

MONTROSE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Approaching August 2009

The Wimbledon season was over in a flash and it was compelling viewing. Andy Murray was magnificent reaching the semi finals this year and remaining No 3 in the World. However, while Andy battled with Roddick on court our GB internationalist Jonny O'Mara was on court in Craiglockhart Tennis Centre where he won the U14's title at the Scottish Open. Our congratulations to him and best wishes as he is currently playing in Germany this week.

Club News

The C.V. BAXTER Trophies Seniors & Juniors

Urgent attention to all competing players - please add your name to the list in the club house **immediately** as we plan to run this tournament between the 1st & 14th August. Remember this is a handicapped event so don't be reluctant to enter, we do have some good spirited matches.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Commencing Friday 14th August - Championship Day Saturday 29th August

Enclosed is your championship entry form (extra copies available in the Club House). The rules of the competition are printed on the back of form. To all members we urge you all to compete in this event, meet some of your new tennis players and enjoy the occasion. This year we have purchased a mobile phone for the club, the number is **07928524020** which you can call in the evening if you require assistance with the draw or to cancel in an emergency etc. We have three match referees to help with the tournament: Jean Stevenson, Chad Neighbor and Ritchie Wallace. The programme for the Championship usually commences at 1pm with the mini tennis matches before the Ladies and Men's final at 2pm. Presentation of the prizes is usually around 5pm. Remember we cannot have Champions without participants, especially new adults and juniors give it a go, during the doubles and mixed doubles matches you will meet lots of club members, even call into watch! Please return your entry form to the Club House as soon as possible - last date 12th August 7pm

Fundraising

Tennis-a-thon raised the amazing amount of £1065.00!

Our 12 Hour Sponsored Tennis-a-Thon on Sunday 28th June raised the profile of the club and contributed £1065.00 to the floodlight fund. Starting at 8am with a doubles match being played on court by Jean Stevenson, Rhona Alston, Dave McArthur, Graeme Newton & Michale Coral filling in. Although only one court was in use early on, it was evident by the afternoon that our 6 courts were not enough! By 3pm we had every court full with people waiting to play. Coaching was provided too by Dr O'Mara, there was also a bouncy castle to keep the younger ones amused and a barbecue to keep everyone fed. Special thanks to Simone and Ritchie for organising, Mr Lorimer for BBQ and all who played, sponsored, helped and supported this; every little bit helped and it is very much appreciated. Winner of the most hours on court was Jamie Beedie.

Next Adult monthly tournament will be on Sunday 2nd August 2 - 4pm

Winners of our Wimbledon adult tournament on 5th July was: 1st men's prize: Fraser Ramseyer 2nd Alistair Sievewright, 1st ladies prize: Caroline Stewart, 2nd equal Wendy Sanger & Jennifer Broadley.

Au revoir Coco! The June French adult tournament turned into the most marvellous day "a fond farewell" to Constance with flags flying, kilts and French dressed players! We miss you Coco! Check out the gallery on the website for photo's. www.montrosetennisclub.org

MIXED DOUBLES TIME OF YEAR

This is the season for competitive mixed doubles. The teams play on a Monday night both home and away fixtures. If you are interested please come to practise nights on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday evenings. If not selected there is a friendly ladder at the club to participate in so please add your name to the challenge sheet in club house and keep playing.

Awards for the Club

The Angus Council **ACE GOLD AWARD** was presented to the Club in June. It was a well attended ceremony with Councillors Colin Brown and Mark Salmond and Graeme Newton all praising the club for gaining this prestigious award. Coaching on the day was led by Alan Green Arbroath in the absence of Graeme Walker and Laura Ross, Sports Development Officer Angus Council also aided by Katrina Pert, currently working in America for the summer season. The ladies team send her their best wishes - we miss her character and strength in the team. The committee are also currently working towards the Tennis Clubmark which is the LTA club accreditation programme.

Social & Local friendly matches

We do aim to get some friendly matches organised with Kirriemuir and Fettercairn in the next month so we can continue with the socialising calendar too.



CEILIDH SUPPER DANCE is to be on Saturday 5th September at Hillside Hall.

Dancing to Wayne Robertson - tickets available from Neil Werninck. This social fun evening is a way to celebrate the season off court and the children have great fun too. Please help with the supper and bring your own drinks. See notice board for details.

RACKETS FOR SALE

There will be a representative at the pavilion this Tuesday 28th July with a selection of reduced rackets for sale prices from £20.00. Well worth a little visit and demonstration. A reminder too that Graeme Walker is also an agent for Babolat.

The Tennis Tayside Leagues report

Ladies Team 1: Under the expert guidance of Caroline Stewart and gained promotion last year we ended the season in 3rd position narrowly missing out on promotion to Division 2. Always next year!

