

# Newsletter

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*We hope this July Newsletter finds you all well.  
Please do read as there are lots of updates  
including initiatives and plans. There are events  
to diarise in the coming 12 months and match  
results, photos from events and several notices.*

## Chairman`s Report

We have nearly completed the annual competitions, culminating in a very successful Rose Bowl and Annual Dinner.

The summer deal has kicked in and the court utilisation is being maintained even in hot weather.

We are progressing in trying to find a way to repair and maintain the inside of the court above the bandeau, but at present all options require some form of altering the walls of the court in order to allow access for a cherry picker of sufficient reach both in height and width over the penthouses. Watch this space.

Our new assistant Pro is keen to assist in improving your handicaps, so do please ask him for a tailored programme to suit your requirements.

This Newsletter has been compiled by Sandy Norman. Many thanks To Rachel Pittaway for managing the Newsletter to date. If you have any news you would like included in the newsletter, or suggestions for how to improve the content, please contact Sandy at [Sandy.norman1@gmail.com](mailto:Sandy.norman1@gmail.com)..

## Notes from our Professional, Andrew:

We had record number competing in the Brown & Co and Fingleton Cups and some memorable competitive matches, pitching members across all handicaps into challenging matches. Well done all; enjoy the pictures of the winners in this report

Please all join me in giving a very warm welcome to recently joined members:

Roger Davies

Mike Gouldstone

Mark Grace

Scott Chapman

Tim Middleton



### Upcoming Fixtures

*The new season for fixtures kicks off in September and October will be a busy month, leading into a full winter of matches.*

See the fixture list at the end of this Newsletter and 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!



**It's brilliant to welcome Hobbsy back at Newmarket, supporting me in bringing in new members and creating more activities. Mark and I both will continue to give tailored lessons for your needs at times that work for you.**

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**30<sup>st</sup> March 2024: Over 65 Wine Break Doubles**

**7th May 2024: AGM**

**14/15/16th June 2024: Rose Bowl**

**15<sup>th</sup> June Annual Candlelight Dinner**

# Notices



## National League 2023 2024

Newmarket is planning on entering teams for Division 5, Handicap 30 to 35 and Division 10, Handicap 45 – 50. We are looking for players; please contact Andrew. It is possible that we shall also be entering Division 2 & 3 with Mark H and Andrew K representing Newmarket!

### 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. We have had several pairs and groups that have taken up this fun and productive method of improving their games.

### Personal development

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

### Membership Recruitment

We want to keep the club vibrant and are actively looking to recruit new members. The challenge Andrew is laying down is for all existing members to introduce one person per year to try out the game at Newmarket. Not all these will stick but a percentage will.....please take up this challenge!

Andrew will be delighted to arrange taster or bespoke intro sessions for individuals or groups of all ages.....speak to the Professional for a package or intro session

### Country Members

To help encourage court usage, particularly on weekends, the committee has agreed to no longer restrict country members to a maximum of two bookings per month

### Your Club Website

The Club's website [NRTC website](#) has been revamped and updated by George Aretakis and contains much essential and useful information, including member contact information and fixtures. Please have a look at it and help keep it live and by giving feedback, news and ideas to George.

## Annual Dinner & Rose Bowl 2023

We had 24 competitors to play in this years tournament.

Started Friday night with a couple of match's and then a BBQ at the club where there was a lovely turnout with super weather.

Back on court Saturday morning with a lot of close fought matches throughout the day.

In the evening after a brilliant days tennis there were drinks outside and then a delicious dinner on court where there was over 40 in attendance.

Sunday came down to the final rounds of the main draw and plate.



## Rose Bowl 2023

The finalists in the Rose Bowl were **Colin Clifton-Brown and John Burnett**. Both their quarter finals and Semi Finals were superb matches and went 7-7, 40-40. But they held their nerves to reach the final.

In the final they met James and Julie Levy, visitors from Texas! James and Julie won the quarters and semis 8-3 and 8-5. The final was a super match for everyone watching. The dedans was packed and standing room only in hazard gallery's.

**John and Colin took the match 8-7.** They didn't want to do it any other way and got value for money!!

The plate was won convincingly by **Logan Crawford and Philippa Wells**.

A superb weekend had by all and thank you for all the visitors that came to play and enjoy our court.

### Thanks!

A huge "Thank You" to Ed Turner and Derrick Wells and their families who put a huge workload and effort to make it a fantastic evening with marvellous food and great competition event



# A Newmarket Triumph!

## The Over 60 Handicap East Anglia Cup



Congratulations for a magnificent achievement for Richard Dunn, Tony Edelston, Jamie Robertson. and Jeremy Barnett

The Result:

Hatfield -6 points

Cambridge -8 points

Prested- 10 points

Newmarket -12 points & **the Winners!!**

The order of praise for the Newmarket team should be distributed in the following proportion:

Richard won 3 out of 3, Tony & Jamie won 2 out of 3, Jeremy won 1 out of three.

Thanks Bill MacIntosh for organising the winning team. A good day was had by all.





