

Newsletter

Issue. 3

February 2022



We hope this February Newsletter finds you all well. Please do have a read as there are lots of updates including match results, photos from the Christmas Social Event and several notices. The months are already flying by and we would really like you to save the date for the return of The Rose Bowl on 10th-12th June.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Christmas social event which saw a great turnout to watch a tight battle between Andrew Knibbs and Mark Hobbs, fought with some great festive spirit!

There are several matches taking place over the next couple of months, both home and away, as well as the regular club fixtures. Please remember to save the important dates below.

Upcoming Fixtures

Matches

11/12th March: Inter-university (H)

5th March: Manchester (A)

10th March: Prested pennant (A)

19th March: Old Etonians (H)

3rd April: Wellington (H)

9th April: Hardwick (H)

23rd April: LRTA (H)

See the [NRTC website](#) for a full list of fixtures and details. Please contact match managers to get involved or just come along, watch some tennis and support your club!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

31st March 2022: Over 65 Wine Break Doubles

10th May 2022: AGM

28th May 2022: Finals Day

10th-12th June 2022: Rose Bowl

NRTC is **YOUR** club. If you have any news you would like included in the newsletter, or suggestions for how to improve your club, please contact the membership secretary or the chairman.

Notices

The Rose Bowl will be back after a 2-year absence and is taking place on 10th-12th June 2022. Please save the date!! Further details coming soon.

Drills, drills, drills....

If anyone would like to arrange a drills session with the Pro or a group lesson please speak to Andrew who will be happy to help organise this.

Personal development

If you would be interested in a more tailored approach to your Real Tennis progression please speak to Andrew who will be able to set up an individual development record.

Membership Recruitment

A warm welcome to George Aretakis, a new member to the club. As always if you have any colleagues, family or friends who would be interested in trying out Real Tennis please get in touch with the Pro to organise a taster session.

Regular Fixtures

The 65+ handicap doubles is on 1st March 10am to 12noon, please contact Andrew to book a place.

Your Club Needs You!

The Club's website has been run by Adrian Thurley for many years, but he is unfortunately moving away from the area (and the Club sadly) in 2022. We are therefore looking for someone else to take on the role - ideally a current member of the club. This role would not necessarily require web building skills, if you can work with Powerpoint and Word you could build a web site via one of the many providers such as Wix. Please contact the Pro or Adrian if you would like to help.

2021 Christmas Social Event



Special thanks go to Andrew Knibbs and Mark Hobbs for their fantastic sportsmanship and providing a hugely entertaining match. Thanks also to Hugo Johnsen for his tip top marking and for organising the evening.

We hope everyone who came along enjoyed the evening and it was a great opportunity to introduce some guests to Real Tennis!

MATCH RESULTS

28th November 2021 Newmarket vs Moreton Morrell (Away)

Loss 4-1

Team comprised Suzanne Lindsay, Graham Smith (match manager), Ian Lindsay, Phil Payne, Tom Leicester, Ken Smith and Eric Nutter.

15th January 2022 Newmarket vs Leamington (Home)

Loss 1-6

Team comprised Mark Gooden, Charlie Wells, James Wells, Hugo Johnsen and Charlie Pittaway was match manager.

'Despite winning the last point of the day Newmarket succumbed to a heavy loss, although many of the matches were closely fought. A great day was had by all'.

16th January 2022 Newmarket vs Dedanists (Home)

Draw 3-3

Team comprised Charlie Pittaway, Rachel Pittaway, Philippa Wells, Phil Payne, Sandy Norman, Ken Smith and match manager was Charles Granville.

26th January 2022 Newmarket vs Queens Club (Away)

Loss 4-2

Team comprised Tom Leicester, Jamie Robertson, Jon Fistein, Ed and Ben Turner and Jonathan Becher and Jeremy Barnett was match manager.

5th February 2022 Newmarket vs Middlesex University (Home)

Loss 1-4

Team comprised Jamie Robertson, Phil Payne, Bill Mackintosh, Sandy Norman, Ben Turner.

19th February 2022 Newmarket vs Prested Hall (Away)

Loss 9-4

Team comprised Phil Payne, Ian and Suzanne Lindsay, Mark Sampson, Sandy Norman and Jonathan Becher and Rob Bawden was match manager.

MATCH RESULTS CONT'D

20th February 2022 Newmarket vs CURTC (Ladies)

Draw 3-3

Team comprised Ian Lindsay, Dave Isherwood, Eric Nutter, Ken Smith, Mark Sampson and Bill Mackintosh was match manager.

*This annual event was last held two years ago, so it was great to see it return at Newmarket this year, welcoming back some of the visitors from then too. Of the 6 players from CURTC, 5 were students aiming to represent their team in their forthcoming match season. Their **Team Captain, Rosie Taylor** requested a challenging match for them. Indeed, this was a challenging match for both teams.*

Singles 10 game set; doubles to 8 game set or 40 minutes.

Here is a brief account of the match with the Newmarket players and scores mentioned first. Tennis to a high standard – great to watch as well as play.

***Ian Lindsay** and **Cameron Roker** played first – hard fought tennis until unfortunately Cameron suffered an ankle injury and retired early in the match. No result to record.*

***Bill Mackintosh** then played singles vs **Luisa Gengler-Saint**. With Luisa's clever cross court serves often controlling how Bill returned the ball, the match became hard fought. Bill eventually prevailed. **10 – 5**.*

***Bill** and **Ian** then played **Luisa and Rosie**. The student pairing worked well, with Rosie's confident responses and good serving and Luisa's cross court serves which often forced Bill's shots towards the Team Captain. Ian and Bill partnered and fought back well. The visitors won **6 – 8**.*

***David Isherwood vs Ulla Petti** was a tough challenge for both players, and despite a strong response from David, Ulla showed great skills and holding the lead when the match ended due to time, at **5 – 6**.*

***David and Eric Nutter vs Ulla and Kate Kirk** ended **3 – 8**. The 0 – 15 handicap score did not help the home side vs the visitor's very strong pairing.*

***Mark Sampson**, fairly new to our game, has quickly developed great ability in the game, played **Kate** – an experienced player from Cambridge in a very hard-fought game. **8 – 6** to Newmarket.*

***Mark** then went on to play **Kurehah Yamaguchi** who played very well. Mark, however, now warmed up from his previous match was **7 – 4** at time-up.*

*Two more matches were to be played, but the court suddenly sweated, and became unsafe, so the match ended at **3 games each** – a very fair result.*

It was good to see Kees and Louise from Cambridge who came to watch for a while. Thank you to Andrew Knibbs for arranging the pairings and marking. We enjoyed lunch and good company. Good luck to the visitors in their matches, and best wishes to Cameron for recovery, and return to sport.

Introducing RT42...

RT42 is to be a platform for players and clubs across the world to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for Real Tennis.

www.RT42.org.

You can help by providing additional content such as:

Club pages - a club history, club anecdotes, photos – anything you would like to share which reflects your club.

Expertise – RT42 is intended to be a platform for you to share this with the broader community so we can learn from each other. If there is an article you wish to write about any subject please send it over and I am sure we will find a good place to promote it.

Videos - <https://rt42.org/classic-matches/> If you have any historic footage we could upload to YouTube and post here.

Events – if there are any events you would like to promote, we would do it here <https://rt42.org/upcoming-events/>

If you want to get an idea of how much potential content can be produced take a look at <http://www.oxfordcroquet.com> which over 20 years has accumulated 700 articles on every aspect of croquet from a clearly passionate playing community.

A cryptic crossword clue...

'Learn in set playing a racket sport (4,6)'

Please email all answers to the chairman (only joking)!!