

OUT!

Welcome to the first issue of OUT! This newsletter is aimed at keeping club members regularly up-dated on what's coming up during the season, any competition results & some topical comments.

We hope to issue OUT! every few weeks through the playing season with quarterly Newsletters reporting on broader issues & subjects of interest. **All future issues of both will be via e-mail only to members.** Copies to be posted on the web site, www.eardisleytennis.co.uk, & in the clubhouse.



BREAKING NEWS

Wimbledon tickets

Our allocation tickets will be made soon. All fully paid up club & British Tennis members are entitled to apply for a pair of tickets. **If you want some don't do anything yet!** We'll let you know shortly how to go about it.

Team practice and selection sessions

This season we're running 2 men's & 2 ladies teams. Participants **MUST** attend one of the practice & selection sessions.

- Ladies on April 13th, & 20th. from 6pm.
- Men's on April 12th, & 19th. also from 6pm.

Tournaments & Coaching

With Emma & Norma:

Term time mini tennis has started again for the under 9's. Every Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30pm.
Free to members, just bring the kids along.

With Steve Barnett:

- **Junior** coaching, Thursday 4.00pm onwards.
- Easter holiday **junior** activities, coaching & tournaments, Monday 5th, & Tuesday 6th. in three groups daily. 10 – 12, 12 – 2 & 2 – 4.
GREAT DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBER.

Bookings must be made directly with Steve on: 07814 534998



EMMA'S TOP TIPS

The Smash!

The lob is often used as a defensive move. Use the smash against a lob by driving the ball deep into the opponent's court. Watch your opponent & try to anticipate the interception point. Position yourself sideways on & get your racket ready as in service. Point with your free hand at the descending ball. As the ball comes into the strike zone fully extend your racket arm as you bring the racket head up to meet the ball full face on. Timing is crucial. Weight forward on your toes hit the ball out in front of you & finish the stroke like a service. With practice you'll

be able to direct the ball away from the opponent/opponents & smash the ball deep for a winning point!



COURT ETIQUETTE & PLAY RULES

Loose & out of play balls.

- To avoid unnecessary injury clear any loose balls rolling back into the play area from the net or fence. Look where you are sending them, don't just flick them behind you.
- When a serve is out let the ball pass, don't upset the server's momentum by trying to hit it back.
- Gather up and pass loose balls to the server when he or she needs them rather than wait to be asked.
- Stop play and restart the point if a ball rolls on court.



HOUSEKEEPING STUFF

Visitors fees

Our club has the lowest membership fees in Herefordshire. We welcome & positively encourage anyone who wants to have a trial knock & will waiver the visitor's fee if they join. However, it is only fair that our guests pay a visitor's fee when they play.

Guests include visitors from outside the area, potential members & **any of our families & friends who are not members.** **The visitor's fee is now only £4 per session** for each participant & they should really become members after three goes. Members are asked to collect the fees & pass on to a committee member ASAP.



RESULTS

On Sunday 28th, February we had our first fun tournament of the season. The event was well supported with Steve Barnett in control. He handicapped the participants & we had round robin sessions until a final doubles could be played. The competition culminated with two star players, Emma Bowen & Julian Williams sweeping the board.

Watch this space for the next fun tournament dates.