

MIXED TEAMS - REPORT, District Park BROADMEADOW

Superb weather was forecast which heralded an excellent weekend of tennis...and with a full quota of eighteen teams, the five sessions were packed with action from “go” to “whoa”!

The team “Potentially Hazardous” lived up to its name – losing three of their four men before the start. Some frenzied phone calls rallied a couple of replacements, and the GREEN group kept its six teams. Perhaps the “name of the game” was reflected by a team in the RED group – “Racquet Science” and they get my vote for the most creative name, well done to Andrew Corbett. Executive Suite, also in that group was the most consistent, managing pointscores of 3, 3, 3, 3 and 4. Shame Mr President, better luck next year, but never mind, your team had the best looking young ladies in the tournament! RED group was won emphatically by a long-standing team “Mixed Drinks” – led by Geoff Mortimer and Helen Burge. Geoff managed to score the empty envelope after the prizemoney had all been extracted!

“Trendsetters” was the most successful team, scoring 43 from a possible 50 points, well done guys and gals! These players were in the BLUE group, which was very competitive all weekend, even in the windy conditions on Monday morning, terrific tennis was played against Kubalot, with “mother and son” Vicki and Jared only going down in their last mixed set, 7/5 in the Tie breaker to Mike and Robyn.

The GREEN group, (AKA Division One) was hotly contested. One match on Monday between “The Weekenders” and “Unmatched” resulted in 4 sets all and 35 games to 34. The winning team however was Topspin Tyrants, headed by the Topspin coach and manager of “Topspin Tennis” (our host) Richard Nicholls. Richard is always able to sign up some young “hotshots” – and he leads by example.

It is pleasing to note that there were no major injuries except maybe that players succumbed to cramps now and then, as a result of some very competitive Tie Breakers. Occupying the court for over two hours in Women’s Doubles were Cheryl Cooper and Vicki Kuba against Judy Cousins and Margaret Wayte, and not to be outdone, for the same amount of time were Brian Adams and Paul Kent against Manuel Radic and Dean Robertson. It was good to see some players returning from injury or operation – Carol Salisbury (heart op), John Deane (hip), Yvonne Stanton (injury), Karen Thompson (elbow), Manuel Radic (many different injuries!), Jo Walter (illness), Glenn Armstrong and his “twin” Wayne Dickinson (Various injuries) and Kris Renneberg who rallied a team together in spite of not having as much court time lately as he would have liked (and they came a creditable second) – well done everyone!

It was a pleasure to see so many members enjoying this format and having a great time together, both socially and competitively. A few had such a good Saturday night out that they were a little “jaded” on Sunday morning, finding it difficult to rise and be ready for the 9.30 start. All were happy to finish at 12.30 Monday and get on the road for home before too much traffic! Thanks everyone, see you next year!

WINNING TEAMS:

RED: Mixed Drinks – Geoff Mortimer, Steve Harris, Ray Marrant, Louisa Mortimer, Julie Andrews, Helen Burge.

BLUE: Trendsetters – Geoff Walsh, Ian Brown, Mike Clayton, Susie Clapton, Helen Watmore, Robyn Castle, Monique Spiller.

GREEN: Topspin Tyrants – Richard Nicholls, Jeff Bush, Trevor Welsh, Maurice Murphy, Jono Russell, Martine Shaw, Belinda Hedley.

Robyn Castle, coordinator.

PS A huge thanks to Arthur, for “manning the desk”, recording scores and accepting payments for member renewals and Teams. A mammoth task, well done!