Ladies Team 2: Simone stepped into the unknown and enthusiastically led our new team into Division 6. All her

players have enjoyed their games and are all ready eagerly awaiting next season. Our best wishes to George Wark as she aggravated a hip injury and we wish her well in her recovery.

Men's Team 1: Chad has done it again! His team finished in 2nd position of Division 4 promotion in sight again to Division 3. The climb continues - keep up the practice guys, we may enter a team in the Scottish Cup early next year.

Mens Team 2: Secretary Graeme Newton has now formally met everyone in the club as he recruited all the men and top juniors into his teams. A great foundation for men's tennis has been laid, long may you all continue to keep competing. Well done a great job done.

Junior League campaign with Bill Duff, Gillian Eeles and Claire Inglis

Super League team players have been so enthusiastic and battled well against some very formidable teams to clinch fourth place out of ten teams in the Super League. Fantastic and congratulations team.

Team 2 and Team 3 both in Division 2 didn't miss a match, combined with some very young and more experienced players they gamely stepped up to their challenges so eagerly. Champions in Division 2 were Montrose team 2 - they are winners of their division. This should mean Montrose will have a team in each of the junior leagues next year. Well done to all the players and parents for their support too.

Mixed Doubles: Linda is currently match secretary and efficiently organising team 1 in Henderson Vase League who were promoted last year to Division 3 and Rhona is recruiting team 2 in Division 4 and wishes to thank all the new members who have come forward to play. Perhaps three teams next year.



JUNIOR SECTION

Angus Tennis Development Group

Montrose will host the Angus Tennis Development Cup on Saturday 1st August 2009. Please note there will be no courts available between 2 - 4.30 this Saturday. Good luck to our teams.

Schools Tennis Graeme was delivering a Taster of Tennis to St Cyrus primary children at their school before the summer holidays and will continue into the autumn term. Thanks Graeme

Tennis Tayside Mini Tennis Tour

Mini Tennis Red (junior before 2001) event was hosted last Sunday with the winner being Ben O'Mara closely followed by Molly Lindsay, Suzanne & Georgia Stirling. Thanks to Chris & Jonny O'Mara for refereeing. Ben will now play in a Masters Tournament at Kinnoull on 12th September.

Mini Tennis Green for 10 & under born in 1999 or 2000 will be held at Montrose on Sunday 9th August 12-3pm with referee Graeme Walker. Please encourage our junior stars to participate, this is the start of learning about tennis competitions. Entry forms in Club House.

COACHING APPETITE GROWS IN NUMBERS!

Development Camp

We are honoured to welcome Kirsty McRae to our club and delighted she found time in her busy schedule to run a development coaching programme for the team players. Kirsty has just accepted a Tennis Development position with Tennis Scotland but we look forward to her company at the club.

Annual Summer Tennis Camp with Graeme

Who says it rains on the tennis court - even with showers summer camp was again a terrific fun and industrious event of learning tennis skills with Graeme Walker assisted by Duncan from Stonehaven. The number of children learning so quickly how to control a tennis ball is quite amazing. Children came from all over, many from Brechin, Edzell, Fettercairn, Inverkeilor and Arbroath. It is great to see so many young children enjoying this sport. A huge thanks to Graeme & Duncan.

Angus Council Camps

Dr Dave and Chris O'Mara along with Laura Ross from Angus Council are enjoying two camps this year at our Club. Again we can never express just how pleased we are to have the talents of these coaches participating at the Club. **No Limits Performance**

Dr Dave also takes individuals for coaching, and has been instrumental in the success of Liam Curry who has recently won the Aberdeen Tournament 14 and under event also Fraser Ramsayer and Jon Balfour who have now started competing on the junior circuit. Well done to you all we are very proud of your achievements. Dr Dave also is recruiting new debutantes for his morning sessions.

MINI TENNIS TRAINERS

Coaching will resume with Graeme Walker after the school holidays on Friday evenings.

Thanks

A special mention to Michael Corral our attendant this year. Well done on all your hard work - Michael is also running a junior ladder and a fun afternoon for children on a Wednesday afternoon. Also thanks go to Mark Soutar for his engineering expertise in mending of brass cog for a net which had broken. We couldn't operate the club either without Barbara Watson our treasurer this year, the membership has now reached 178! This involves a lot of paperwork and we owe her a great deal of appreciation.

Condolences from the club members to Mrs Walker, Graeme & Mark Walker on the loss of their beloved husband and dad. Mr Walker was a great supporter of his sons who both have careers in tennis.

Championship entries

Remember to return your Club Championship entry form a.s.a.p and add your name to the CV Baxter Challenge or play in the fun Mixed Doubles ladder.

Keep enjoying your tennis and membership in the club we are delighted to welcome everyone who wants to play or learn to play tennis to Montrose Tennis Club.

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