

Tewin Tennis Club

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We have had very good matches this year on our brand new courts, despite the mixed weather, both in our own tournament and in the leagues. We want to remind you that everyone is welcome to put their names forward for these and it's always good to see some new faces.

Please contact a committee member if you have any questions.

THIS YEAR'S EVENTS

DATCHWORTH SUMMER LEAGUE

After some exciting matches, the final positions of our four teams were as follows:

Tewin 1 finished 4th in Division 1, only 3 sets behind 1st place!

Tewin 2 finished 3rd in Division 4B

Tewin 3 finished 7th in Division 4A

Tewin 4 finished 6th in Division 5B

Well done to all those involved.

ABC LEAGUE

This years ABC League matches were as exciting as usual. Congratulations go to Team A, and Alan Grimmond and Hilary Armstrong the team captains who accepted the ABC trophy on behalf of the team. Thanks again to Bert for organising this successful event. If you would like to join in please contact Bert.

JUNIOR SUCCESS

Our own promising "home grown" talent, Toby Kirkham won the boys U16 and boys U18 Welwyn Open Grade 4 tournament in July this

year; it was a great achievement for him as he was knocked out in round 1 of this tournament last year! Toby also reached the semi-final of the Letchworth grade 4 Open in August, he was also knocked out in round 1 last year! So well done Toby, we are proud of you.

WIMBLEDON TICKETS

The Wimbledon ticket allocation this year went to: Clarke, Whiting, Kirkham, Hill, Smith, Pile & Rawlins families and we know they all had a fantastic time. Be sure to get a chance of obtaining a ticket by becoming a BTM member.

BIKE RIDE

On June 13th, our cyclists took a delightful ride to Walkern organised by Joanne & Malcolm Allen once again thank you, you did a wonderful job. They then returned to a well deserved supper at the Plume. The rain held off for the pleasant ride in the countryside.

FINALS DAY

Finals day dawned fine and bright on Saturday 5 September 2009. 23 different competitors converged on Upper Green, young and not quite so young, ranging from Harry Goode aged 5 to one or two who might admit to giving young Harry more than 50 years. Some had battled their way through several qualifying rounds, some rather fewer. But what mattered was that all qualifying rounds had been completed, even if not all quite within the specified deadlines: whether one semi-final been played on the eve of finals day was not important now.

It was great to see so many enthusiastic juniors battling away all day on Court 2. There were dual celebrations in the Hulse household with Siobhan taking the Girls' Singles title and brother Liam, the Boys' Singles title. Siobhan also triumphed in the Girls' Doubles partnering Clare Barker in a hard fought 7-6 contest against Sian Humphries and Nicola Barker. However, Sian gained her revenge in the Junior Mixed with her partner Sam Higgs winning their match against Fraser McClean and Clare Barker. And in an epic struggle in the Boys' Doubles, Michael Cotterell and Josh Cork eventually beat Harry Goode and Liam Hulse 7-6.

On the Show Court 1, Angie Watson started the day by retaining her Ladies' Singles title in a reprise of last year's contest against Jane Raine. Then Toby Kirkham engaged in a 3-set battle of big hitting with John Purchase to emerge as Mens' Singles champion. Your correspondent has had to rely on third hand accounts of these singles matches because in truth he only arrived in time for a pre-prandial glass prior to the ploughman's lunch on offer. But he was in time to see a Ladies' Doubles classic, with a spritely club secretary, Ruth Thomas and the wonderfully tanned evergreen Jane Evans, fresh off the practice courts in Turkey, trailing in a first set until winning the tie-break and then eventually taking the second set 7-5 against Jane Room and Vivienne Campbell-Davies.

It was then time for representatives of the Rawlins family to make their customary appearance. Hywel and David had a more comfortable 6-2, 6-2 win in the Mens' Doubles, despite the best endeavours of Peter Burgess and Kevin Doyle. However, David R had immediately to head back out on court to partner Cheryl Robinson in the Mixed Doubles. They faced the reigning Mixed champion, the golden brown Jane Evans, also slightly glowing from her earlier efforts, who had shrewdly traded in her previous year's partner for a younger model in the form of John Purchase: this move did not initially seem to be paying off as they slipped to a 1-6 loss of the first set but gradually they climbed back into the match until it was 4-4 in the second. It has to be admitted that there were some in the crowd who were willing Cheryl and David to close it out, so that they could go home to their beds. But as the sun sank in the sky, Jane and John would have none of it and edging the set 6-4 then ran out to a worthy third set victory.

