

# Edinburgh University Lawn Tennis Club

December 2014

What a great first semester it has been for tennis, the club really is going from strength to strength. A busy first semester has ended on the busiest month, see what we've been getting up to below!

## **Socials-**

The first social of the month was bowling at Fountainbridge. Always a highlight, this year didn't disappoint. One thing we have definitely all learned is that our bowling isn't quite as good as our tennis, especially when alcohol is involved! Make sure you give Sarah 'social sec' Palmer's night summary a read on the Facebook page.

Last week also saw the tennis club Christmas meals at our sponsor bar '56 North'. Christmas jumpers were out in force and a good old turkey roast was followed by 95% vodka shots and a trip to 'Why Not'. Definitely got everyone in the Christmas spirit.

## **SSS Touch Tennis-**

Many of you have been coming along to the touch tennis sessions this year and have realised just how much fun it can be. This year's annual SSS touch tennis tournament took place last month, with students travelling from various Scottish Universities with the aim of becoming this year's SSS champion.

Unfortunately last year's champion (and president) Tom Osborne lost a tight semi final, meaning there would be a new men's champion this year. Edinburgh were represented in both the men's and ladies finals. Oliver Derbyshire came out on top in his final; Sarah Palmer unfortunately came up short in hers, however great effort by both and a big thanks to everyone who organised such a great day.

## **Mixed Doubles Tournament-**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> November the club held a winter mixed doubles tournament at the meadows allowing members to put their practice into action. There were many winners on the day, who got their hands on some marvellous prizes, upon completion of the tournament we headed to 56 North for food & drinks. Make sure you look out for more tournaments next semester including a club championships & mixed doubles event.

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## **BUCS Teams October results**

Another successful month of team tennis culminated in the Men's 1st team winning their BUCS league with a semester of competition still to play. Great achievement!

On the last Wednesday of November all three men's teams were in action and won all 18 matches played. Now that's dominance!

The ladies 1<sup>st</sup> also travelled to Loughborough to play in the BUCS trophy cup. Unfortunately it ended in a 10-2 loss but great experience none the less and a good win for ladies captain Marie!

## **ATP World Tour Final Trip!-**

10 Edinburgh tennis club members made the trip down to London to see the round robin stages of the ATP world tour finals.


Despite the trip involving two overnight trains, a great day was had by all. An easy straight sets victory for Federer against Nishikori and a tight three set doubles match made great entertainment, and watching Berdych training on the practice courts provided inspiration for some of the team players! If you're gutted you missed out this year, the tennis club receives 10 tickets for the tournament each time it is held, so keep an eye out next year for your chance to get hold of tickets. Next semester will see 20 tennis club members travelling to Glasgow to watch the Davis Cup. Here's hoping for a cracking atmosphere!


## **To look forward to next semester...**

This semester has been extremely successful; we have seen larger turnouts than ever before to tennis sessions across the board, we've had some fantastic results in the BUCS leagues, and have also had some great socials!

Expect more of the same next semester, however the tennis club is constantly looking to improve and will be using the information gathered from the recent survey to further enhance the tennis experience we can offer everyone!

Also keep a look out for updates on next year's summer tennis tour. This year we'll be heading to Croatia and it's sure to be a popular trip!

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