

Newsletter

November 2024

Chairman`s Report



We are now well into the season and the club is buzzing with competition. Both handicap Tournaments are now underway and we completed the 2024 Ladies tournaments, the Open Singles and the Open and Handicap Doubles tournaments, so the Honours Boards will now be brought up to date.

Congratulations to the East Anglian Pennant team who now top the table. This season we compete against Cambridge and Prested home and away; both of those are bigger clubs with 2 courts each so we will do well to win but quality beats quantity!

Events

We are looking to up our game as a club with more events and fun tournaments so watch this space!

We had a great day in early November where six relatively new members teamed up with experienced members off higher handicaps. It really showed how well the handicap system works whereby players of all levels can play competitive and fun tennis together.

Important Dates!

Last chance NOW to enter Open Singles and Doubles

1st Jan 2025 Hangover Doubles!

27th March Over 65's (age!) Wine break doubles

This Newsletter has been compiled by Sandy Norman. Thanks to all contributors. If you have any news you would like included in the newsletter, or suggestions for how to improve the content, please contact Sandy at Sandy.norman1@gmail.com..

Notes from our Professional, Andrew:



Autumn 2024

Its been a pretty packed autumn with plenty happening!

We have had the final of the Open Singles for the Watts trophy in front of a full dedans of supporters and spectators (see match reports) and an incredibly close and dramatic final of the Open Doubles for the Thurlow Champness trophy. The high standard of play made these matches exciting to watch.

Matches

Its been great to see the court busy with the Pennants, matches against other clubs, Norfolk v Suffolk, Newmarket v Worlington, and our teams for away matches are building stronger followings. Playing on other courts as well as being very sociable, a lot of fun, and open to every level from experienced to beginner, are important for developing your skills and experience.

Please look out on the notice board for future home and away matches and get your name down!

National League

Newmarket is back up to two teams competing in the T&RA National League and we are competing well so far. These are competitive events with two players playing singles and doubles and are good matches to look out for to watch and support

Tripots 2024

Well done to the French adventurers! Read Rob Bawden`s match report; think about booking yourself in for October 2026



HALF PRICE COURTS

Don't forget, all weekend court bookings are half price!

Open Singles and Doubles

This year I am seeding these Open competitions so all are encouraged to enter; see how far you can get!
Entries are closing 2nd December

Future Dates for your diary!

**13/14/15
June 2025:
Rose Bowl**

**14 June
Candlelight
Dinner on
court**

Christmas Gifts: Club merchandise For Christmas!



NRTC logo Rackets



Andrew has Rackets with our logo available now



Hoodies

Please contact Philippa Wells, pwells@janah.co.uk, lots of colours available, cost £45 each which Members can pay for through their account – size chart below:



Size Guide	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
To Fit Chest (inch)	38-40	40-42	42-44	44-46	46-48	48-50	50-52	54-56
(cm)	97-102	102-107	107-112	112-117	117-122	122-127	127-132	137-142
To Fit Waist (inch)	30-32	32-34	36-38	40-42	42-44	44-46	46-48	48-50
(cm)	76-82	82-86	91-97	102-107	107-112	112-117	117-122	122-172

Taylor Vinters Ladies Singles and Chaloner Ladies Doubles 2024



Right:
Winner of the
Taylor Vinters
Ladies Singles
2024:
Katy Groome



Left: Presented
by last year's
winner Laura
Shumiloff

Winners of the inaugural
Chaloner Trophy Ladies
Doubles 2024:
Laura Shumiloff & Katy
Groome, presented by
Andrew Knibbs



Participants L to R:
Laura Shumiloff
Katy Groome
Philippa Wells
Tricia Gray
Emily Sealy

Watts Trophy for Open Singles Final 2024



Ed Turner turned on the style in the Final of the Open Singles against Colin Sprott in front of a full dedans to watch this top class club tennis

Thurlow Champness Open Doubles Final 2024

Johnsen & Sprott won a very close match 6-5,6-5 against Ed Turner and Colin Clifton Brown, coming from behind in each set to clinch victory . Johnsen has now won this cup 7 times with 3 different partners



