

LINKSIDE VETERANS TOURNAMENT 2019

Finals Weekend will be **Saturday 28th September**. The Tournament will consist of Gentlemen and Ladies Singles, Gentlemen and Ladies Doubles and a Mixed Doubles event. The minimum age for entry is **45 years for Gentlemen** and **40 years for Ladies**.

The deadline for entry is **6pm Saturday 13th July**. Booking sheets are displayed on the notice board in the club house. There will be a £2 entry fee per person per event. **Fees must be paid over the bar before 13th July**. Off peak members and coaching members are not eligible to play in club tournaments. The Tournament Manager for the Veterans Tournament is Ophelia Soares (ophelia.tgf@gmail.com, 07718 964436).

Tournament Rules:

1. Matches will be the best of three tie break sets with a 7-point tie break at 6-6 in all sets.
2. New tennis balls should be provided by both sides. The tennis balls used for the match must be mutually agreed or else decided by the toss of a coin. The club will provide Slazenger Tournament balls for use in the finals. The players can mutually agree to play with other balls at their own cost in any final.
3. The onus to arrange matches will lie with the first named player(s). All players must reply promptly and make every effort to organise matches in good time to meet deadlines. Failure to do so may result in a walk over if matches are not played before the deadline. The Tournament Manager does not intend to remind players who have been negligent in this respect.
4. The Tournament Manager's approval must be obtained if any player is unable to play by the deadline. The Tournament Manager will make the decision on which party, if any, goes through to the next round if permission is not sought or obtained.

5. If a player plays a semi-final match knowing he/she cannot attend the Final then the player must concede the match if they are winning at match point. If they fail to do so the Tournament Manager will make the match result void and give a walk over to the opposition.
6. If a player is 30 minutes late one set may be claimed by the opponent. The whole match may be claimed after an hour. Any dispute will be settled by the Tournament Manager. This rule is for guidance. It is hoped that matches will be played in a spirit of sportsmanship and players will take account of exceptional circumstances which may delay their opponent.
7. Only Court One may be used for tournament matches during the following club social times: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.30pm to 9.30pm, Wednesdays 7pm to 9pm and Saturdays and Sundays 2pm to 6pm. Any matches taking place on Court One during these times must be booked via the booking sheet on the club noticeboard. No exceptions to this rule will be allowed unless agreed in advance with the Tournament Manager.
8. Matches should be played under daylight on artificial grass unless agreed by all parties.
9. Players are advised that they should consider not entering the tournament if they are unable to play in the two-week period prior to the final or the whole summer holiday period.
10. It is a Linkside tradition that the winning side buys a drink for the losing side after the match if the clubhouse bar is open.