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As with all the 2006 tournaments the standard of play was the best ever. Sixteen players lined up for the 2pm start and they all played 3 matches in a knockout format.

The first round saw two decisive matches with the number 1 and 3 seeds, Jolanda and Ross and Bob and Evelin respectively, going through 6-1. The other two matches were close with victories to the number 2 and 4 seeds, Mabel and Ikani and Becca and Clive by 7-5.

In the first semi final an extremely close match developed with many games decided by the sudden death deuce. Evelin's strong first serve limited the attacking options on the ladies serve while Bob looked to go on the offensive as much as possible. This put Ross and Jolanda under a lot of pressure. The match went to the wire with Bob finally making some errors and our number one pair showing their cool. At the end of the match Bob displayed the day's only outburst of bad temper. The other semi-final was a runaway victory for Mabel and Ikani over Clive and Becca.

THE FINAL

The question of what happens when the strongest male player takes on the strongest female player was answered in the final. While Ikani's all action style saw him and Mabel come through 7-5 in the first set the overall consistency of Ross and Jolanda was relentless and they came through comfortably 6-3, 6-1.

Particular commiserations must go to Mabel for her second runners up trophy of the season. If it is any consolation she is probably the most improved female player this year and must be looking to challenge her nemesis Jolanda in 2007.

BEST OF THE REST

To keep everyone involved plate tournaments were organised for the losing pairs. The two losing semi finalists played a see saw match with Evelin and Bob winning the first set 6-1 but losing 7-5 in the second and a tie agreed.

Jane and Sagar put their first round defeat behind them and played convincingly to secure the 5th place position dismissing Eliana and Charles in the last match. Eliana was noticeable for her consistent play throughout the tournament but needs to put more pressure on the opponents when at the net.

Our three French players ended up contesting the 7th /8th place play off. Fabien and Maya winning comfortably 6-3. The wooden spoon was especially hard on Marion and Antoine who had only narrowly lost their first two matches.

In the end the best balanced pair won the tournament. One general observation, and given the newness of most of the pairings is perhaps understandable, was the generally quietness within the pairs. Results are given in the attached spreadsheet.

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	Seed	First Round	Semis	Final
Match 1		1 Jolanda Hagoort & Ross Murray 8 Maya Ramsey & Fabien Joly de Bresillon	Jolanda Hagoort & Ross Murray (6-1) Evelin Sozi & Bob Hubbard (6-1)	Jolanda Hagoort & Ross Murray (7-6)
Match 3		3 Evelin Sozi & Bob Hubbard 6 Jane Holliday & Sagar Sahan		Champions Hagoort & Murray (5-7, 6-3, 6-1)
Match 4		4 Becca Beach & Clive Brown 5 Eliana Bruni & Charles Hubbard snr	Becca Beach & Clive Brown (7-5)	
Match 2		2 Mabel Wanogho & Ikani Agabi 7 Marion Veisseire & Antoine	Mabel Wanogho & Ikani Agabi (7-5)	Mabel Wanogho & Ikani Agabi (6-1)
Plate 3	Loser Semi 1 Loser Semi 2	3rd / 4th play off Evelin Sozi & Bob Hubbard Becca Beach & Clive Brown	Two sets played 6-1, 5-7 - match tied	
Plate 1	Loser Match 1 Loser Match 3	5th / 6th play off Maya Ramsey & Fabien Joly de Bresillon Jane Holliday & Sagar Sahan	Jane Holliday & Sagar Sahan (6-3)	Jane Holliday & Sagar Sahan (6-3)
Plate 2	Loser Match 4 Loser Match 2	Eliana Bruni & Charles Hubbard snr Marion Veisseire & Antoine	Eliana Bruni & Charles Hubbard snr (7-5)	
Plate 4	Loser Plate 1 Loser Plate 2	7th / 8th play off Maya Ramsey & Fabien Joly de Bresillon Marion Veisseire & Antoine	Ramsey & Joly de Bresillon (6-3)	



FINAL STANDINGS		Seeding
1	Jolanda Hagoort & Ross Murray	1
2	Mabel Wanogho & Ikani Agabi	2
3=	Evelin Sozi & Bob Hubbard	3
3=	Becca Beach & Clive Brown	4
5	Jane Holliday & Sagar Sahan	6
6	Eliana Bruni & Charles Hubbard snr	5
7	Maya Ramsey & Fabien Joly de Bresillon	8
8	Marion Veisseire & Antoine	7