

DAVENPORT LAWN TENNIS CLUB

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2015 – 2016

It is the end of another season and we have had to endure some very wet weather over the last few months being the 2nd wettest winter on record, despite which tennis has continued throughout the year. The season started well with 26 people attending the opening tournament on 11th April. For most of the spring and summer months we had reasonable weather.

The teams had mixed success with the Mens 1st ending lower mid table in Division 1. The 2nd team had the most success of the men getting promotion from Division 4.

The 3rd, 4th and 5th mens teams all remained in their respective divisions, however due to re-organisation some of these teams appear to have been promoted after the year end.

Congratulations to the Ladies 1st team who won division 2 whilst the 2nd team played well and just missed out on promotion.

Due to the increased number of ladies wishing to play competitive tennis we have entered a 3rd ladies team for the forthcoming season and I wish them every success.

All of the annual tournaments were completed on time. The number of entries overall were a little disappointing being slightly down on last year. My congratulations to the winners and runners up in all events. The names of which are on the notice board.

The winter league matches have been mainly completed with all four teams performing well. The ongoing results are published in the newsletter and it is likely 1 or 2 of the teams will gain promotion.

The President and Captain days were both well attended as always, as was Harold's tournament. The American tournaments were reasonably well attended but I believe that many more players could attend these tournaments. We have also run events every Saturday afternoon throughout the year and the numbers have been encouraging. My thanks to all those who have attended and to all the helpers without whom these days would not be possible. I would also like to thank all club members who have provided refreshments on Saturdays.

The current membership is good but we must strive to maintain this and to keep our existing members and therefore if anybody has any new ideas for events the tennis committee would welcome your comments.

Club nights on Tuesday and Thursdays have been mainly very good with all 4 courts generally being used. One disappointing aspect which is highlighted in the bar report is the continued downturn in the number of people staying for a drink. I feel that the social aspect of playing tennis is equally important to many of those who attend club nights as it is an excellent way for new members to get acquainted with the club and other members. If anybody has any ideas for renewing this aspect of social club nights this would be welcomed.

Club nights this year have been organised by volunteers and whilst it is not an easy task these have always been an integral part of the social side of the club and I feel it is important to maintain successful club nights.

My thanks go to all those who have helped organise club nights and if there are any members who would organise even one night then please contact me or any member of the tennis committee.

Box leagues have been run throughout the winter and many thanks to Tony Morse for organising these, together with a singles ladder.

I would like to say a big thank you to the members of the tennis committee who have helped organise the tennis activities of your club over the last year.

Your tennis committee for the past season has consisted of Sid and Sue Beales, Emma West, Elaine Hallworth together with the club coaches Charlotte Sykes and Joe Garnett.

I would like to thank Charlotte and Joe for doing a tremendous job throughout the year and have only heard glowing reports of their professionalism and positive attitude.

Getting people to give up their time is becoming increasingly difficult, however I believe that we have one of the best clubs in the area with a nice social atmosphere and this is in no small part due to people giving up their valuable time. If there are any members interested in joining the tennis committee please let me know.

Finally I would like to say thank you to everyone at the club for making the past year an enjoyable experience and I hope that you all have a great 2016/17.

David Farr
Club Captain