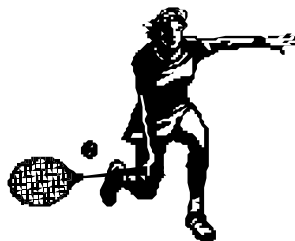


# ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB



## NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2007

### **HALF-PRICE MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE FROM OCTOBER ONWARDS**

Now is the time to introduce your family and friends to ETC. We offer half-price membership until April of next year. There is lots going on with all our tournaments, events and social events. Coaching is also available. Invite them to see for themselves at club night or club afternoon.

### **ETC CHRISTMAS PARTY – TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER FROM 7PM ONWARDS**

Our Christmas Party will start off the traditional way during club night with mulled wine, mince pies and other goodies and we will move into the Bowls Club later on in the evening. Of course we shall be presenting the summer tournament trophies as well as our special and by now famous and highly fought over special awards.

### **IMPORTANT NEWS - “BRITISH TENNIS”**

As ETC is affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association, members are now eligible to join “British Tennis”. This is a new LTA initiative which includes a broad range of valuable benefits including a player rating, membership card (with associated benefits), advice from professional coaches, an e-newsletter, special members-only website content and information on competition and events. **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. For further details, look out for the e-mail we are sending out to ETC members, speak to Petra or Jeremy or visit the LTA website.

### **PAUL’S BIT ABOUT THE SUMMER TOURNAMENT**

We ran our finals of the club championships on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October. After a summer of intense competition we had a superb day's tennis and afternoon tea. A record number of entrants had competed this year and there was a good array of new and regular faces in this year's finals.

The first match of the afternoon was an epic contest in the men's doubles between Sam Bushell and Jamie Mitchell versus Hussain Shaida and Paul Burt. Jamie with Sam played consistent and superb tennis. It took all the grit and determination of Hussain and Paul to win the title. The ladies doubles was won by mother and daughter team Petra and Julia Studholme who eclipsed Jacky Booth and Petrina Lees in straight sets. Petra also retained the ladies singles title. The mixed doubles also featured Petra, this time with tennis partner James Wyld. In this three set thriller it was opposition Lyn Segar and Alan Verlander who eventually won the silverware. The last final of the afternoon was the much anticipated match-up between Alan Verlander and Hussain Shaida. The spectators were treated to a delightful finale to the day and it was Hussain who eventually won this mesmerising match.

Paul would personally like to thank everyone for assisting in the smooth running of the tournament. The silverware will be presented at the Christmas Party!

### **KIDS CLUB NIGHT REPORT**

Where did all these kids come from? No idea but we all had a great time. About 12 turned up (and that figure does not include Jamie, Paul, Tim or any of our other big kids) on a freezing cold night and stayed with us until 8pm. Again we were pleasantly surprised by the high standard of play in addition to the good sportsmanship displayed and the fun we had. Definitely one for next half term again.

### **ESSEX SMALL CLUB LEAGUE MATCHES**

Yes we have done it. Our Men's finished second in Division II and our Mixed team won Division II of the summer league. Thanks to our captains Paul and Hussain for organizing us and well done to all team players (too many to mention these days), but in particular to our youngsters Alex, Ben, Julia and Sam.

Highly motivated by these great results, we have entered the winter league with two teams again. However, in spring of next year we will definitely get a ladies team together as well. Any volunteers (ladies), please contact Petra.

The matches for the next 6 months are listed below, subject to the usual last minute changes. We tried to mix it up as much as possible to enable everyone to play (weekends versus during the week). Please contact Paul or Hussain if you are available to play on any of these dates to make life easier for our captains.

## Essex Small Club League - Winter 2007/2008

Day	Date	Time	Mixed/Men	Away/Home	Against
Sunday	4 November 2007	11am	Mens	Away	Clavering
Thursday	22 November 2007	7pm	Mens	Home	Stansted
Saturday	8 December 2007	1pm	Mixed	Home	Braughing
Tuesday	11 December 2007	7pm	Mens	Away	Stebbing
Sunday	16 December 2007	10am	Mixed	Home	Sawbridgeworth
Thursday	10 January 2008	7pm	Mixed	Home	Stansted
Thursday	17 January 2008	7.30pm	Mixed	Home	Dunmow
Sunday	20 January 2008	10am	Mens	Home	Clavering
Sunday	27 January 2008	10am	Mens	Away	Harlow
Saturday	2 February 2008	11am	Mens	Away	Stansted
Sunday	10 February 2008	10am	Mixed	Away	Braughing
Saturday	1 March 2008	11am	Mixed	Away	Stansted
Wednesday	12 March 2008	7pm	Mens	Home	Stebbing
Sunday	16 March 2008	10.30am	Mens	Home	Harlow
Sunday	30 March 2008	10.30am	Mixed	Away	Dunmow
Saturday	5 April 2008	12.30pm	Mixed	Away	Sawbridgeworth

*Mens - Division II*

*Mixed - Division I*

### **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. We have found out that the coldest and wettest evenings attract the most players (why)? 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**

Dates as follows until Christmas: Wednesdays, 14 & 28 November and 12 December open to all team players (another reason to indicate your willingness to play for ETC to the captains). We are charging £1 as there will be less players and we still have to cover cost of the lights, etc.

**Please note that as of January 2008, Performance Club Night will be running on every Wednesday.**

### **LADIES MORNING AND LADIES MATCHES**

The Ladies meet at 10am on a Friday morning for an hour's coaching by our coach Monica. All standards are welcome. Join as for some not so serious tennis, a laugh and some serious gossip.