

## Tournaments

This year as last, none of the tournaments were postponed or cancelled due to bad weather – in fact the weather was near perfect for most of them. The standout tournament for me was the combined Ladies' and Men's Doubles held in May – mainly because it was just such fun and we all stopped for lunch, fired up the bbq and ate together. Rachel said she'd bring a salad and then went mad and made 5. A group of friends, playing good natured competitive tennis and then really enjoying the social bit!

Numbers in all tournament - apart from the Ladies' Singles – were down a bit on last year. I think this is largely due to the fact that people are playing more tennis. Several people now belong to more than one club and play in two leagues and there are quite a few open tournaments around too. I'm not too worried about this as our last tournament had 16 couples which made for a near perfect format in terms of numbers but I'm now familiar enough with all the formats and think we could have a really good time with any amount (well 17 couples is a bit tricky) and it seems a shame that roughly only 20% of our adult membership take part in events which are such fun. So any suggestions about increasing numbers or improvements to formats would be welcome. And I'd like to encourage those who think about playing but don't sign up to tournaments to give them a try.

I must just mention that the Roll-up tournament was postponed in early summer to Sept and then cancelled. I very much hope we'll be able to run it next year.

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