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LATEST NEWS

This will be the last newsletter this year! We wish all our members & readers a very happy Christmas & a prosperous new year. Let's hope the weather stays reasonable so that we can play right through 2012.

Take care! The nets off the top of the practice/mini court ready for the first snow fall. Julian will now be expecting a few more balls arriving in his yard opposite the wall!

A note for you diaries. At the recent committee meeting it was agreed to hold the AGM on Tuesday 21st., February at 7pm in the clubhouse.

H & W LTA are looking for men over 55 to compete in inter county competitions: "We are looking for players & a new captain aged 55+ for our county team. The team has been very successful over recent years winning Div 1 & losing finalists at the end of year championship for the past 2 years. It is very important that we continue in the inter-county leagues, the tennis is very competitive but equally very social."

Any volunteers or questions should be directed to Doug Evans, Tel: 07796 948803 & e-mail: daevans@blueyonder.co.uk



COURT ETIQUET & PLAY RULES

The other day a doubles match was in progress & an interesting point arose. It was very windy & the current server had tossed the ball up, took a swing at it, (the wind caught it) & the server missed; was it a fault?

The ITF rules are clear that the service "motion" starts with the ball toss & finishes with the servers racket hitting or missing the ball. If you miss it's a fault. Therefore, in the case cited above, it was a fault!

The moral is don't hit the ball if you haven't tossed it up correctly or haven't a hope in of hitting it!



COACHING

Unfortunately weather & other factors interceded to cancel the last two Thursdays coaching sessions. There will be no more coaching on offer until the New Year. As soon as a schedule of activities has been agreed we'll publish it here.



EMMA'S TOP TIP

Each time you have a game of tennis try to practice one thing. For example:

- Standing in on the second serve,
- Taking the ball early before it rises,
- Coming in to the net,
- Trying out new shots.

If you practice hard enough your strokes/actions should become automatic in your game without thinking about them.



INTERESTING STUFF

We've been contacted by the organisers of Sport Relief to see if we would like to host their "mile" event next March for Eardisley. Anyone who has taken part previously will know that participants can run, (walk, hop or jog!), 1, 3 or 6 miles around a designated course. The objective is to be part of 850 similar co ordinate events nationwide & raise as much money as possible for Sport Relief. Sounds like a good idea! If we have a crack at it we'll be looking for volunteers to help & marshal the event. We'll keep you posted.



HOUSEKEEPING

With the onset of winter weather take care! The courts can often appear OK but may be icy in places. Check them out BEFORE you play. If you're mad keen & snows around we can always do with extra volunteers to clear it off with the clubs snow shovels. If you want to help call Emma, 01544 327316, or Peter, 01544 327540. Thanks in anticipation.

Happy Christmas & a prosperous New Year.