

ELMWOOD TENNIS NEWS

MAY EDITION

Hello everyone,

Isn't it nice to have tennis at near normal levels whilst the opportunity to mix with your fellow members has been long overdue. We've had two Saturday afternoon social days now and both attracted 46 players; these numbers are comparable to the busiest of a summers day play and strongly suggest that our members were well and truly ready to break the shackles of the lockdown!

The autumn weather has been a tennis players delight, no wind, warmish days and dry – let's hope it continues, so if you are yet to take advantage, dust off the racquets and come down to either organised play or arrange your own 4 any time day or night!

As we are now in level 2 or 2.4 or 2.5 or whatever it is, we are now able to offer most of the usual activities at the club. We are still to exercise social distancing and ensure we sign in at the club each time we enter, oh and don't forget to sanitise before and after touching.....well almost anything. Registering and sanitising are very important so please ensure everyone continues with the process.

The exercising bug obviously continues for many as I haven't seen any of our beloved members suffer from the affects over 'lockdown overindulgence'. All looked fit and well with the tennis standard of a high quality and more importantly no physical breakdowns.

Sam is back on deck full time and his squads have been well attended; please note further down this newsletter a few time changes to his schedule to avoid disappointment.

For those hardy Wednesday night senior social players who seem impervious to the now wintry evenings, good news, night tennis will start again this coming Wednesday. If you're a newbie to night social call me on 355 8377 for further details.

Thanks everyone and we look forward to seeing on court.

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 9.30am each Tuesday (will go to a 10am start very soon - TBA). Please come and join us for a lovely mornings tennis followed by a cup of tea or coffee – sorry no biscuits until level 1. We had two courts last week so looking for 4 courts this week.
- **Wednesday night tennis (mixed):** As mentioned earlier, this Wednesday starting 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!!

- Hopefully we will reach level 1 very soon which will allow us to fully operate basically as we did before all the troubles began. Stay tuned for any updates as we will pass on any restriction changes to you as soon as they come to hand.
- Tennis Canterbury is working through some interclub options during the offseason and there may be a few subtle changes to what is currently on offer. Nothing major but possibly more options, so as soon as we have something confirmed we will inform all interested parties.
- A small request to all members that use the facility out of hours, could you please ensure that once you have used a leaf rake (big rubber thing you pull behind you) could you please return them to the hooks provided on the fences on courts 3 and 6. Just so other members don't have to go searching for them. Oh, also when using the lights please

sanitise your hands before turning them on and off and please ensure you only turn the 1 row of lights on for the court you are playing on, not both – thanks everyone

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