

# MONTROSE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN 2011



A very warm winter welcome to our second season under floodlights with a special welcome to all new junior and adult members.

### National news

What a delight to be able to see Andy Murray, World No 3 today, play in the Davis Cup at Braehead Arena, Glasgow. It is terrific to see Colin Fleming back playing international doubles; he played with many of our juniors when we refurbished the club house.

Montrose member, Alistair Daniels who is coached by Graeme, is representing team GB in the UK Sports for Learning Disabilities and travels to Liguria Italy in October. Alistair is usually at adult club night and he loves to play in with us. We wish him every success.

### Membership

A huge thank you to everyone who has brought along friends, attended coaching, competed in competitions and socialised. Barbara our treasurer thanks you for £3.00 honesty box contributions. A special mention to Ally Hogg for promoting our tennis membership. Amazingly our membership has reached 275 and a winter membership is now available should you have some friends who wish to become members. Please join British Tennis membership too, it is free and this is where you can get your tennis rankings, especially juniors but more importantly as a Club we are assessed on how many members we have, this number will also determine how many Wimbledon tickets the club are allocated and how we can justify funding from L.T.A. log on now please [www.LTA.org/membership](http://www.LTA.org/membership).

### £££ FUNDRAISING BEGINS IN EARNEST AGAIN THIS TIME FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE THREE POROUS COURTS £££

Many of you have commented to the committee how difficult it is to play on the older style courts and with growing membership and additional adult/junior teams competing it is now essential that we try to achieve a new carpet court surface for next competing season. The courts were laid 22 years ago and have certainly served the club extremely well. We have sought the expertise of the LTA court specialists and Jamie Pert has put together tenders for the contractors to respond too. So the challenge is here again – the cost will be circa £62,000.00 plus VAT. There will be a suggestion box in the club house for any ideas members may have to fundraise, every £1.00, £50.00, £100.00 will be banked to help us reach the target. It is a very very exciting prospect and if we work together we can achieve anything.

### Coaching Programme which so important to the development of the club

Graeme's coaching schedule for the winter season of tennis is on the website [www.montrosetennisclub.org](http://www.montrosetennisclub.org) and a paper copy for the fridge door are also enclosed! Please work with us as we try to provide a comprehensive programme from beginners to the demands that our newly promoted team players will find in division one, we are trying to achieve something for all. Cardio tennis is also very popular – come on give it a go.

**Access to tokens for the floodlights:** There is a box of tokens left in clubhouse kitchen (coffee cupboard) in an honesty box. Each token is still at the superb offer of £2.00 for half an hour. Insert token into the meter of the court you wish, located on the outside of the attendant's office and off you go. The committee also recommend if we keep contributing £1.00 towards floodlight cost on training nights we will break even. The lights look amazing, you simply must try them out and it is truly rewarding to see the courts look busy.

### Tayside Tennis League Report

Men's first team	2 <sup>nd</sup> in Division 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> in league by 4 points and promoted to Division 1
Men's second team	2 <sup>nd</sup> in Division 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> in league by 1 point and promoted to Division 4
Men's third team	2 <sup>nd</sup> in Division 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> in league by 3 points and promoted to Division 6
Ladies first team	after winning Division 3 last year Division 2 with many injuries was taxing we may be back into Division 3 but the ladies are already regrouping for the challenge.	
Ladies second team	<b>WINNERS</b> of Division 6 well done Diane on your team win promotion to 5.	
Henderson Vase Team 1	5 <sup>th</sup>	in Division 2 terrific after new promotion last year
Henderson Vase Team 2	4 <sup>th</sup>	in Division 3 well done after being promoted last year
Henderson Vase Team 3	3 <sup>rd</sup> (so close)	in Division 5 a good consolidating season

**Great ambassadors:** to the many members who played for the first time in leagues it was well documented all over Tayside that we are a developing club, the future lies with you all continuing to learn and what great fun you all brought to Monday and Thursday nights not to mention the suppers afterwards. So it is back to training for season 2012 – checkout the coaching schedule, warmer clothes on but keep playing.