The day was rounded up with Linda Crawford, Friends of Tewin Chairman, presenting prizes in the form of cups and socks (and balls) to all the winners and runners-up. The Alphabet League shield was also presented to Team A, led by Alan Grimmond and Hilary Armstrong.

Many thanks for a very enjoyable day must go to Bert Robinson for all his organisation, those who did sterling umpiring duty without provoking any foot fault incidents, the ladies who put on a lovely lunch and tea and cakes (a special mention here for Viv's plum cake, which was historic) and of course the enthusiastic but well-behaved crowd. As tables and chairs were packed away, there were reminiscences of previous tournaments and talk of the first time Mrs Evans (the golden one) won a Tewin title: some fool suggested it was a quarter century ago but that cannot have been correct because she would surely not have been old enough to qualify for the Seniors then.

I can't wait for next year's tournament, when I'm sure that I will find a partner good enough to carry me into the second round. In the meantime, you can all keep in practice at the Club afternoons 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month.

David Room

Mens Singles – **Toby Kirkham** bt John Purchase

Ladies Singles – **Angie Watson** bt Jane Raine

Mens Doubles – **Hywel & David Rawlins** bt Peter Burgess & Kevin Doyle

Ladies Doubles – **Ruth Thomas & Jane Evans** bt Jane Room & Vivienne Campbell-Davis

Mixed Doubles – **Jane Evans & John Purchase** bt Cheryl Robinson & David Rawlins

Boys Singles – **Liam Hulse** bt Josh Cork

Girls Singles – **Siobhan Hulse** bt Nicola Barker

Boys Doubles – **Michael Cotterell & Josh Cork** bt Harry Goode & Liam Hulse

Girls Doubles – **Siobhan Hulse & Clare Barker** bt Sian Humphries & Nicola Barker

Junior Mixed Doubles – **Sam Higgs & Sian Humphries** bt Fraser McClean & Clare Barker

DATES for your DIARIES

DANCE NIGHT - SAT OCT 24TH - at the VILLAGE HALL. - a chance to learn some 'new moves', wow us with your existing moves and generally let your hair down. Demonstration and tuition is from JIVESWING. And at £15 including food, this represents amazing value. Gather all your dancing friends, and book your tickets from Ruth (798234) or Joanne (798749).

The **AGM** will be held in the Parish Room at Tewin Village Hall on Friday 20th November at 8pm. All members are welcome to join us for an update on what's happening

in the club and of course a glass of wine. The agenda is as follows:

1. Minutes of last AGM
2. Matters arising
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Officers
6. Election of Committee
7. Election of Auditor

We always need suggestions for new social events, so if you have any ideas, the committee would love to hear from you - even better, if you would like to organise an event.

TENNIS BALLS

The club has a supply of top quality Slazenger and Wilson tennis balls for sale at a bargain price of £4.00 per tube of 4. Please contact Roger Toms.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAYING

Calling all men:

Our new Sunday Club afternoons have been a success so far and a very nice end to the season. But there has been a distinct lack of men (Well done to Phil Raine and David Room who have been the only men turning up). Come along from 3-5 and play a few games of tennis and enjoy the sunshine, wonderful cakes and tea. Thanks to Val W & Jane LT for these! The next ones will be 4th OCT & 18th OCT, 3-5. (After we change the clocks time will be 2-4pm). Please

remember to bring your own balls. Everyone is welcome.

More chaps are also needed for RATS (Really Awful Tennis Society) every Saturday at 11am. They appear to have some jolly good games and usually go to the Plume afterwards for a pint and some chips afterwards!

Bert's Lady's morning on Fridays has some spaces from time to time. Call him for details 717310

Also, we are advertising the position of a Club Captain who will act as a link to liaise with the team captains.

Please do say if you think you can help us with this one. You will be given plenty of support!

We would also like to remind you that if any of your details change including e-mail, address and telephone number, please contact Val with the changes, so we can keep in touch with you.

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