

The tournaments are normally for 16 pairs and are generally played under the Lansdowne system. This involves two round robins and ensures that everyone gets at least 6 matches of 1 set. In the morning 4 groups of 4 pairs play round robins. From each group the 2 pairs with the best scores go into 2 “competition” groups of 4 while the 2 pairs with the lower scores go into 2 “consolation” groups. The second round robins are played in the afternoon, culminating in the winning pair from each competition group playing off in a grand final, while the winning pair from each consolation group play off in the consolation final. The tournaments are normally run between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

After the fun and exertion of the day’s tennis the group stay for an evening meal. This may be held in the centre where the tennis was played, or may be in a nearby restaurant.