

ELMWOOD TENNIS NEWS

JANUARY EDITION

Happy New Year everyone,

Welcome back, I hope you have all had a wonderful break, though I have noticed quite a few of you still played lots of tennis. It is now time for us all to work off those Christmas kilos and hone our skills for the remainder of the season.

All organised programmes are about to recommence with all junior coaching starting the first week of February along with both Junior and Senior interclub.

You will notice we have a new flag and you will also notice it is NOT the Australian one that I threatened you all with prior to Christmas. Thank you Murray for your kind donation, your prompt actions may have averted a constitutional crisis!!!

Listed below are the Senior team standings as of 15/12/19:

- Premier Men – 3rd (solid performing well)
- Div. 1 women – 1st (causing concerns for one of the other teams!)
- Div. 2 women – 8th (out of 10 teams and playing well)
- Div. 2 mixed – 4th (out of 14 teams, a big late charge well done!)
- Div.4 mixed – 3rd (tremendous considering they started the comp 2 weeks late)
- Div. 1 men – 3rd (very tight between 1st and 3rd)
- Div. 2 men – 1st (great steady season always near the top)
- Div. 3 men – 5th (2pts from 4th)
- Div. 4 men – 3rd (consistent about to hit their straps)
- Div. 5 men – 4th (3pts from 3rd)
- Div. 6 men – 1st (runaway leaders)
- Div. 7 men – 2nd (consistent all season)

Well done to all players and good luck for the second half of the season, I foresee quite a few titles coming our way.

Thanks everyone and we look forward to seeing you on court.

What's going on?

- **Adult tennis coaching** – Sam's Group sessions are on Monday night 7.00 – 8.00 cardio tennis, Tuesday night 6.30 – 7.30 skills and drills, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9.30-10.30 and Saturday mornings 11.30 – 12.30 for skills and drills. The Mens group is on Wednesday night 7.00- 8.00 for skills and drills/cardio. Private lessons are also available upon request, please call Sam on 022 367 7905 to arrange.
- **Tuesday morning tennis:** Starting at 9.30am each Tuesday! Please come and join us for a lovely mornings tennis followed by a light morning tea i.e. a cuppa and a biscuit! We have a solid 3 courts but would like to get at least 5, so come and give it a try!
- **Wednesday night tennis:** Starts 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. We are now getting 4 solid courts, again I foresee 6 courts in the near future, and thanks go to Gill and Gordy for their time in making this event a success.
- 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.
- The bar is open on a Friday afternoons from 4.30pm till 7ish, or later if the demand warrants it. Come down and join in with the other families whether your kids are playing interclub or not....the only requirement is that you're a member or a guest of a member. Starts first Friday in February. **Please note the bar will not be open on the 28th of Feb, as we have a function booked for that afternoon.**
- 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!!

- Senior Club Champs – draws are on the noticeboard along with the contact details of all participants. Some of the matches have been completed but we would like some more action, now that everyone is back from holidays. If you can't make it to the club and would like some further information please call me on 355 8377

- As mentioned previously Junior and Senior interclub commences the first week of Feb. Please make sure you view the relevant draws, make contact with your team members, and ensure your team is “good to go”! Good luck to all players.
- The Senior Christmas party was resounding success with nearly 60 in attendance. Given its popularity, next time we’ll ensure we have the outside courtyard and the restaurant area booked to better cater for the numbers. Some members were there until late, and others went off to other venues and didn’t get home until near sun up.....who were they I wonder??
- The junior Christmas Party once again was outstandingly successful. There must have been over 80 kids and their parents. It is now official, Mr Whippy is more popular than Santa, and we had both here on the day! Thanks to all who assisted to make this a wonderful afternoon.
- Finally, it has been suggested that we could offer a singles comp that starts prior to the new season which enables members to play plenty of singles matches in an organised format. The format is yet to be finalised but would obviously include a draw where matches would be organised between opponents at a time that suits. This would be a great way for people to get the singles they desire without having to organise it themselves. Please email me with feedback so we can see if it is viable or not!

Thank you everyone

