**~ HANDICUP ~**

**The Handicap Doubles Event That ANYBODY Can Win!**

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*Your partner can be any gender/age/ability & one of you must be a financial member of the club.*

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*Before the event, every pair entering the event will be compared with each other & allocated a handicap score accordingly.*

*On the day of the event, pairs will be randomly placed into pools of up to 4 pairs.*

*Eg. Team A Handicap = -3*

*Team B Handicap = 0*

*Team C Handicap = -7*

*Team D Handicap = +2*

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*Pairs are given a handicap score (Eg. Team A -3) based on the ability of both players. This means this pair start the game at -3 while their first opponents, Team B, start the game at 0 (Love).*

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*If Team A are serving & win the first point, the score is -2/Love. Should Team B win the next point, the score is -2/15. Play continues until one pair win the game.*

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*Should both pairs have a - handicap, the stronger pair’s handicap is equal to the difference of both handicaps. The weaker pair start each game at Love.*

*Eg. Team A are -3 while Team C are -7. When the match begins, Team A start each game at Love & Team C start each game at -4.*

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*In the event it is determined that it will be difficult for a pair (Team D) to win 4 points against any team, they will be given a + handicap (eg. +2). This Team will begin every game at 30 while their opponents will have their handicap decreased by 2 points.*

*Eg. When Team A is versing Team D & is serving, the score at the beginning of the game will be -1/30.*

*Pairs with a handicap of 0 will not have their handicap decreased when versing a pair with a + handicap.*

*Eg. When Team B is versing Team D & is serving, the score at the beginning of the game is Love/30*

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*The winning team of each pool at the end of the Round Robin will progress to an elimination series consisting of a Quarter-final, Semi-final & Grand Final.*

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*The drawing of the pools & full run down of the day will commence at 8am sharp 28th November.*

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*The Grand Final winners will have their name forever engraved on the Cup & have their tickets to the Presentation Dinner paid in full/reimbursed.*

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*Registrations can be made in the Pro Shop with the payment of fees ($30/pair) to be made at the same time. Registrations close 21st November.*

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*The rules of tennis will apply in all circumstances (ITF rules of tennis) & Good Conduct is expected (see Code of Conduct - Tennis rules). These documents are on display on the RLTA fixtures pinboard in the Club House.*

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*Enquiries can be directed to your Fixture Coordinators, Committee Members, or Will Fraser 0468 999 455.*