Fingleton Handicap Doubles Final 2024

The 2024 winners were Charlie Pittaway and Sandy Norman; well done for reaching another final Ben and Ed Turner



Newcomers 2024



Brilliant fun in November with the Newcomers Doubles competition! Six of the more recently joined members teamed up with six established members to compete for the highly sought after Lindt Bauble prizes! Well played Duncan and Ben who won the round robin tournament

Newcomers: Emily Sealey, Duncan Grindley, Laura Shumiloff, Giles Bovill, Katy Groome, Mark Haworth

Oldtimers: Hugo Johnson, Ben Turner, Sandy Norman, Jon Fistein, Logan Crawford, Philippa Wells

Pennant away v Prested

We have had lots of excellent matches in the last three months but a congratulations to Hugo Johnson, Logan Crawford, Jamie Tipple and Sandy Norman for unusual 6-0 win against Prested!



Trois Tripots SW France October 2024



Thanks to Rob Bawden for the following report

The Newmarket Thoroughbreds - Rob Bawden, Ken Smith, Eric Nutter, Jon Fistein and Graham Smith played in this wonderful international tournament.

Whilst not returning with silverware the team played well making it through the round robin stages to be knocked out in the quarter finals by strong opponents.

The competition involved 21 teams from across the world including America, Australia, Holland and France as well as the UK.

11 teams with lower average handicaps competed for the Trophée TTT whilst 10 teams including the Newmarket Thoroughbreds competed for the Coupe D'Arcangues.

We played 6 matches of 4 sets in the round robin stage and 2 matches of 4 sets in the knockout stage. 32 sets in total. We won 3 matches and lost 5. Most matches were close, being won or lost on games at 2 sets all.




The matches were played on four different courts in Bayonne, Bidarray, Urrugne and La Bastide Clairance.

A little bit of history:

The courts are all small and some are ancient. Urrugne claims a date of 1470. The courts have been preserved by the Basques for the Basquais games such as pelota and trinquet. The courts are referred to as Trinquet courts and are well used for that game.

The organisers of the competition arrange for the courts to be used for Real Tennis for a week every 2 years. This involves erecting a temporary net as trinquet does not use a net.

The picture below may help to explain the connection between the sports.



La pelote basque Sport et patrimoine

Euskal Pilota, kirol eta ondare
La pelòta basca, espòrt e patrimonì

La pelote basque est un incontournable des sports locaux. Héritière du jeu de paume, elle présente de nombreuses disciplines qui se pratiquent avec des instruments différents, sur des aires de jeu variées et avec plusieurs gammes de balles. Pratiquée de part et d'autre des Pyrénées, la pelote basque suscite un attachement fort. Viens, regarde et joue!

EUSKAL PILOTA, KIROL ETA ONDARE. Tokiko kirolen artean sailheztzina da euskal pilota. Paume jokoa oinarritua, tresna desberdinekin praktikatzan diren diziplina andana bat proposatzen ditu, joko eremu eta hainbat pilota mota desberdinetan. Pirinioetako alde batean eta bestean ere arrakasta handiko jokoa da. (Haugi, begira eta ar haldi)

LA PELÒTA BASCA, ESPÒRT E PATRIMONÌ. La pelota basca qu'es un deus espòrts locals de non pas mancar. Erètòra dou jòc de paume, que presenta un haitz de disciplinas qui's practican dab instruments diferents, sus aires de jòc variats e dab mantue gamma de balas. Practiquée de l'ua part e de l'auta deus Pyrénées, la pelòta basca que suscita un estacament hòrt. Ca'i, espia e joga!

BASQUE PELOTA, SPORT AND HERITAGE. Basque pelota is a very popular local sport. Reminiscent of Jeu de paume (French game similar to lawn tennis), it comprises a number of disciplines played with different equipment on a variety of sports areas and with several sets of balls. Basque pelota is extremely popular in both France and Spain. Join us, watch and play!

