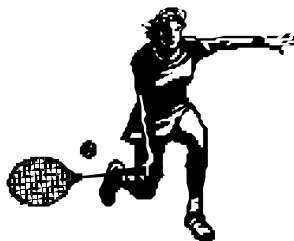


ELSENHAM TENNIS CLUB



NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2010

BOWLING OUTING – FRIDAY, 19 MARCH AT BISHOPS STORTFORD

Mike is sorting out another bowling social outing for us, all age groups and standards are invited. So please let Mike know if you want to participate as we need to book in advance. You can email Mike at mikestiles@mdconsulting.co.uk or call him on 01799 543495.

WINTER TOURNAMENT – SATURDAY, 27 MARCH STARTING AT 12PM

Our Day Winter Tournament (for the big Winter Shield that Hussain has hogged for the past many years) will take place on Saturday, 27 March from 12pm onwards (mixed, with A / B player pairings being drawn on the day. So please let us know ASAP if you want to take part. Last chance!

GAMES EVENING – FRIDAY, 16 APRIL STARTING AT THE BOWLS CLUB AT 7PM

Back by popular demand, we have having a joint games evening with the Bowls Club. We will be playing table tennis, darts and pool. If you don't fancy any of the before, you can always just join us for the social part and stay at the bar. No charge except for your drinks of course.

ETC QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY, 17 APRIL, 7.30 FOR 8PM AT BOWLS CLUB

Wonderful, we found at date and hope that you can join us. Trevor is doing the questions and Lyn is cooking jackets with beef Bolognese sauce. Vegetarian option will be available as well, please let us know if required. Raffle and licensed bar as usual. 8 per table and £7 per head / brain. Bookings to Petra at 01279 814667 or mail@elsenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE FOR 2010 /2011 ON 1 APRIL WIMBLEDON TICKET BALLOT

Oh yes, it's this time of the year again where we would like you to renew your subs for Elsenham Tennis Club ASAP. The committee has decided to increase subscriptions by a moderate rate only. In addition, the Bowls Club associated membership contribution by our members has also increased, see attached subscription form or details.

We have been allocated 6 pairs of Wimbledon tickets and if you would like to be included in the ballot (you need to be a British Tennis Member" of the LTA at the time of application as well), we need your subs form and payment by 20 April 2010. Juniors and adults alike can apply for those tickets and more than one application per household is allowed.

AGM UPDATE

We held our AGM at the end of February and the committee was elected as follows:

Chairman	Mike Stiles
Treasurer	Dave Verlander
Secretary	Petra Studholme
Committee Member	Jacky Booth
Committee Member	Paul Burt
Committee Member	Alex Drake
Committee Member	Jeremy Drake
Committee Member	Ben Stiles
Committee Member	Elaine Wyld

ETC has achieved a lot during the past year and the full minutes are available from the committee if you are interested. A couple of items to be pointed out are the court maintenance to be carried out shortly and the fact that we are trying to trace some of our trophies that have seemed to disappeared over the year, see below.

COURT MAINTENANCE

A contractor will carry out some essential maintenance on our courts this spring. The courts will be moss treated, cleaned and then repainted. We are still waiting to hear about the exact timing (also weather permitting) but will let you know as soon as we know.

TRYING TO TRACE TROPHIES AND FORMER MEMBERS

As discussed during the AGM, ETC seem to have lost some magnificent trophies that were donated by various members, companies and organisations in the past. Anne Player and the committee are trying to trace those and indeed former ETC members who might know where these various shields and trophies are. So, if anyone knows of "lost" members within Elsenham or have addresses of members who have moved out of the area, please let Anne or one of the committee know. We are looking for at least four junior trophies and three big other shields and trophies that were never given back to the club. Date-wise, we are looking at 1989/90/91. As they are part of our history, we would like to find them.

RUNNING THE MARATHON

We have two of our members running the London Marathon this year, Clare Mackinlay and Rob Booth. Both have chosen to be sponsored in aid of MEDICS (Mid Essex Doctors Immediate Care Scheme). If you would like to sponsor them, email mail@elsenhامتennisclub.co.uk or contact anyone on the committee so we can put you in touch.

ESSEX SMALL CLUB LEAGUE

The Ladies managed to play one match against Henham away. Petra Studholme partnering Di Suckling and captain Lorna Yeadon partnering Jacky Booth tried their best but could only manage 5 points to 11 in the end. Never mind. We tried.

The Ladies home match against Clavering started well for the same pairings again – until we got rained off. With 7:5 and 6:6 to Elsenham, it was however decided, in a spirit of fairness and goodwill, to halve the points and the games.

The Ladies then took on Bishops Stortford at home. Julia Studholme partnering Petrina Lees and Jacky Booth partnering Petra Studholme were on top form and took the match easily 14:2. Well done ladies, going strong.

The Men took some inspiration from these results and beat Thaxted in their first game 10:6. The second match at Harlow was an even clearer affair with ETC taking the full 16 points.

LADIES DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT IN SPRING/SUMMER 2010

ETC has been invited to participate in the Buntingford Ladies Doubles tournament called "Tactics Tennis". Closing date for entries is 20 April so if anyone is interested, please contact Petra.

LTA EASTER TOURNAMENT (HIT N RUN) AT GOSLING (MEN'S, LADIES, JUNIORS)

We have also received information about a tournament at Gosling for Men's, Ladies and Juniors (singles, doubles, mixed). The entry sheet is available in the hut or contact mail@elsenhامتennisclub.co.uk.

JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT

We did try and failed. We had 4 enthusiasts (well 3 really + Jacky) turning up but had to give up within the hour as the weather was just diabolical. Next one will be in June half-term.

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. During the winter we recommend that you check that there will be enough players for a good game – barring injury some of the "all weather die-hards" will usually be up for a game!

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 2010

Events Update Dates

Social Outing Bowling	Friday, 19 March at Bishops Stortford, time tba
Winter Tournament	Saturday, 27 March, 12pm onwards
Games Evening	Friday, 16 April, at the Bowls Club, starting 7pm
ETC Quiz Night	17 April, 7.30 for 8pm at the Bowls Club
ETC Open Day	The proposed date is Saturday, 24 April, 2 – 5pm
Village Fete	Sunday, 6 June, 1 – 4pm