The club is indebted to the match secretaries whose tireless work to get teams of six players together to compete in the large geographical area of Tayside was wonderful. Caroline Stewart, Diane Forbes, Chad Neighbor, Graeme Newton, Andy Baxter, Jen Richardson, Rhona Alston, Gillian Eeles and Lindsay Soutar.

### **The Club 2011 Championships**

Thank you all for your record entries into the championships which had a new successful format this year, the tournament committee are to be congratulated on the results and what a lovely Championship Day – we sincerely hope you enjoyed it, the standard of play was terrific, not to mention the wonderful buffet of food to nibble on.

### **Congratulations to our 2011 winners:**

Men's champion	Graeme Walker	Runner up	Andy Moffat
Ladies champion	Linda Cuthill	Runner up	Jane Cargill
CV Baxter: Junior	Jack Murison	Runner up	Cameron Eeles
CV Baxter: Senior	Murray Pert	Runner up	Bob Scott
Ladies Doubles:	Jane Cargill and Jean Stevenson	Runner up	Linda Cuthill and Corrina Gow
Men's Doubles:	Graeme Ramsay and Andy Moffat	Runner up	Walter Forbes and Graeme Walker
Mixed Doubles:	Graeme Walker and Rhona Alston	Runner up	Jena Stevenson and Ronnie Edwards

### **Summer Attendants**

The club again employed attendants over the summer and autumn holidays to manage administration, cleaning the club house and tidying the garden area. Our sincere thanks to Philip, Scott Lorimer and Gillian Inglis for all their hard work and participation in the club especially with all the many juniors around, we are very proud of you. During Wimbledon fortnight we had a huge amount of members and public all trying to play so we will try to organise even more efficiently next year.

### **Coaching assistants**

A special thank you to Duncan MacLeod who worked alongside Graeme for years and has now undertaken a coaching position at Craiglockhart, Edinburgh. We had a lovely social evening to say good luck. Murray Pert who attained his Level 2 assistant coach has stepped into this role. Anyone looking to undertake further coaching qualifications please ask Rhona for info or log onto [www.tennisscotland](http://www.tennisscotland) for dates and venues.

**Club Mark Accreditation:** We have recently undergone our second year health check and we were found to meet the criteria again to retain this very high tennis club grading.

### **Hosting clubs**

Thanks to Graeme for organising Stonehaven exchanges for the ladies group. What fun.

Montrose ladies also had a friendly with Arbroath ladies.

We are also extending a welcome to Auchenblae mini tennis juniors and Stonehaven juniors who are competing with our team squads on Saturdays.

### **Monthly Adult tournament**

Come and play in this fun tournament on the first Sunday of every month 1pm – 3.30pm refereed by Graeme. Please come and join in and meet new people, mixed doubles where possible depending on numbers. This is for all standards of play, including the older junior members. **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011 £3.00 entry.**

### **Club Night is Wednesday night 7.30**

**“COME ON and GIVE it a TRY its FOR EVERY ONE” all year !**

This is especially for all club members to turn up and play. A great way to meet new people and Graeme is on hand to mix up the events and groupings. For winter starting at 7.15 onwards (2 courts until 7.30).

Up and coming events:

**Tennis Tayside Winter Indoor Leagues** 2011/2012 at David Lloyds, Monifeith.

Montrose will be hoping to enter 3 adult teams and two juniors if there are enough spaces. This is a 2 court format, men's doubles, ladies doubles and then mixed doubles. It is always good to keep competing over the winter months and this has been a relatively recent league which Tennis Tayside have organised.

### **Tennis Tayside Centenary Cup**

Montrose will also have a team competing in Centenary Cup at Broughty Ferry on 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**Vets Tournament:** a new competition for Montrose. We have a lot of juniors competing in little Sunday tournament so the challenge this season is to host a Veteran Tournament – just for Montrose members initially and if it succeeds next year we may open to Angus clubs next year. Details and forms in club house shortly.

