

# DUNSTABLE TENNIS CLUB

## WINTER LEAGUE DATES 2009/2010

Session	Organiser(s)		Date
	Name	Phone	
<b>1</b>	David Bradshaw	(01582) 667374	04/10/2009
<b>2</b>	Andrew Riley	(01582) 660990	18/10/2009
<b>3</b>	Kevin Drew	(01582) 738764	01/11/2009
<b>4</b>	Debbie Wilkins	(01582) 662102	15/11/2009
<b>5</b>	David Bradshaw	(01582) 667374	29/11/2009
<b>6</b>	Andrew Riley	(01582) 660990	13/12/2009
<b>7</b>	David Bradshaw	(01582) 667374	03/01/2010
<b>8</b>	Kevin Drew	(01582) 738764	17/01/2010
<b>9</b>	Debbie Wilkins	(01582) 662102	31/01/2010
<b>10</b>	Andrew Riley	(01582) 660990	14/02/2010
<b>11</b>	Kevin Drew	(01582) 738764	28/02/2010
<b>12</b>	Debbie Wilkins	(01582) 662102	14/03/2010

Winter League tables, updated after each session, can be found on the News/Info page of the club website: [www.dunstabletennisclub.com](http://www.dunstabletennisclub.com)

The Juniors have their own version of the Winter League which takes place on the Saturday morning preceding the Sunday dates above.

Less competitive Tennis 'n' Tea sessions take place during the Saturday afternoons of the weekends that fall between the above Winter League Sunday dates.

## **DUNSTABLE TENNIS CLUB WINTER LEAGUE**

Commencing on the first Sunday in October and thereafter fortnightly until March, six sessions before Christmas and six after, is Dunstable Tennis Club's Winter League.

For new members to the club and those who are not aware, there are two trophies to be won at the end of the season – the *Nancy Tibbett Cup* for the person who records the highest total number of positional points based on the format below and another trophy for the highest lady.

The league is open to all adult and intermediate members playing at all levels of ability. Organisers group players into divisions according to ability at the beginning of the season and thereafter according to the results.

Divisions are banded in pairs to form a ladder with the more able players towards the top. A division consists of four players who play sets of nine games of doubles with each of the other three players in turn, so the score could be 9-0, 8-1, 7-2, 6-3, or 5-4 at the end of each set. On completion of the three sets, the total number of games won is recorded so that, for the following session, the top placed scorer moves up a band, the second placed moves across, the third placed remains in place and the bottom player drops down to the next band below. This allows players to reach their own level within the divisional ladder according to their ability.

After each session, based on the results, a points league is produced using the following system of scoring; In each division, five points are awarded to the first placed player, three for second, two for third and one for fourth, plus a further five 'appearance' points. This gives a maximum of ten and a minimum of six points available for each session. This gives everybody a chance of winning the league irrespective of standard as long as they do well within their divisions. Of course, the more you play and the more you win the higher up the divisional ladder you go and the standard becomes more difficult!

Sunday sessions, using all six courts, are at 09:15, 11:00, 12:30 and, if enough players are available, 14:00.

*As a matter of courtesy;* Players should be warmed up and ready to play at the above times. Players turning up more than fifteen minutes late are liable to a five-point penalty (i.e. their appearance points). Players should be committed to turn up regardless of the weather otherwise failure to turn up means that the other three in that division will be let down. Players who are unavailable after being allocated a place should contact the relevant organiser as soon as possible so that they can arrange for a replacement.