## **Brown & Co (Handicap Singles) 2023 2024**



After 7 months of competitive tennis matches involving most of the active players in the club, Chris Swales won in a tough match for Mark Sampson who struggled with an injury.

## **Fingleton Cup (Handicap Doubles) 2023 2024**



Looks familiar?

Yes, it is Chris Swales again, with his doubles partner George Aretakis.

Two relatively new members showed us how tough handicap tennis can be and won the final against Jeremy Barnett and David Isherwood 10 - 4



## Watts Trophy (Doubles) 2022 2023



Newmarket has a wide range of players and at the top end in the open doubles, Colin Sprott and Charles D'Oyly won a highly competitive match against Ed Turner and Colin Clifton Brown, 6-2, 6-4

## Open Singles 2022 2023

Still to be completed

## Ladies Taylor Vintner Handicap Singles

This is the club tournament and is planned for 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023; entries please to Andrew.





## NRTC Fixtures and Dates Sept 2023 to End Dec 2023

Day	Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Match Manager
<b>September:</b>				
Saturday	23 September 2023	Cambridge	Away	Ken Smith
Saturday	30 September 2023	Bristol	Home	Ian Lindsay
<b>October:</b>				
Saturday	07 October 2023	Worlington Cup	Home	Tom Marriott/Hugo Johnsen
Thursday	12 October 2023	Pennant - Hatfield	Home	Ben Turner/Andrew Knibbs
Sunday	15 October 2023	Brodie Cup prelim	Away	Andrew Knibbs
Saturday	21 October 2023	Oratory	Home	Jeremy Barnett
Sunday	29 October 2023	Petworth	Home	Derrick Wells
Tuesday	31 October 2023	Norfolk vs Suffolk	Home	JR/David Brooksbank
<b>November:</b>				
Sunday	05 November 2023	Hatfield	Home	Phil Payne
Thursday	09 November 2023	Pennant - CURTC	Away	Ben Turner/Andrew Knibbs
Saturday	11 November 2023	Founders' Cup	Home	Ian Lindsay/Andrew Knibbs
Sunday	12 November 2023	Brodie Round 1	tbc	Andrew Knibbs
Saturday	18 November 2023	Brigands	Home	Ben Turner
Sunday	26 November 2023	Moreton Morrell	Away	Graham Smith
<b>December:</b>				
Sunday	03 December 2023	Brodie Quarter Finals	tbc	tbc
Thursday	07 December 2023	Pennant - Prested	Home	Ben Turner/Andrew Knibbs
Saturday	09 December 2023	Prested	Away	Mark Sampson

# NRTC Fixtures and Dates Jan 1st 2024 to End June 2024



<b>January:</b>				
Monday	01 January 2024	Hangover Doubles	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Thursday	11 January 2024	Pennant - Hatfield	Away	Ben Turner/Andrew Knibbs
Saturday	13 January 2024	Leamington	Home	tbc
Sunday	14 January 2024	Dedanists	Home	Charles Granville/John Burnett
Saturday	20 January 2024 (TBC)	Jesters	Home	John Burnett
Wednesday	24 January 2024	Queens	Away	Jeremy Barnett
<b>February:</b>				
Saturday	03 February 2024	Middlesex University	Home	Jamie Robertson
Thursday	15 February 2024	Pennant - CURTC	Home	Ben Turner/Andrew Knibbs
Saturday	17 February 2024	Prested	Home	Mark Sampson
Sunday	18 February 2024	CURTC Ladies	Home	Bill Mackintosh
<b>March:</b>				
Friday/Saturday	8/9 March 2024	Inter-Universities tournament	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Thursday	14 March 2024	Pennant - Prested	Away	Ben Turner/Andrew Knibbs
Saturday	23 March 2024	Manchester	Home	TBC
Thursday	28 March 2024	Over 65 wine break doubles	Home	Eric Nutter/Andrew Knibbs
Sunday	31 March 2024	Easter Sunday		
<b>April:</b>				
Monday	01 April 2024	Easter Monday		
Saturday	06 April 2024	Hardwick	Home	Derrick Wells
Saturday	20 April 2024	LRTA	Home	Philippa Wells
<b>May:</b>				
Monday	06 May 2024	May Bank Holiday		
Tuesday	07 May 2024	AGM	Home	Andrew Knibbs/Hugo Johnsen
Sunday	12 May 2024	MCC	Home	Sam Sheppard
Saturday	18 May 2024	Hyde	Home	Jeremy Barnett
Monday	27 May 2024	Spring Bank Holiday		
<b>June:</b>				
Saturday	08 June 2024	Jesmond Dene	Away	Ian Lindsay
Friday	14 June 2024	Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells/Tom Marriott
Saturday	15 June 2024	Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells/Tom Marriott
Sunday	16 June 2024	Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells/Tom Marriott
Saturday	22 June 2024	East Anglia Cup	Away	Ian Lindsay
Sunday	23 June 2024	East Anglia Cup	Away	Bill Mackintosh