**CARDIO TENNIS heart pumping exercise, fast moving tennis, if you need to get fit  
- this is for you!**

The committee meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month so please any ideas, we are open to suggestions.

**Annual General Meeting:** Provisional date for your diary: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011

Congratulations to Andy Baxter and Gillian Hogg on their engagement  
Congratulations to Graeme Ramsey and Dawn Bradley on their engagement  
Congratulations to Stephen and Carly West on their marriage  
Baby congratulations to Graeme & Gillian Walker on the safe arrival of Holly

Our condolences to the many members who have lost loved ones recently, you are in our thoughts.

**Coach's comment:** I would encourage people to keep playing winter tennis. Montrose has one of the best facilities in the North East so be sure to use it. Practise is always good.

**Graeme Walker 07732044814**

**Question: Who is the Scottish No 1, No 2 and No 3 this month?**

### **Car parking**

Please remember to be considerate to the club's neighbours who need access to their homes. Thank you.



After he lost the first set to Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray defeated Rafa 3-6, 6-2, 6-0 on Sunday in the Japan Open final. Andy tennis fans witnessed a very exciting match between these two great players.

Tennis is a sport which anyone of any age or ability can play for the rest of their life; it's safe, social, and low impact. Help us to encourage more people of all ages and abilities to get fit and realise the fun in hitting tennis balls on a regular basis.

We are having some lovely autumn weather so make the most of it.

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# JUNIOR NEWS AUTUMN 2011

Winter Performance squads /coaching/competitive play



Schools tennis programme expanding



## National news

16 year old Jonny O'Mara from Letham Grange has left school to follow a tennis career on the professional tour. His first target is to move up the world U18 ranks to help him gain access to the futures tour and after a successful summer, he won 4 under 18 ITF titles around Europe, he managed to climb over 1300 places in the ranking list in just 3 months of competitive play. After a few weeks training hard at Stirling and hitting with Davis cup squad, it is off again for the busy youngster as he spends the next four weeks on the U18 Asian circuit with team GB. He will play in Thailand and Malaysia.

## WHERE & WHEN YOU CAN PLAY

### THE AUTUMN TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR JUNIORS IS ENCLOSED

**JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT** is free and will continue all year round. These sessions are only open to junior members from Primary 3 to Primary 7 of Montrose Tennis Club on Friday nights 6.30 – 7.30 with the emphasis on the players having as much fun as possible.

If you are a new junior member you are still entitled to play at the club. You are welcome to join in any of the relevant coaching sessions. For members most sessions are £3.50 or if you bring a friend a non member pays £4.50 per hour. For the new P7 and Academy pupils there is an hour on Saturdays to join in. Over the summer a lot of you learnt to play tennis and showed great rackets skills and we would actively encourage you back to practise. The competitive Tennis Tayside Leagues commence in April. You can access the courts for practise when Graeme is around – see his schedules. We also have a junior representative on the committee, presently it is Scott Lorimer. We are always open in the holidays 2-4.

### Tennis Tayside Junior Leagues 2011

Super League team retained position in Super League coming in 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 teams

Team 2 finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position in Division 2

Team 3 finished in 5<sup>th</sup> position in Division 3

Montrose competed in U18, U16, and U10 age groups of National Aegon leagues which will be entered again next year. We had a young competing team but with all the Saturday team training we are ready for season 2012. Bring it on say the juniors! We support three junior teams who compete regularly around Tayside so it will be exciting to meet the challenges of team play next year. Remaining in Super League training will be essential. Aegon Junior teams – these new leagues challenged our juniors but it was exciting to travel to new clubs like Stonehaven, Cults, Rubislaw, Craiggie and Kinoull.

