pm to open up their club night and we all (adults and kids) had a most enjoyable evening. Great to see our youngsters so keen. There is some serious talent out there.

### **VILLAGE FETE**

Thank you to all our members that helped to make it a successful afternoon for ETC and to raise the profile of the club within our community. The ETC teddy (her name was Rose) found a good home with a little girl, someone actually guessed how many tennis balls were in the bag and got that prize and the club secretary (of course) was the closest in the spot the balls game – a game by the way where most of our strongest players failed dismally. Alas Petra received a big box of chocolates (to be shared at club nights) so turn up and you might get your share.

### **SOCIAL OUTING – NEWMARKET RACES AND / OR PUNTING IN CAMBRIDGE AND GAMES EVENING**

We are currently looking into going to the Newmarket Races. There seems to be the Newmarket Race Nights (with concerts by artists such as Alseha Dixon, Boyzone, Pussycat Dolls, Status Quo) and prices range from £15 per person for the garden enclosure, £25 for grand stand and paddock enclosure to £35 for premiere enclosure.

The second option was to go punting in Cambridge, our Chairman's old hunting ground so he is finding out more about it (ie likely expenditure). Watch the next newsletter.

Lyn and Petra are also trying to get a date to do another social evening (darts, pool and table tennis) at the Bowls Club which will only turn out expensive if you decide to empty the bar. Date to come soon.

## ESSEX SMALL CLUB LEAGUE - RESULTS

**Ladies:** On May 20th, new pairings Petrina Lees and Elaine Wyld and Jacky Booth and Linda Steer played the first match of the season at home match v Stansted. This was a very competitive, yet very friendly match with some long entertaining rallies, played in bright sunshine on a lovely summer evening. Everyone worked hard, particularly Linda who raced around the court like an Olympic athlete - much to Jacky's relief. Petrina and Elaine won two sets and lost two. Jacky and Linda won two sets, lost one and drew one. Elsenham won the match 9-7. Our captain, Petrina, organised the supper in the bowls club, whilst Jacky and Linda were still playing their match till 10pm. Elaine's flapjacks were a highlight of the evening. We would like to thank everyone in the bowls club for their warm welcome.

**Mixed:** Still to be confirmed but looks like rain interfered badly with the mixed match at home against Braughing. Peter Bunting / Lorna Yeadon and Harry and Petrina Lees got a good soaking when the match had to be abandoned with a score of 4:10.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Club Night** – every Tuesday from 7pm until the lights go out – costing you £1 only. The social part starts in the Bowls Club after that (entirely at your cost).

**Performance Club Night** – Every Thursday, 7pm onwards and £1 per person for the lights.

**Club Afternoon** – Sundays from 2 - 4pm - the social "family" club session where all standards come to play. No charge. Since we can, of course, all have other commitments on Sundays, it is always a good idea to check who's up for a game.

**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 2009 (so far)

Events Update	Dates
Australian Tournament	Sunday, 12 July
Newmarket Race Night or Punting or Both	To be decided
Social Evening at the Bowls Club	Probably July
American Tournament	Sunday, 30 August
Hospital Cup Finals Day	Saturday, 12 September
ETC Finals Day S	aturday, 10 October

### Essex Small Club League - Summer 2009

Mens	against Clavering by mid May (to be rearranged)	away
Ladies	Saturday 13 June, 1.30pm against Clavering	home
Mens	Sunday 14 June, 10.30am against Clavering	home
Mixed	Saturday 20 June 10.30pm at Clavering	away
Mixed	Wednesday 24 June, 7pm against Henham	home
Ladies	Saturday 27 June, 1.30pm against Henham	home
Mixed	Sunday 28 June 1.30pm against Braughing	away
Mens	Friday 10 July, 7pm at Thaxted	away
Ladies	Wednesday 15 July 7pm against Stebbing	home
Mixed	Sunday 18 July, 1.30pm against Harlow	home
Mens	Saturday 25 July, 1.30pm against Harlow	home
Mens	Stansted by 03.08.09 to be arranged	home
Ladies	Tuesday, 16 June, 6.45pm at Stansted	away
Mens	Wednesday 2 September, 7pm against Thaxted	home
Mixed	Saturday 5 September, 1.30pm against Clavering	home
Mixed	Sunday 6 September, 2pm against Henham	away
Mens	Sunday 20 September, 10am at Harlow	away
Ladies	Saturday 26 September, 2pm at Henham	away

### Captains:

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Mixed - Petra: tel: 01279 814667, [petra@elsenhامتennisclub.co.uk](mailto:petra@elsenhامتennisclub.co.uk)

## ENTRY FORM – AUSTRALIAN TOURNAMENT

I / We would like to enter the Australian Tournament on 12 July.

Name

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Please return the form to Petra Studholme, 26 Leigh Drive, Elsenham by 5 July or email Paul at [paul@elsenhامتennisclub.co.uk](mailto:paul@elsenhامتennisclub.co.uk).