

Leicestershire Senior County Closed Championships 2008 (Handicapped Events)

Several members from Enderby Lawn Tennis Club entered the Handicapped events in the Leicestershire Senior County Closed Championships this year.

Chris Poli entered the men's singles event and was drawn in Group B. Chris won his 1st match 6-0, 6-0 and subsequently had his handicap reduced! This didn't stop Chris and he won his next 2 matches to get to the semi final, where he battled from 1 set and 5-2 down to win and earn his place in the final. Chris was well supported by Enderby members on finals day and although he gave it his all he lost 6-3, 6-2 to a very capable opponent.

Chris was also in action with Steve Lane in the Men's Group B doubles. They eased through the first 2 rounds 6-1, 6-4 and 6-2, 6-4 but were beaten in the 3rd round 6-3, 6-2 by the eventual winners of the Group.

Mandy Foss entered the Ladies singles and won both her 1st and 2nd round matches to reach the semi final, this proved to be a very tough match with Mandy losing 3-6, 6-1, 6-0.

Mandy was also competing in the Ladies Group B doubles teaming up with Katrina, a member from Next Generation. The first round was a very tight and long! match but after losing the 1st set Mandy and Katrina managed to pull through to win 6-8, 6-1, 8-6. After a quick bite to eat they were back on for the 2nd round which they won 6-4, 6-2. This put them into the quarter finals where unfortunately they lost 6-2, 6-3.

Lisa Hayes was making her debut this year in the Ladies Group B doubles with her friend Lizzie also a member from Next Generation. They won both their 1st and 2nd round matches which put them into the semi finals where they lost 6-3, 7-5 to the pairing that went on to win the group.

Alex Carpenter and Nadine Poli entered into the Mixed doubles finding themselves drawn in the tougher Group A. They lost their first round match which gave them a place in the plate. (A consolation draw for all the losers of the 1st round.) But unfortunately they also lost that match 6-2, 6-1.

Nadine was also playing with her mum Ann in the Ladies doubles and once again was drawn in group A. They lost their first round match 6-1, 6-3 and had a very tough match in the plate due to an unfavourable handicap losing 8-6, 6-0.

Stuart Turner and Chris Kingsley-Mills were in action in the Mixed doubles and were drawn in Group B. They were giving away a very high handicap which proved a bit too much and they lost their 1st round match 6-3, 6-3 which then gave them a place in the plate. The 1st round match in the plate was interrupted due to the clubs lights having to go off at 9.30 and because the other pairing could not return the following evening Stuart and Chris were given the match, but they were to lose in the next round 6-1, 6-3.

Rose Turner and Patsy Roseblade entered the Ladies Vets and had a very close 1st round match losing in 3 sets 6-1, 6-8, 7-5.

And, last but not least! Ted Ardley and Derek Ellison entered the Men's 60+ Doubles (not handicapped). There were only five pairings in the group and unfortunately they drew the number 2 seeds in the first round where they lost 6-0, 6-0.

Well done to all of the above members it was great to see such a good representation from Enderby Lawn Tennis Club, and good luck to you all for next year where you will hopefully be joined by many more of our members as it a great event and well worth entering.