



Team Report Summer 2011

The Cambs Summer Ladies Tennis League has come to a close with all four of Newmarket Tennis Clubs' ladies teams either being promoted or staying in their respective divisions - this is a fantastic result which shows that the ladies teams at the club have been successful at every level.

The 1st team retained their position in Division 1 with a well-deserved third place - there were notable performances from Newmarket's regular number one pairing of Katie Jarvis and Christine Sprowell who only dropped 3 games in their final 4 sets against David Lloyd 1. Newmarket junior Natalie Bacon has improved considerably this season proving to be a great asset to the 1st team. The 2nd team finished second in Division 4 winning the team promotion up to Division 3 for next season, along with the winners David Lloyd 2. Newmarket 3rd team were also in Division 4 and they finished a very close third place behind the 2nd team. Both teams had drawn 4-4 in a closely fought home vs home tie at the start of the season and both teams only suffered a loss against the eventual winners David Lloyd, the 2nd team just managed to sneak it into the promotion zone having a slightly higher percentage of sets won over the 3rd team. The 3rd team will be looking to build upon their form and work even harder for promotion next season.

The 4th team have enjoyed their most successful performance in recent years gaining promotion out of Division 7. The team captained by Liz Gibson, achieved second place in Division 7 with three wins, two draws and the only loss was against the division winners Cambridge 6.

The ladies captain Christine Sprowell said "It's been a great achievement for all teams this summer and I would especially like to thank all the team captains for their hard work and commitment: Vannin Quine (2nd team); Claire McDonnell & Sue Hicks (3rd team) and Liz Gibson & Viv Parr (4th team)".

Newmarket Ladies 1 were not so successful in the final stages of the Aegon Team Tennis Regional division with the team losing their final match to East Anglia Tennis & Squash Club 2-4. Unfortunately, this leaves the team at the bottom of the table and likely to slip down into the County division for 2012.

Newmarket Ladies update - Success in Suffolk LTA Inter Club Doubles

Newmarket Tennis Club's top ladies pairing of Christine Sprowell and Katie Jarvis won the ladies doubles title in the prestigious Suffolk LTA Inter Club Doubles annual event, held at Felixstowe Tennis Club last weekend.

The tried and trusted Newmarket pair demonstrated their experience on grass courts playing some sharp tennis in the final to record a convincing 6-0 6-2 victory over top seeds and defending champions, the Ipswich Sports Club, represented by Louise Rogers and Katie Tassell. Newmarket Tennis Club have been title holders of both the mens and ladies events on a number of occasions but not in recent years, so it was great to see the ladies shield return to Newmarket.

The full results were as follows:

LADIES' DOUBLES:

1st Round:

Ipswich bt Stowmarket 6-1 6-2, Felixstowe bt David Lloyd 6-1 2-6 6-1, Rushmere YM bt Sproughton 6-2 6-2, **Newmarket** bt Roundwood 6-1 6-3

Semi-finals:

Ipswich bt Felixstowe 6-2 6-1, **Newmarket** bt Rushmere YM 6-1 6-3

Final:

Newmarket bt Ipswich 6-0 6-2

Cambs Summer Mixed League

Newmarket Tennis Club have also experienced success in the Cambs LTA Summer Mixed Tennis League with the Newmarket first team winning the Cambs Mixed Division 2 title, which will take them back up to Division 1 for the 2012 season. The team were unbeaten, recording wins against Histon 1, St. Neots 1, Cambridge 3 and draws with Saffron Walden 2 and Gt Shelford 3 which gave them the points they needed to top the division.

Newmarket players:

Ian Evans, Mike Smith, Mark Gooden, Christine Sprowell, Jenny Chin, Katie Jarvis, Helen Hansgate.