



We hope that you have been enjoying this wonderful summer weather and that members who signed up for our usual Summer Deal have made the most of your 'play as much as you can' court time. There is still another week to go to play those extra free games'

**Andrew will be away on holiday from Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** returning on 3rd September. If you are booking your usual games use the booking website and email potential opponents to make sure you have a game as there will be no one at the club to do this for you. You will find a full list of current members on the club website under Members' contact details in the Members Area.

The **SOCIAL DOUBLES AND LUNCH** has continued twice a month through the summer and continues to be a popular morning. The next is Tuesday 4 September, tennis 10 - 12, followed by lunch. If you would like to play please ring Sheilagh Owens to book in or Andrew when he returns.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY:** Matches and Tournaments start in September, while the new club year begins officially on 1 October when all subscriptions are due to be renewed. We are once again very pleased to host the **Ladies Real Tennis Association High-Low Doubles Tournament** at Newmarket over the weekend of 8-9<sup>th</sup> September. Club players will be doing battle with members from a wide circle of clubs, and you are welcome to come to watch. If any members or their companies would care to help sponsor the tournament for a modest amount, the LRTA would be most grateful. We encourage junior members to play and this helps with expenses and hosting. Details from Hazel Dunn, [hdunn@btinternet.com](mailto:hdunn@btinternet.com)

The first **Club match** this year is away at Cambridge on 29<sup>th</sup> September, Ken Smith is Match Manager if you would like to play or go to support your team.

Club Tournaments for 2018/19 will begin early in October. There is a full range for everyone - we'll remind you to enter in September.

If you have not yet taken up the **T&RA's offer of Full or Associate Membership** from £28, we urge you to consider this now, particularly if you are a Match Manager or are planning to play in the matches against other clubs. This is the **only way to retain your official handicap rating and also your access to make advance court bookings**. As well as benefiting from the on-court security of the T&RA's Public Liability insurance, it is of mutual benefit to all players of a club that social games and tournament matches may be played off a fair current handicap. We also have to consider the extra work for Andrew if players are unable to book their own courts in advance. To protect our members' data and avoid dispersed record keeping we are relying on using the secure RTO database of members' information, without which contact with our members would become more difficult. As a full member for the last 5 years I have seen enough of the T&RA's work behind the scenes to know that I have good value for money in the infrastructure they provide.

You will also be aware (I hope) that in common with all other organisations **we have declared our use of data and asked you to confirm that you agree to this**. Thank you to the majority of members and founders who have clicked on our website to do this.

However, there are still a few who we would really like to hear from. **If**

**this is you PLEASE just go to the club website** [http://](http://www.newmarketrealtennis.club/)

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**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday 4th September. Any comments/questions to John Saville

Minutes of the AGM have now been circulated and contain details of the Loan Note Draw and of the agreed proposal for an increase in adult subscription rates - our first in over 10 years.

Hazel Dunn, Membership Secretary