



Dow Tennis Talk

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Swiss Round Robin on August 1



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The weather gods were with us once more for our 2nd Annual **Swiss Round Robin**, which is more than we could hope for this summer. This year's theme was "**Swiss Colors or Your Own National Colors**". **Elke Patteet** defended her title for the "**Best Dress Award**" from last year. We can't wait to see what she'll come up with for next year!



Biggest smiles on court: **Bernadette & Elke**

Five Teams played against each other in 15 minute rotations. The 2 teams with the highest number of total games played the final in form of a tiebreak with special "**sweet-spot**" rackets (see photo below). After the rotations the team of **Harry Verschuuren & Bill Taylor** was leading with an incredible 21 games, followed by **Ali Siddiqui & Mandy Osterloh** with 14 games and **Katja Zerr & Jean-Francois Koenig** with 12 games. The man of the tiebreak was Ali, who played lights-out tennis and secured the title for his team. A special award for the best on-court attitude went to **Bernadette Ballantyne & Elke Patteet**. They only made a total of 3 games, but they clearly had more fun than anybody else. Bernadette also hit the shot of the day, aiming straight at Ali's head, who did a back flip ending up in the dirt. Cinderella story team of the day were **Cathy Zuo & Murat Orhon**, who's smooth style and fierce competitiveness seemed to match up nicely for a strong finish in the fourth spot. The on-court activities were followed by a **Swiss-style BBQ**. Thanks to **Nog** for the great food and to **California BBQ-Tony** for slaving over the hot grill all afternoon.



Round Robin Finalists: **Ali Siddiqui & Mandy Osterloh**, **Harry Verschuuren & Bill Taylor**



Round Robin participants enjoying the Swiss-style BBQ by the pool...



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Intercompany



Dow Men's Intercompany Team: *Thomas Reutter, Torben Wiebusch, Ismail Haddaoui, Giorgio Tuberga*

Our **Mens Team** made it into the **Final of League B** with a 4:2 win over **TC Kantonbank** on August 9. The final will be played on **September 6 at Dow**, Please stop by and cheer for our team. The winning team will move up into league A next season.

Our **Ladies A-Team** managed to win 1 of the 2 singles matches in a tough round against a very strong team from **Grafstal** on August 5. Followed by a 3:0 victory over **Hirslanden** in an improvised home match on August 18.

Upcoming Events

06.09. Intercompany Final (Men's B-League)

20.09. Season Ending Party & President's Cup Finals

Save the dates and stay tuned for more details...

Juniors



Leo Michen, the newest talent at Dow.

Court of Appeals

The correct answer to our last question was: **(2)** No, the server is not allowed to change position by walking during the service motion.

New Challenge: In a match you whiff on your first serve, on your next attempt you hit into the net. Is this a double-fault?

- (1) Yes, you missed your serve on 2 attempts.
- (2) No, the whiff did not count as your racket never touched the ball.

The first correct answer with explanation of applicable rules (sent to mosterloh@dow.com) will win a can of tennis balls.



Congratulations to our winner **Katja Zerr!**