



NEWS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Important dates for the coming year are:

FINALS AND AGM DAY ON SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2019 In a new format to bring the tournaments to a conclusion at the end of the season, and to enable more members to engage with the Club's AGM we have arranged a social day. The major competition finals will start in the morning. There will be a break for refreshments and the AGM. Finals will then continue in the afternoon. Even if you are out of the tournaments by this date we hope that you will come, watch tennis, have lunch, join in the proceedings and help to make it a celebration of tennis at Newmarket.

ANNUAL CLUB DINNER on SATURDAY 15TH JUNE for all Members, Founders and their partners. This will be the 4th year that we have held the dinner on court during the Rose Bowl Weekend where the club also welcomes tournament players. The tournament organisers do a wonderful job in transforming the court into a magical dining space, and providing a delicious meal. Book your place with Derrick Wells [derrick@derrickwells.com]



NEW MEMBERS Our vision for the club is to increase our membership by 10% and we need your help. Bring your friends and introduce them to the game. We have 2 introductory sessions planned: **6 February at 6-8pm** and **Sat 16 Feb 10am-12**, when Andrew and members will be on hand to give a practical on-court experience and a demonstration of playing the game. Book your places via the website or talk to Andrew. Other dates will be arranged for anyone who would like to bring a group. There are **new flyers** to tell people about Real Tennis at Newmarket. Please take some if you can display them locally in other sports clubs, schools or public venues (with permission of course) or give them to friends. We also have our New Member Packs for anyone who is thinking of joining the club. It contains information about the club and the game and all the forms needed to join.

I'm pleased to report that we have **two new members**, vets Rachel and Charlie Pittaway. I'm sure you will invite them to play and make them welcome. Rachel plays off 75 and Charlie 54.

CLUB TOURNAMENTS: The Brown & Co box games must be completed by **27th January** after which the top 2 players in each group go through to the knock-out rounds. Group H successfully organised theirs over a weekend and included lunch. Other Tournament draws are on the notice board. Please contact your opponents asap to offer them dates. You can book courts 4 weeks ahead on RTO Online and reserve them for tournament games by writing this in the Notes eg "*Court reserved for Fingleton*". We are planning to have most tournament finals being played at the new Finals Day - see above, so make sure you play your rounds on time!

Adam Mackintosh competed in the **Chetwood Trophy** over the weekend of Jan 11- 13 at the Hyde, qualifying for this national competition by winning the Brown & Co last year. We're very pleased to report that he won in a thrilling final against John Amor (Wellington), winning the first set 6-1, losing the second set 5-6, John catching up to 5-5 in the third and Adam managing to keep his nerve and win! Sounds like great tennis, well done Adam!

EAST ANGLIAN LEAGUE On 10th January we went, we played and we conquered Hatfield. Our team (Hugo Johnsen, Ken Smith, Jonathan Becher & Hazel Dunn) had very tight singles & doubles matches but achieved a 4-2 win. We hope to repeat this at home on Thursday 14th February (start 6pm).

SOCIAL DOUBLES 10am-12, followed by LUNCH: Dates are: Tuesday 29th January; Thurs 7th; Tues 19th; Thurs 28th February; and Tue 12th March. Book your place with Andrew.

CLUB MATCHES: see our website for the full list or sign up on the Fixture List on the Notice Board to join us for a sociable day, lunch included. On 13th Jan we had a great day at home to CAMBRIDGE LADIES, drawing 6-6. On Sun 20th Jan we hosted the DEDANISTS touring side and after a very sociable day with some excellent tennis, Newmarket arrived at a 4-2 win. It's always good to see the Dedanists as they do excellent work in raising funds to support junior tennis.

Next matches at home are: Sat 26th Jan v JESTERS, manager John Burnett; Sat 2nd Feb v LEAMINGTON manager Graham Smith; 9th Feb v MURTC. We are away on Wed 30th Jan at QUEENS (for those admitting to be aged over 60), manager is Jeremy Barnett, and on 23rd Feb at PRESTED (John Saville)

We wish you a fit and healthy New Year

With best wishes

Hazel Dunn, Membership Secretary