

Crowthorne Tennis Club

Championships 2017

Last year in an effort to freshen up the club tournament we expanded it to include some new events which were designed to get members of all ages, sexes and playing standards mixing up and competing with equal chances to win. The feedback on the new events was good so we will repeat them this year. I learned quite a bit about everybody's playing standards last year, so those of you who struggled in the Vets and Handicaps last year should find things easier this time around.

Please support these new events if you want them to continue in future.

Because there are many events and possible fixture congestion leading up to the finals, like last year we have decided to split the finals onto two days, one on 9th July for the new events and one on 23rd September for the traditional events, both starting at 10am.

PLEASE NOTE: The rule regarding your availability on Finals Days was changed a few years ago in the interest of encouraging more members to enter the tournament. Obviously, if you think you have a good chance of reaching a final, it would be foolish to enter knowing you are unavailable on a Finals Day, unless you would be prepared to change your plans should you be successful. Nevertheless, with the best will in the world, emergencies, business commitments, etc., can sometimes mean that you are no longer available for the finals in which case you should refer to the attached rules for your course of action.

There is no entry fee; however, players will supply their own balls which must be a recognised brand suitable for matches. In round robin events, the players will be told who should bring the balls and they will keep them afterwards. In knockout rounds both players (both pairs in doubles) must arrive for each match with a new tube of 4 balls. The players will spin to decide which balls to use. In the knockout stages the losers will retain the balls used for the match and the winners will keep the unused balls. Balls may be obtained from Richard McCully at £4.50 a tube (07850 258447 richard.mccully@volvocars.com).

Entries must be received from paid-up members only and nominated juniors by **midnight on Sunday 23rd April** with the draw taking place on Tuesday 25th April. Late entries will be accepted only from new members joining after 23rd April and after the draw only if (a) there are byes available in the first round / gaps in a round robin group and (b) no ties have been played in that competition, in which case a draw will decide which bye will be replaced by the new member.

Entries will be posted on the club website when they have been received. Tournament rules are attached and are also available on the website.

All disputes will be resolved by a decision from the tournament organiser (Russell Finch) after discussion with members of the tournament committee.

Entries will be accepted (a) on this form, posted to Crowthorne Tennis Club, c/o 51 Ellis Road Crowthorne RG45 6PR or (b) by email to russell.finch@sky.com ensuring the events and partner's name (where relevant) are included.

New Events - Finals on 9th July

Please enter me for the following events - (Name)

| Tick | Partner Name (please enter "Required" if you need a partner) |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Handicap Singles N/A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Handicap Doubles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Veterans' Doubles Partners will be allocated by the Committee so that all pairs are closely matched in standard |

To enter the Veterans' doubles, players must have been born in 1967 or earlier.

In the Veterans' event, all matches are the best of three sets with a normal tie-break (first to 7 with a 2 points margin) at 6-6. If a 3rd set is required, this is replaced by a champion's tie-break (first to 10 with a 2 points margin).

The Handicap system will be similar to last year's, except that some of last year's matches were too long, so I will shorten them a little. The handicaps and scoring will be notified to the players on a match-by-match basis.

In all three events, where the numbers of entries allow it I will organise round robins so that everybody who enters gets at least 2 matches. With this in mind, please ensure your availability is very good in May and June as there will be tight deadlines to get all the matches played in time.

Traditional Events - Finals on 23rd September

Please enter me for the following events - (Name)

| Tick | Partner Name (please enter "Required" if you need a partner) |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Men's Singles N/A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ladies' Singles N/A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Men's Doubles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ladies' Doubles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mixed Doubles |

In these events matches are the best of three sets with a normal tie-break (first to 7 with a 2 points margin) at 6-6. If a 3rd set is required, this is replaced by a champion's tie-break (first to 10 with a 2 points margin). In the semi finals and finals, matches will consist of three full sets with normal tie-breaks at 6-6.

In all five events, where the numbers of entries allow it, I will organise round robins so that everybody who enters gets at least 2 matches. Please ensure that you stick to the deadlines for each round of matches so that we can get all the matches played in time.