

# EAT&SC NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2010

### TENNIS

#### **Norfolk LTA Summer Leagues Teams**

The club fared very well in the NLTA Norwich & District Summer League, winning the Mixed Division 1 title, Men's Division 2 title, Ladies League title plus three Cups: the Men's, Mixed and Ladies' – a total of six trophies. Additionally, the Men's A and C teams were runners-up in Divisions 1 and 3 respectively. Mike Huggins, Diane Bush & Margaret Brockes collected the prizes at the N&D AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

#### **City League**

Two Ladies teams entered. The A team, having been promoted to Division 1, will unfortunately be playing in Division 2 next year having had a few problems with player availability. Captain, Jenny Barton, says they do not intend to stay there! The B team will stay in Division 3 and captain, Sarah Walker, was pleased with the team's results.

#### **Norwich Winter Tennis Association League**

We have a team in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Divisions.

#### **LADIES' EVENTS**

##### **2008/2009 Ladies' Winter Doubles Results**

Winner of Box A – Caroline Strickland & Donna Andrews  
Runners Up – Diane Bush & Gaynor Banks  
Winners of Box B – Amy Partridge & Kim Burgess  
Runners Up – Margaret Brockes & June Thomas

The knock-out suffered injury problems but in the end it was Amy & Kim who prevailed. Congratulations to them. The 2009/2010 event has begun with two boxes of five pairs.

#### **Vanilla Open Tournament**

Sponsors, Vanilla, decided this year to stage a "proper" tournament with "proper" tennis being played. Sixteen pairs therefore played matches firstly in eight boxes of four with the top two pairs going into a forward/backward knock out draw. This was hotly contested but in the end Anita Vadhri (from Vanilla) with partner Margaret Brockes beat Maggie Andrews and Simone Davies in the final, 6-3. Diana Hale & Holly Forster beat Diane Bush & Frances Hornor in the third/fourth playoff. Thanks to Pam & Rachel who put on a fabulous lunch.

The tournament next year will be held, as usual, on the Wednesday before Wimbledon starts – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Entries will again be limited to 16 pairs. There will be another event on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May sponsored by Libby Ferris Flowers.

#### **Louise Willgrass Charity Tournament**

This was held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. 32 pairs played and £1,800 raised for the Louise Willgrass Tsunami Fund and CRUSE. Thanks go to Rob and Pam for their support and to Liam for some wonderful prizes. Next year the tournament will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Mixed Social Events**

We are planning to hold a mixed social American Doubles event on Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>h</sup> starting at 2pm. A small entry fee of £3.00 for full members and £6.00 for off-peak members will be charged to cover cost of tea/coffee /cake, balls and prizes.

#### **Club Nights**

Club nights are held on Tuesday and Thursdays from 6pm – 8pm plus Saturday afternoons from 1pm – 4pm during winter. A charge of £2. per person is made to cover the cost of lights and balls in winter months.

## Club Tennis Championships

The entry was as good as we could have hoped for but we want to see many more enter this year. Competitions are seeded so you won't be knocked out in the first round by the number 1 seed!

This year 19 finals matches were played on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The weather was good and a BBQ was held which was well-attended.

Notable performances came from 12-year old Johnnie Carmichael-Plester who won four events including the Men's Open Singles beating Simon Harrington in the semi and then Rob Hall in the finals. Amy Partridge, aged 15, won three events including the Ladies' Singles and 11-year old Maria Andrews won three events including the Open Mixed Doubles with Johnnie C-P.

In order to attract more participation, the 2010 event will be held over a period of two weeks and three weekends starting September 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> to allow members a wider time-frame in which to play their matches with the finals and barbeque/presentations on the final Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. Entry fees will be lower - £2.50 instead of £5.00 as it was felt that the higher rate was a deterrent. However, an entry fee is required to cover cost of finals day balls and trophies.

