

ELMWOOD TENNIS NEWS

AUGUST EDITION

Hi everyone,

Spring is certainly in sight, which is encouraging since winter has been a little wet, certainly cold, and has caused a few disruptions to some of our regular scheduled playing days. No matter what the weather however, Saturday afternoon senior social has seen all courts full, with a number of these days recording well over 45 players. I'm not sure if many other clubs would see this level use – a big thank you to all as the large numbers make the day very enjoyable for everyone.

The Senior Opening Day will be held on the 28th of August. We look forward to seeing all returning members a number of new faces who are likely to join for the season. This day is usually very well attended, so as usual, I will organise the weather and all you have to do is organise your tennis gear!

The Junior Opening Day is scheduled for the following Saturday morning, the 4th of September. More information will be forthcoming over the coming week.

We recently held our 96th Annual General Meeting and once again with 46 senior members, it was very well attended. A big thank you to Kaye, Emma and any of the other helpers who catered the event. Also thanks to Garry for the generous “shout” for all members upstairs in the bar.

We look forward seeing you on court so start practising as the new season is just around the corner!

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 for a couple of hours. Please come and join us for a lovely morning's tennis followed by a cuppa and a biscuit or two. Once the cold weather leaves us, or better still the frosty mornings, Tuesday's will revert back to a 9.30am start.
- **Wednesday night tennis (mixed):** Wednesday night tennis is going very well with 3 or 4 courts used every week, even during these colder months. The standard is good and competitive games are guaranteed so come along and join in each Wednesday night from 6pm. For further information text Gill 0273722908.
- **Wednesday morning men's:** If you are interested in playing Wednesday morning men's tennis from 9.30am till 11.30am 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 Richard Ibbitt on 351 9442 or 022 659 3909 for further information or to register

The last word!!

- It's that time of the year again where we need to canvass all Senior interclub players about their interest for the upcoming season. At this stage Divisional and Mixed grades will start early to mid-October, this could change however. I will send out reminders over the coming weeks, but if interested please email the club and I will record your availability.
- **Midweek Doubles Competition: THIS IS A NEW COMPETITION**
TCRI is looking for interest from Clubs for entries into a new doubles competition which will operate midweek, separate to the weekend competitions.

The details are:

- Doubles only.
- Men's and Women's grades with a 30+ age minimum requirement.
- Tuesday evenings 6pm start time. Indoor and Outdoor Matches.
- 4 Doubles matches per tie. All players play 2 matches each.

- 6 Team Grades (draw sizes are subject to change). Minimum 10 matches.
When considering interclub, let me know if you are interested in this grade as well as the weekend grades – you may play both.
- On Saturday the 21st of August, Kaye our very capable social “director” is organising a small “pot luck” social gathering after regular tennis from 7pm. If you intend to come, let either Kaye or myself know....and the price of entry....one plate to share for dinner!
- Finally, you will remember that Tennis Canterbury have allocated the indoor centre for our club to use on the 5th of September. We have 6 courts from 1.00pm and will likely play for a few hours, then retire to the bar where you can purchase a refreshment or two! At this stage we will be taking the first 24 players to register, Gill and Lance will be the organisers on the day – stay tuned for more detail.

Thanks everyone