**Schools Tennis Competition** Jamie McLaren our Sports Co-ordinator has entered Montrose Academy into this event – our first round will be drawn soon.

### New Team Hoodies



Our juniors who played in the teams this year can be seen wearing their new hoodies. They look so smart, over to the adults now if you want to design one? You all look fabulous, wear them with pride.

## **JUNIOR CLUB 2011 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**

Congratulations to everyone who entered, this was the largest junior entry for many years and you all played so well. The eventual winners are:

### **The boys title holders**

Juniors 16 under boys	champion	Scott Lorimer	runner up	Findlay Soutar (3 sets)
Juniors 14 under boys	champion	Findlay Soutar	runner up	Patrick Young
Juniors 12 under boys	champion	Murray Soutar	runner up	Patrick Young
Juniors 10 under boys	champion	Lewis Murison	runner up	Euan Clarke
Juniors 9 under boys	champion	Orin Forbes	runner up	Gregor Shellard
Juniors 8 under boys	champion	Orin Forbes	runner up	Cameron Fryer

### **Boys doubles U16**

Champions: Ross Mitchell and Dominic Foreman runners up Findlay Soutar and Jack Murison

### **Boys doubles 12U**

Champions: Euan Clarke and Kade McCormack runners up Lewis Murison and Taylor Gill

### **The girls title holders**

Junior 18 under girls	champion	Fiona Cuthill	runner up	Gillian Inglis
Junior 16 under girls	champion	Eve Cowan	runner up	Rachel Howatson
Junior 14 under girls	champion	Eve Cowan	runner up	Jennie Shanks
Junior 12 under girls	champion	Suzanne Stirling	runner up	Jennie Shanks
Junior 10 under girls	champion	Suzanne Stirling	runner up	Georgia Stirling
Junior 9 under girls	champion	Suzanne Stirling	runner up	Georgia Stirling

### **Girls U12 Doubles**

Champions: Mollie Lindsay and Suzanne Stirling runners up Niamh McGlynn & Georgia Stirling

### **Girls U16 Doubles**

Champions: Rachel Howatson and Jennie Shanks, runners up Eve Cowan and Niamh McGlynn

### **Mixed Doubles U16**

Champions: Rachel Howatson and James Sievewright runners up Jennie Shanks & Jack Murison

Our juniors are now out and about representing the club at various tournaments. Scott Lorimer was the winner of Montrose U16 Tennis Central competition held at the club in September. Players at the tennis Tayside tournament in Broughty Ferry were Scott Lorimer, Jack Murison, Nicholas Stirling, Jennie Shanks.

### **Tennis Tayside Grand Prix finale**

At the finale of the Tennis Tayside Tour orange ball event, our young players Suzanne Stirling was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the final and her twin sister Georgia was 5<sup>th</sup>. Well done girls as they faced players from central and eastern belt of Scotland and this was a terrific result.

**David Lloyds All Star club championships** on 17<sup>th</sup> September U10 at Monifeith was won by Suzanne Stirling and runner up sister Georgia Stirling. Suzanne has won her place in the regional finals in Renfrew on 13<sup>th</sup> November. We wish Suzanne every success.

### **Taster of Tennis**

We were delighted that the tennis Club has been invited again to continue our schools programme run with P3 pupils Montrose Cluster primaries in January 2012 – March 2012 and excitingly to be continued in Brechin and Edzell and Inverkeilor schools after their first taste of an introduction to Graemes coaching. We have been indebted to Derek Mitchell from Guthrie Brothers who sponsored this event.

Montrose Academy pupils are having an inter house challenge and for the first time tennis is on their programme. S5/ S6 had a great afternoon of green tennis and we will welcome back S3/S4 and S1/S2.

**Introducing our youngest juniors! Tots tennis and how they enjoy themselves.**

Have a lovely October break whether you are on holiday or at tennis camp. Keep practising and make the most of your playing opportunities.

Although Simone is far away in Canada she asks you all to keep sending her news for website please.

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