## 2009 Results

Event	Winner	Runner-up
9/u Girls Singles	Rosie Evans	Esme Dickinson
9/u Boys Singles	Harvey Lake	Oliver Palmer
10/u Girls Singles	Rosie Pooley	Felicity Chaney
10/u Boys Singles	Joe Dickinson	Jasper Trett
14/u Boys Singles	Johnny Carmichael-Plester	Josh Trett
14/u Boys Doubles	Will Foster/Josh Trett	James Smith/Toby Trett
14/u Girls Doubles	Maria Andrews/Lorna Magrath	Joy Andrews/Imogen Osborn
14/u Girls Singles	Maria Andrews	Imogen Osborn
18/u Girls Singles	Joy Andrews	Umida Ibrahimova
18/u Boys Singles	Johann Beckford	Ryan Andrews
18/u Boys Doubles	Johann Beckford/Archie Pooley	Ryan Andrews/Joe Evans
18/u Mixed Doubles	Amy Partridge/Johnny C-P	Annie Bradley-Watson/Archie Pooley
Men's Singles	Johnny Carmichael-Plester	Rob Hall
Ladies' Singles	Amy Partridge	Janette Baxter
Over 35 Men's Singles	Rob Hall	Simon Harrington
Open Men's Doubles	Nick & James Bradley-Watson	Rob Hall/Peter Dean
Open Ladies' Doubles	Kim Burgess/Amy Partridge	Donna & Maria Andrews
Over 45 Men's Doubles	Tony Wright/Graham Warren	Paolo de Marco/Ken Voyce
Open Mixed Doubles	Maria Andrews/Johnny C-P	Amy Partridge/Tim Pooley

## Tennis Coaching

Ladies open mornings are held on Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.00; Thursdays 10am – 12.00 noon and Fridays 11am – 1pm. There is also a mixed adult improvers class on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Cost is £30 per six –week session for members and £48 for non-members.

## Junior Tennis

Open junior tennis coaching sessions are held on Wednesdays 4.30-6.00pm and on Saturdays 9.30am to 11.00am. All other groups are termly. Any player who wishes to join one of these, please contact Derek.

The Club's junior coaching section continues to thrive and now boasts a number of youngsters who have made it through to the main draw of the "Nationals" held in August – competing with the top 32 players in the country. Amy Partridge played in the 16/u event while Johnny Carmichael-Plester and Jack Long-Martinez competed in the 12/u event.

Johnny C-P and Maria Andrews attend National training squads at the LTA's National Tennis Centre in Roehampton and Rosie Pooley and Rosie Evans attend Regional training squads. In addition we have 18 children who attend County training sessions, a number of whom have represented Norfolk in a variety of Inter-County competitions – Rosie Evans, Rosie Pooley, Esme Dickinson, Johnny Carmichael-Plester, Jack Long-Martinez, Joe Evans, Maria Andrews, Joy Andrews, Lorna Magrath, Maddie Brooks, Joshua Trett, Nick Bradley-Watson, Annie Bradley-Watson, Amy Partridge, Alex Moyes, Jacob Harrison, Oliver Palmer, Harvey Lake, Alex McNaughton.

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### SQUASH

#### National Club Competition

East Anglia men's first team has reached the last eight of the National Club knockout competition having beaten Peterborough, Lexden and Bishop Stortford in the regional qualifying events. The team of David Youngs, Ian Douglass, Richard Hunt, John Cordeaux and Steve Mooney have put in some very spirited performances to reach this stage and must now travel to Nottingham on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> November to face seven other regional winners, without John Cordeaux unfortunately, as he is due to play for Norfolk. David Gouldby will step into his place and it is hoped Ashley Briggs, who is at Loughborough University, will be able to join as reserve.

#### Squash Teams

With the season only a couple of months old, it is a little too early to start making predictions. Division 1 looks very competitive this year with four teams having a very realistic chance of winning the title. We have two teams challenging the title and along with Potters and Barnham Broom it makes for a very interesting season.

Chris Butler's 4<sup>th</sup> team has started extremely well in Division 2 and are currently second only two points behind leaders Oasis. This gives us the prospect of another team in Division 1 next year. Chris has managed to install some great team spirit and it would be surprising if they didn't finish in the top two come the end of the season.

A new, 5<sup>th</sup> team, was entered this year, catering for the "social" players who haven't played in a Norfolk league before. They have only won one of their first four matches but they are having lots of fun! The team comprises four ladies and one lucky man and has attracted bigger crowds than the first team, for what reason I am not sure but there are no females in the men's first team! If you had to name the lucky men so far it wouldn't take much guessing (Hawkes, Raywood and Langford) so watch out ladies!

#### Internal Squash Leagues

We currently have 17 internal leagues which, compared to some of the larger clubs across the country I have visited recently, is way above the average. We cater for all levels from beginners up to the best in the County and I would just like to mention a couple of our juniors who are doing particularly well at the moment. Tom Morris, now finds himself in League 3 having made a steady climb over the last six months and Alex Williams who has gained promotion on the last seven occasions taking him from League 11 to League 4 over the past year.

#### Handicap Tournament

This year's handicap tournament is reaching its final stages with the semi finals due to take place over the next two weeks. Jack Pearse, last year's winner, is still there and now faces Paul Henman for a place in the final. In the other half of the draw, Nick Stringer will face Angus Campbell. Jack has the odds stacked against him (and the handicapper) as no one has ever won the tournament two years running, but anyone who has knocked a couple of Christians out (Amy & Nigel), has to be taken very seriously.