LA PELOTA VASCA, ENTRE DEPORTE Y PATRIMONIO. La pelota vasca es un imprescindible de los deportes locales. Es heredera del juego de palma, y presenta numerosas disciplinas que se practican con diferentes instrumentos, canchas de juego y tipos de pelotas. Se practica a ambos lados de los Pirineos y suscita mucha adhesión. (Venga, mira y juega!)

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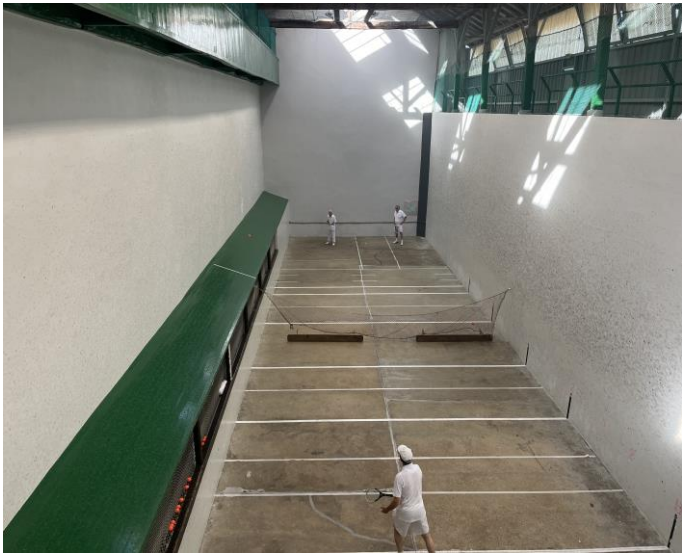
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Bayonne VILLE & PAYS JAUNES

Jeu de paume, 1608. © BNF

- Paume jàkazi, 1608 e. ur
- Jòc de paume, 1608 e. ur
- Jeu de Paume, 1608 e. ur
- Juego de palma, 1608 e. ur

Newmarket at Tripots Oct 2024



You will see that there is no penthouse at the receivers end and no obvious tambour. There is, however an angle on the grill corner. Hitting that corner results in the ball shooting across close to the back wall.



We enjoyed some great tennis in interesting and very quirky courts. We all stayed in Bayonne, a wonderfully beautiful medieval city. We had some very warm and sunny days and were able to sit outside most evenings to savour magnificent basquaise food and wine.

Eric found an admirer!



NRTC Fixtures and Dates 2025



DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	MATCH MANAGER
Sunday 17 January 2025	Jesters	Home	John Burnett
Wednesday 1 January 2025	Hangover Doubles	Home	Andrew Knibbs
Thursday 16 January 2025	Pennant – Prested	Home	Ben Turner
Wednesday 22 January 2025	Queens	Away	Jeremy Barnett
Saturday 1 February 2025	Middlesex University	Away	Jamie Robertson
Thursday 13 February 2025	Pennant – Cambridge	Away	Ben Turner
Saturday 15 February 2025	Prested	Home	Mark Sampson
Sunday 16 February 2025	Cambridge University Ladies	Home	Bill Mackintosh
Saturday 22 February 2025	Moreton Morrell	Home	Graham Smith
Saturday 15 March 2025	Founders Cup	Home	TBC
Sunday 16 March 2025	Founders Cup	Home	TBC
Sunday 23 March 2025	Old Etonians	Home	Hugo Johnsen
Thursday 27 March 2025	Over 65 wine break doubles	Home	Eric Nutter
Saturday 5 April 2025	Hardwick	Away	Derrick Wells
Sunday 13 April 2025	Leamington	Away	Graham Smith
Saturday 3 May 2025	Dedanists	Home	Charles Granville
Saturday 10 May 2025	MCC	Home	Ed Turner
Saturday 17 May 2025	LRTA	Home	Philippa Wells
Saturday 24 May 2025	Jesmond Dene	Home	Sandy Norman
Sunday 25 May 2025	Jesmond Dene	Home	Sandy Norman
Friday 13 June 2025	Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells
Saturday 14 June 2025	Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells
Sunday 15 June 2025	Rose Bowl	Home	Derrick Wells
Saturday 28 June 2025	East Anglia Cup	Home	Rodger Davis