



## Match Point (May Edition)

Welcome to the first edition of Match Point. We aim to produce a newsletter during the first week of each month to provide you with information about forthcoming events, responses to any questions that you have asked, a review of recent events and we hope an opportunity for you to share ideas, thoughts and experiences.

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### A Calendar of this season's social and tennis events

#### Head Racket Demo Night on Thursday 13 May:

**5.30 – 6.30 p.m. Juniors** (but don't worry if you can't make it – come at any time)

**6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. Adults**

The most frequent question we are asked is what racket to buy and from where. We have approached 'Head' whose National Promotions Manager has agreed to come to our club with their full range of rackets for you to try. Helen will be on hand to answer any questions you have regarding the best racket for you dependent upon your style of play, price range or design preference! You can then try the rackets during social tennis games. There is no pressure to buy, Head will liaise with a local retailer for you to place an order – alternatively if you want to buy you can check the deals on the internet.

From many conversations we anticipate that this will be a popular evening so it is likely that we will be utilising the artificial grass courts and table tennis tables!!





### **Social Tennis and Quiz Nights**

Last year the social tennis and quiz nights were really well supported and enjoyable evenings. The only cost is for the fish and chips (or whatever your preference) from the local Fish and Chip shop and any drinks from the bar (we have asked the Hockey Club to open the bar for us).

Dates:           Thursday 27 May  
                    Thursday 2 September

Information and how to register your interest to attend will be sent separately to adult members.

### **American Tournaments**

Last year we ran a really successful American Tournament. Open to the first 12 players to enrol (6 x men, 6 x women) the format is fun and friendly.

Dates:           Sunday 11 July                   10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
                    Sunday 26 September       10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Further details about the event including rules will be published on the website shortly.

### **Family Fun Event**

We would like to invite all families (or junior members to invite parents or indeed adult members to invite their young stars) to a fun family event.

Date:            Sunday 20 June                   11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

The exact format will be agreed shortly and available with additional information about the event.

### **Round Robin**

Open to a maximum of 12 mixed doubles pairs this is a competitive one day event with up to 6 sets of tennis.

Date:            Sunday 12 September       Start 10.00 a.m.

Further information and how to apply will be included in future additions.



## **An invitation to play regularly with club members in a Club Ladder**

A tennis ladder offers members the opportunity to play matches against players of a similar level. We set up the ladder (based on who wants to join and lets us know first!), players (or pairs) can challenge players one, two or three places above them – if you win you swap places on the ladder. It may sound confusing but we do all the hard work!!

To register for the singles, men's or ladies doubles, mixed doubles ladders simply contact Ruth or Simon. You don't even need a partner we can do that for you. Full rules will be given to all those taking part.

The first ladders will be published on Monday 17 May (you can enrol or drop out at any time during the season)

## **A final opportunity to join the coaching**

Adult Matchplay: We think the information may be misleading in the original leaflet. There are still a few spaces left on this course. It is aimed at players who want to develop their tactical knowledge – looking at where to return serve, the right shots to intercept as a volleyer, when to approach the net (and retreat!). You do not need to be technically perfect, just able to rally, serve and return. If you would like to enrol or more information please contact Ruth or Simon.

## **An update in General Club news including what's new**

Interest in the club this year has been fantastic – we now have over 130 members. Hopefully you will have seen the new notice board on the back wall of the sports centre behind court 1. We will keep this up to date with details about all the events and activities taking place.

## **Responses to your requests**

As you will know from our recent email **Thursday night social tennis** has proved extremely popular. In order to cater for demand we will start at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday nights throughout May. In June the lighter nights will mean the evenings can go on for longer and we will revert to 6.30 start.

Friday afternoon **Junior Club** has also been extremely popular. As a result Balcarras School has agreed for us to use the artificial grass courts. As a result we will use the Hard Courts for Secondary School aged players and the artificial grass courts for Primary School aged players.

Use of facilities for **Saturday Afternoon Social Tennis**. We are currently discussing with the School options for ensuring access to the toilets during the afternoon. As soon as we have confirmed arrangements we will update you.



**Increasing the opening hours on Saturdays.** With all three courts being used for social tennis between 2-4 pm, we have been asked if it is possible to extend the availability of booking courts until 6 pm (it is currently 5 pm) to give those players who are not regular social tennis players more time to be able to make their own bookings. The School have agreed to this and you can book from today for this time slot on the online booking system.

### **What do you want?**

We would love to hear from you about the things you like about the club and anything that isn't quite giving you what you want out of the club. We are always interested in suggestions and feedback from members no matter what it is.