

Hi,

With about 38 people entering the ladder for the new session and only 13 dropping out, it's caused havoc in the promotion and relegation stakes. Apologies to those who are not promoted when expected or were relegated when not expected but there's not much I can do about it (all advice greatly received). I've had generally positive feedback on the '2 points for a win' change. Let me know if you have further thoughts on this. We are also going to trial a change in Division 1 in terms of the format with 2 short sets to be played. This has been proposed by Rodney/Toby as it will help us provide results to the LTA for rankings and will ensure the pressure is on right from the start of the ladder match. I will provide more detail on this for Division 1 competitors later this week when I have time to write-up the proposal.

Congratulations to the following ladder winners from the last session.

Divisional Winners for the Jan-Apr 2010 Session:

Division 1: Nas Karim
Division 2: Ahmad Zahedieh
Division 3: Andy Remes
Division 4: Ben Turner
Division 5: Diane Jamal
Division 6: Nick Finlay
Division 7: Ivan Carvalho
Division 8: George Green
Division 9: Carl Shand
Division 10: Catherine Williams
Division 11: Maureen Maguire
Division 12: Carole O'Reilly
Division 13: Costas Constantinou

The last ladder results, new ladder, ladder rules and contact list are all available on the Highgate Web Site (<http://www.highgate-cltc.co.uk/competitions.html>).

Just a reminder – you now get an extra 2 points if you win a ladder match. Don't add these on when you put your score on the sheet, continue to put 9 for a win and I will add them in at the end.

As always the first two months of a new ladder tend to be a quiet time when you can get on court very quickly and the final two months are when you often have to queue for an hour, so if you don't enjoy queuing I would suggest you start playing your matches now. We now have the school courts so these are available for ladders when coaching is not taking place.

I would encourage all new entrants to take the initiative and organise your matches, as often the old timers in the divisions organise matches against the people they know first.

A number of people who enter the ladder decide they want to drop out in the middle of the ladder period (e.g. due to injury), and then expect that they can reenter in the following session in the same Division. This is not allowed. Please read the Ladder Rules on the web site that are clear about this. I will allow people a 2 week period, from now, to inform me if they don't want to be in the current ladder; after that you are in, so please decide now.

Any questions then please e-mail me.

Cheers,
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