

Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club

July 2008

Hello Members

Membership Closed

Due to the success of the club in attracting new members from both inside and outside the village, the membership list has had to be closed for season June 2008 - May 2009. This applies equally to family members as well as junior, student and adult members. No new requests for membership will be considered until closer to next season. The club does not operate a waiting list in the interim.

Guests

Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club is a private members club. The club does however afford members the privilege of inviting an occasional guest. Difficulty arises when the number and frequency of guests playing is at a level that may threaten the playing rights of paid up members. A member is allowed to invite 1 guest only at a given time.

There has been abuse of the guest policy recently, principally amongst the junior ranks, which has meant that paid up members are regularly having to wait whilst almost daily "guests" are being brought on to the courts by some junior members.

The family membership is the appropriate membership category where parents and their children wish to play together, even if it is considered to be "just for practice". It is not in the spirit of the guest policy that junior or student members consider inviting parents or brothers and sisters as "guests". It makes a nonsense of the membership criteria and pricing structure within the club. The club does not currently operate a charging policy for guests but may have to consider its introduction if self-regulation on this aspect fails.

Children from within or outside the village who are not members have no automatic right to play regularly simply because they are a friend of an existing member. Parents should remind children that they are responsible for the guest playing with them.

Code of Conduct

A brief code of conduct has been attached to the gates covering some key aspects of expected behaviour both to secure the enjoyment of all and protect the courts from damage. Members should acquaint themselves with it.

Tournament Finals 23 Aug 2008

Tennis ties have progressed well in most of the singles matches and finalists have been established in several already. In the doubles slow progress has been made and the difficulty of players being away on holiday is recognised. It is however for players themselves to arrange matches with each other and to ensure that an umpire from the Committee is in attendance.

Certain ties have had to be re-drawn or substitutes inserted for various reasons. This will be shown on the tournament update. Apologies are given to anyone who has missed out as a consequence.

Two finals only, namely the Senior Girls Doubles and the Advanced Girls Doubles have been moved as a concession to Sun 27 July by the Committee. This will take the form of a Mini Tournament and Play for Fun Afternoon. This is to recognise that the girls have worked very hard during coaching and the season and the club does not want the fact to go unnoticed without a bit of a "do". All other finals will be played on the overall Finals Day of 23 August itself which will be an even bigger do!

Congratulations to all who have made it though to the latter stages of the various tournaments and well done to players who took part in what have been some very exciting games up until now. Everyone who has taken part will receive recognition at the presentation of trophies and medals on finals evening in August.