

# ELMWOOD TENNIS NEWS

## AUGUST EDITION

Hello everyone,

Unlike previous months, the weather has been behaving itself and finally we are getting some traction around playing tennis. All days have been very well attended with, as usual, Saturday the standout with full courts each afternoon. If you are new to the club and would like to join us please come down at 1.30pm, play usually extends to at least 4.30pm followed by a rather long (for some) social session upstairs in the bar!

Our AGM was very well attended with over 45 members present, it certainly has been a success moving the AGM to Saturday afternoons as we have a “captive audience” and this makes for a more inclusive meeting. Thank you to all who attended and for those who submitted apologies.

The board recommended at the meeting, and it was endorsed by the members, that there will be no increase in subscription fees this season. In addition we will formally allow members, if you choose to, to pay over 3 equal monthly instalments from the time you receive your renewal, there is no price penalty for this option. Please speak with Ashley to discuss further and please be assured that these arrangements are made in confidence.

Gill and Lance ran another “fun day tournament” recently and as usual was very well received, lots of positive feedback so our thanks go to Lance and Gill for organising the event. These days are a great alternative to the usual Saturday afternoon social although we still had 3 courts for normal play. Thanks also to Garry who bought all members drinks that evening, even without being able to attend himself!

Senior inter-club is will start again mid October and we are calling for entries now. An email has been sent out and more will be coming, so if you wish to play please email me at the club so I can record your interest. Premier and Div. 1 entries close 31/8/20 and all other grades on 7/9/20.....this is for Senior inter-club only at this stage.

The official start to the season is only a couple of weeks away now, how time flies, the Senior Opening Day will be held on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> August with the Junior Opening Day the 5<sup>th</sup> of September.

Thanks everyone

### ***What's going on?***

- **Adult tennis coaching** – Sam's Group sessions are on Tuesday night 6.30 – 7.30 mixed skills and drills, Wednesday and Thursday mornings ladies 9.30-10.30 and Saturday morning mixed 11.30 – 12.30 for skills and drills. Private lessons are also available upon request, please call Sam on 022 367 7905 to arrange.
- **Tuesday morning tennis:** Starting at 10.00am each Tuesday during the colder months. Please come and join us for a lovely mornings tennis followed by a cuppa and we can now share a biscuit or two.
- **Wednesday night tennis (mixed):** We are looking for a few more players on Wednesday nights. If you don't mind playing under lights and braving the cooler weather, then night tennis may be for you. The standard is quite strong so if you are thinking of playing but are unsure please call me at the club to discuss. Wednesday night's start at 6.00pm (or earlier for those inclined) and runs for a couple of hours, with the bar open afterwards for those that wish to rehydrate.
- **Wednesday morning men's:** If you are interested in playing Wednesday morning men's tennis from 10.00am till 12.00pm please call me at the club for the details. This is NOT a drop in event and organised by others, so please call if interested.
- **Friday morning men's tennis** - If you would like 2 hours of organised play, a light lunch with raffles and prizes all for \$12, I suggest you put your name down for Friday morning men's tennis. Play is from 10.00am – 12.00pm. This is a "book in" event so please call Graeme Paton on 351 6422 for further information or to register

### ***The last word!!***

- The new season, as mentioned before, opens on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> for Seniors and Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September for the Juniors
- Remember to use the Tennis Canterbury "pay to play" system if you wish to book an indoor court at Wilding Park. As you have been registered prices have been slashed for Elmwood members.

- Please email me if have played before, or are new and wanting to be included in a senior interclub team asap.
- Your subscription renewals are on their way to you, please make note of the comments made earlier in this newsletter.
- Given the new alert levels re the covid crisis we would ask that all players scan the QR code situated at the entrance to bathrooms. It is imperative that we assist in this small way for contact tracing purposes.  
Thanks everyone
- The Tennis Canterbury and Wilding Park Foundation AGM's are to be held in September, our delegate will be in attendance representing your club.

All the best and we'll see you at tennis!!