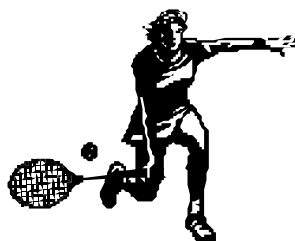


ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB



NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2009

HALF-PRICE MEMBERSHIP NOW AVAILABLE

Now is the time to remind your family, friends and neighbours that half-price membership will be available from 1 October. In addition to the fact that we have excellent facilities available, our prices are amongst the cheapest in the area. They can join from as little as £25 for the winter season for an adult (also paying the £5 joining fee) or £7.75 for a junior under 12.

How to join: call Petra on 01279 814667, see our website www.elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk, email mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk or just turn up at club night or club afternoon.

HOSPITAL CUP FINALS DAY, SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER, STARTING 10AM AT STANSTED

We still have one pairing left in the semi-finals so who knows. Anyway, it should be a great day with lots of high class tennis so why not support it by coming to Stansted anyway. It starts at 10am with the singles and the last match should be the mixed doubles in the afternoon. Plus there will be some afternoon tea and cake provided!

ETC FINALS DAY, SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER

The ETC Finals will take place on Saturday, 10 October starting at 1pm. More details (like order to play) to come.

JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT, TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 6 – 7.30PM

Back again, all juniors age 11 – 16 are invited to join us for our junior club night and play under floodlights against the adults. Bring your racket and £1. And bring a friend or two as non-members are welcome too.

ETC QUIZ NIGHT, SATURDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 7.30 FOR 8PM AT BOWLS CLUB

Need I say more ... As usual, £7 per head, tables of 8 please to be booked with Petra (01279 814667) or mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk. Lyn is cooking beef bourguignon (or vegetarian option), there will be a raffle and licensed bar as usual. Very popular so book your table soon.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Conor Jones and Thomas Ogilvie to ETC.

IMPORTANT – HENHAM IS USING OUR COURTS ON WEDNESDAYS IN OCTOBER

During the four Wednesdays in October, Henham is hiring our courts from 7pm – 10.30pm for their club nights (both courts) so they will not be available for our players. This is a trial period and to be reviewed towards the end of October.

IMPORTANT – COACHING AVAILABLE DURING PERFORMANCE CLUB NIGHT

Rob Harding is the head coach of Braintree tennis club and a highly respected and experienced coach. During the winter season we are looking to have Rob come to a number of Thursday sessions and give our members coaching in doubles tactics. This is aimed at anyone who plays in the club teams or would like to. These sessions are likely to be very popular with the cost depending upon the number of participants. Please contact us to confirm your interest. First come first served!

TENNIS PICNICS

Both picnics were very well attended. Thanks in particular to our junior team players (namely Alex, Ben and Julia) who helped out to run the “coaching sessions”. The events were very well received by everyone.

TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

The Hospital Cup tournament continues to run smoothly. The Elsenham contingent have mostly bowed out of the competition now; with the exception of Petra and Hussain who play their semi-final match shortly. The tournament concludes with all the finals being played at Stansted tennis club on the 19 September. The day starts at about 10am and everyone is welcome along. Unlike last year, where all but one competitor was from Stansted; there is a much more diverse representation of clubs.

The summer tournament is plodding along nicely. There has been renewed vigour for players to get their matches played since the holidays concluded. The match of the summer so far was Sam versus Hussain which turned into a marathon event, running over a number of days due to rain delays. All the drawsheets can be found on the Elsenham website under the Play section. The mixed section is the only area of concern – if all participants can organise matches as soon as possible please.

ESSEX SMALL CLUB LEAGUE - RESULTS

Mens: The men's match against Thaxted was a game of two halves. The match started on Wednesday 02/09/09. Elsenham's Alan and Ben quickly won their rubber 6-3, 6-4, while Breez and Sam took their time settling down and finished 0-6, 6-4. Then the heavens opened and play was impossible. Rather than abandoning the match, the teams decided to continue the following week on Thursday 10th. The weather was fine and this time Breez and Sam whisked through winning 6-0, 6-3. Alan and Ben threw away a 5-1 lead and lost the first 5-7 but managed to squeeze by in the second set 7-5. A good win for Elsenham with a score of 12-4.

Ladies: Julia Studholme partnered Di Suckling and Elaine Wyld teamed up with Jacky Booth for the home match against Henham. Mixed fortunes here as both teams battled hard to gain control of the game. The outcome was a 11:5 win for Henham despite endlessly long rallies and brilliant efforts from all sides.

Mixed: The mixed team played at home against Clavering with Lyn Segar / Sam Bushell and Di Suckling / Pete Bunting putting in a very strong performance against a strong Clavering side clinching it 9:7. Well done.

The very next day, we sent Lorna Yeadon / Sam Bushell and Jacky Booth / Breez Mackinley to Henham who pulled off an amazing 11:5 win against the opposition. Remarkable as none of these players have ever partnered each other in matches at all. This was the last match of the season in the mixed and big "thank you" to everyone who played. It is nice to now have a bigger pool of players (captain's dream actually). We are already looking forward to the winter season and will make sure that everyone who wants to play gets the chance.

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.

Junior Coaching – Monica is holding group lessons for juniors on our courts on Thursdays, 3.30 – 6pm. If you are interested, please let us know.

DIARY FOR 2009

Events Update Dates

Hospital Cup Finals Day	Saturday, 19 September, starting at 10am
ETC Finals Day	Saturday, 10 October, starting at 1pm
Junior Club Night	Tuesday, 27 October, 6 – 7.30pm
ETC Quiz Night	Saturday, 28 November, 7.30 for 8pm

Essex Small Club League - Summer 2009

Ladies	Wednesday 23 September, 7pm at Stebbing	away
Ladies	Saturday 26 September, 2pm at Henham	away

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Mixed - Petra: tel: 01279 814667, petra@elsenhامتennisclub.co.uk