#### Club Night

Having been moved to a Thursday night, we are now attracting numbers ranging from 14 – 20. It's a very social evening and with food available afterwards, it is to be thoroughly recommended. We start at 7.20pm and any members are welcome to join in.

#### Leaving for Australia

Finally, I would like to wish Ian Douglass and his family good luck as they depart for a two-year trip to Australia. Ian has been a major factor in the success of the squash teams and last year captained the 2<sup>nd</sup> team to their first ever Division 1 title.

David Youngs, Head of Squash

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### GENERAL NEWS

#### Committee Members

For the benefit of new members (and possibly some old ones as well) your committee meets every other month and comprises: Tony Wright (Chairman), David Meigh (Secretary), Paul Parker (Hon Treasurer), Chris Groves (Legal), Johnny Gascoyne-Richards (Social), Margaret Brockes, Simon Harrington (Tennis), AD Patel (Squash) and Diane Bush (NLTA Rep/Tennis).

Rob Hall is our Manager ably assisted by Pam Reeve. Our Director of Tennis is Derek Perry and our Director of Squash is David Youngs. Bar Staff include Rachel Batley, Amy Christian, David Christian, Ros Prada & Sharon Watts. Racquet Stringing is offered by Liam Nolan and Brian Cooper, who also runs the shop.

If you have any concerns, suggestions or are willing to volunteer some expertise to the club, please speak in the first instance to Rob. This is YOUR club and we are committed to a programme of improvement across all aspects of the club, so don't be shy. Get involved!!!

#### Defibrillator

We now have a defibrillator machine and staff trained to use it.

#### Pilates/Massage

Pilates sessions are held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9am.  
A Therapeutic Massage is available on Thursdays by Clare Martin – call 07842 908855.  
Cheryl's Fitness Sessions are no longer held at the club.

#### Security

The key-fob system seems to be working well. Please note that it is essential everyone use their fob for entry, even if the door is opened by another member in front of you. This allows the club to check you are a bona fide current member, know who is on the premises at any one time, collect guest fees and monitor usage.

#### Membership

We currently have a total of 805 members, up from 650 in April – split 257 Squash and 502 Tennis plus a few Life Members. If we could increase this to 1,000 much more money would be available to spend on maintenance and upgrading of the facilities. If you have friends who might like to join please bring them along. Their £5 guest fee will be refunded if they join and you will receive a free club tee-shirt and if you introduce three members, you will get an free month's membership. Don't forget you may only bring a particular person 6 times per year as a guest.

#### Facility Upgrade

We now have brand new double-glazed windows in the clubhouse, cloakrooms and a new (back) entrance door.

#### Reception

Reception is open 3.30pm – 7.30pm Monday to Friday.

#### Food

Hot snacks are now available Monday to Friday from 10am to 6.30pm and Thursday evenings until 9pm. If there is sufficient support these hours will be extended.

#### Communication

The website is gradually being populated with information, including this newsletter, so please check regularly for information on social events, tournament entry forms (both internal and external), league results etc. and any other newsworthy items – [www.eatsc.org.uk](http://www.eatsc.org.uk) If anyone out there is an IT buff and would be willing to take on the job of keeping the website up to date, please contact Rob. He'll be very happy to hear from you.

### Club Shirts

There are "polo" style shirts for men and women costing £17 plus a non-collared shirt for men costing £15. Tee-shirts are also available at £9.

### E-mailings / Noticeboards

Mass e-mails are once again possible. Please check the web site - [www.eatsc.org.uk](http://www.eatsc.org.uk) and notice boards. There are dedicated Tennis, Squash and Social Events noticeboards.

### Christmas Parties

The adult disco/buffet was held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Tickets cost £10. A great success. DONT MISS OUT ON NEXT YEARS!

The children's party was held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 11.15am – 1pm which also went very well.

## Diary Dates

Saturday January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Race Evening 7.00pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Squash Fun Doubles + Food
Friday February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ten Pin Bowling (to be confirmed)
Saturday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	St Patricks Day Party
Friday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Squash Handicap Tournament + Food
Saturday May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wine & Cheese Evening
Sunday May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis American Doubles
Saturday June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Epsom Derby Day
Sunday June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis American Doubles
Saturday June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Party with BBQ & Disco
Sunday July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis American Doubles
Saturday September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Casino Night
Friday October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night (to be confirmed)
Saturday November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mini Beer Festival (to be confirmed)

## Club AGM 7pm - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010

Saturday December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Adults Christmas Party
Saturday December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Childrens Christmas Party