**ELMWOOD TENNIS NEWS**

**‘The Isolation’ Edition**

Hello everyone,

The interesting times in which we now live have many of us wondering what to do with our spare time! I have seen numerous posts, blogs and YouTube videos that really do demonstrate how resilient people can be in a crisis.

Whilst only a week in to the ‘lockdown’ I do get the feeling that ‘most’ people are certainly trying to make the best of a terrible situation. Some of the humorous emails circulating and attempts to continue with ‘happy hour’ practices have lightened the mood for many. It is wonderful to see everyone supporting each other even if in just small way.

I don’t know if it is just me, but I have never seen so many people exercising, many who I suggest have not done so for quite a long time! Yesterday I spotted a man in his mid 50’s (I would guess, but I’m known to be hopeless at guessing peoples ages) who was at least 130kg and was …………running, I would have thought a short walk at first would’ve been a better idea and I resisted the overwhelming temptation to wind down my window and tell him so! We do get wiser as we get older!!!!

A few tennis matters: March saw the conclusion of Senior interclub, just in the nick of time mind you, and the mighty Elmwood Tennis performed extremely well. I have listed the results below for your interest:

Final standings for Senior Interclub 2019/2020:

**Premier Men** – Semi Finalists – let’s call it 3rd!
**Div. 1 women** – **Champions** – this has to be one of the most satisfying victories I’ve witnessed in many a year – a lot of background here but the ladies beat Cashmere 4-2 and went through undefeated – fantastic performance ladies

**Div. 2 women** – Finished first in the (B) pool play stage post-Christmas but more importantly ingrained a desire for the new players to back up again next season. Well done ladies.

**Div. 2 mixed** – 7th out of 14 teams, another solid year.

**Div.4 mixed** – 3rd - a wonderful effort, started late and came home strong.

**Div. 1 men** – Semi-finalists – lost a tight semi to Waimari on a countback
**Div. 2 men** – **Champions** – a great season and won an exhilarating final against Shirley, on a countback. Well done gents a fantastic performance and a great tie to watch.

**Div. 3 men** – 6th – injuries and unavailability affected the team this season.

**Div. 4 men** – Runners up – a very good season and lost to a deserving team, Halswell. Just need to keep the team together and go one better next season!

**Div. 5 men** – Runners up – came from 4th to nearly win it, lost on a countback, bugger! A great performance all round, well done lads.

**Div. 6 men** – **Champions** – Led the comp from the starting whistle, and were our “banked” title and they didn’t disappoint – they won the final on a countback (phew) which was tighter than they would’ve liked but experience prevailed for a well deserved win.

**Div. 7 men** – Runners up - lost a tight final losing by just four games. Great season by this team and well done to all participants.

We have 12 senior teams, of which the mixed grades didn’t have finals. Therefore of the 10 remaining grades 8 made semis, 6 were finalists with 3 teams crowned “CHAMPIONS’!!!

Well done to all players.

Thanks everyone and we look forward to seeing you on court soon, we hope!

***What’s going on? – SUSPENDED UNTIL AFTER THE LOCKDOWN***

* **Adult tennis coaching** – Sam’s Group sessions are on Monday night 7.00 – 8.00 cardio tennis, Tuesday night 6.30 – 7.30 skills and drills, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9.30-10.30 and Saturday mornings 11.30 – 12.30 for skills and drills. The Mens group is on Wednesday night 7.00- 8.00 for skills and drills/cardio. Private lessons are also available upon request, please call Sam on 022 367 7905 to arrange.
* **Tuesday morning tennis**: Starting at 9.30am each Tuesday! Please come and join us for a lovely mornings tennis followed by a light morning tea i.e. a cuppa and a biscuit! We have a solid 3 courts but would like to get at least 5, so come a give it a try!
* **Wednesday night tennis:** Starts at 6.00pm (or earlier for those inclined) and runs for a couple of hours, with the bar open afterwards for those that wish to rehydrate.

***The last word!!***

* Whilst we were able to finish the Senior interclub season the Junior season was cancelled with just 1 (yes just 1) week to go. This was simply heart breaking for the children who had worked hard all season to get into the positions they were on their respective tables. Many of our teams were in winning positions and others were there or thereabouts, which means all was not a total loss for the season. A sincere thank you to all the children, a great effort by you all and thanks again for your commitment. Finally a big thank you to all the parents who spent countless hours ferrying the kids back and forth to practise and to the games – without the parents it just can’t happen so please know that it is greatly appreciated by us all!
* Senior Club Champs – Nearly finished, but not quite and won’t be for (hopefully) a little time yet – for obvious reasons. We are hopeful of showcasing the finals on Saturday afternoon when regulations permit.
* Our Annual Seniors tournament has been postponed or cancelled, we’ll just have to wait and see at the moment.
* John “JB” Burn has been sending a blog out what seems to be almost daily. They are a wonderful read and are funny, controversial, thought provoking, controversial, nostalgic, controversial and most welcomed. I will see if John wants to open it up to a wider audience
* A little light hearted link showing die hard tennis players getting their fix whichever way they can and local Spaniards getting into the community spirit!
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Thank you everyone