

## Dersingham Tennis Club Annual Report

Our new year begins on April 1st and since then we have had some 61 sign ups to the Club of which 7 are juniors. This is an improvement on last year and delivers us some £1,900 in club fees. Our expenses are primarily £750 to the Sports Ground Management and £800 for court cleaning and maintenance. We have negotiated a deal with the Coach and Horses Pub whereby they pay us £300 pa for court access for their guests. We have a constant battle with weed infestation which we manage on a regular basis.

DTC competes in the West Norfolk League; A quote from the Captain of the mixed B Team:

"We have played matches home and away against West Norfolk, Great Massingham and Terrington B. We have one more away match to play. It is always enjoyable playing other teams. We have not always been successful but the joy is in playing."  
Our Ladies A team came top of their league with a match in hand; our mixed A and Men's A reside in the middle of the league.

Playing League tennis is an attraction for many members; others however prefer social tennis; we run group sessions on Mondays and Fridays 9-11am and first Sunday of the month; a coaching session is run on Wednesday morning. Our ambition to offer junior tennis coaching is hampered by lack of a willing coach.

DTC hosted the Breast Cancer Charity Tennis Tournament in July; 8 pairs competed in a round robin tournament and then we all went to a bring and share lunch. With proceeds from tournament, a raffle and a generous donation we were able to give over £600 to the Charity.

DTC would benefit from a new pavilion in many ways; we could offer better hospitality when playing league matches; we could fund raise in the pavilion instead of going out to other venues for our quiz evenings (part proceeds of which we have donated to the DSGA); we could socialise during our Sunday mornings with a barbeque or afternoon teas which could in turn act as fund raisers. Tennis Clubs are under pressure especially small ones such as Dersingham; padel and other sports are both an opportunity and a threat. DTC must continue to up its game to offer better facilities to its members and a newly refurbished pavilion would be one way to do that.