



MONTROSE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2010

- Newsflash

The committee are thrilled to announce Graeme Walker has undertaken to be our Head Coach in a full time position with the Club. My word, this means more tennis for everyone with a coaching structure in place. Graeme will introduce an extensive programme of tennis for all ages and abilities. We are truly grateful to GlaxoSmithKline for their financial support towards this venture. This is a significant milestone in our club history not only for Montrose but also other areas of Angus will benefit. Graeme will be keen to share his vision for the Club on Opening Day **SATURDAY 27th March**.

- Dreams do come true

Thank you all once again for your participation during the voting in Peoples Millions – our successful bid for floodlighting is all happening. We are the talk of the town as the columns are in place. We **will** have lights on our three **new** carpet courts before Opening Day. On the basis of the floodlighting being wholly funded – a window of opportunity then arose to resurface the carpet courts this season from Club funds. We sincerely hope you will fully support this amazing venture and look forward to the 2010 season with much excitement. You will now be able to play 12 months of the year and with a development coach!

- Patience

Please be patient this month as work is underway on the three carpet courts. There is bound to be a little disruption for a short while, but it will all be worthwhile – we promise.

- Thanks

These projects have runaway ... at great speed from the AGM and we must thank our own dedicated Project Team, Simone Bradford, Graeme Newton and Jamie Pert. The Club are saving thousands of pounds as they have undertaken the project management, gathering tenders, securing contracts, meeting the LTA lighting standards etc this has been very time consuming. Together they are leading a very professional project. Well done. Keep up the good work.

- We need your support

The floodlights and new courts are a significant capital investment and now we aim to support a coach, this is a major achievement; we are the only club in Angus to have these resources, along with our showcase Pavilion. This year, more than any other, we really need the support of our members to expand our membership to ensure the continued success and growth of the club. We actually reached 200 members last year. Whatever kind of interest you have in tennis either as a player or parent of juniors etc a warm welcome awaits you.

- **A.G.M.**

The committee would like thank everyone who attended the A.G.M. It is so encouraging that members are interested in supporting the future development of the club. We are all proud to serve as your committee and delighted new faces are sharing the responsibilities. Many thanks Neil for the slide show and Niall McQuistan for mulled wine.

- **Membership for 2009**

March is the time of year for renewing memberships and our treasurer Barbara Watson will be pleased to receive subscriptions at the Open Day or by post. A membership form is enclosed. As a paid up member you will be eligible to enter the club ballot for our allocation of Wimbledon tickets later.

- Opening Day – Saturday 27th March 2010

An exciting day will be in place with mini tennis and a fun programme along with the official switch on of floodlights and new courts. Please watch for press releases, website and clubhouse for more details.

- Spring Clean!

Lots of hands make light work - volunteers **PLEASE** turn up Saturday 21st March 10am, crockery washing, dusting, window cleaning, sweeping veranda, light gardening to be done for Opening Day!



- Winter League at David Lloyds, Monifeith

Tennis action continues as our teams compete in Tennis Tayside's Winter League at the David Lloyd Centre. Presently, Montrose A team are in Division 1 under the stewardship of Ritchie– it is proving a challenge, and our B team under the stewardship of Simon are performing well. Well done everyone for keeping tennis active over the winter.

- Tennis Tayside League Entries this year

Come on everyone, no rusty rackets allowed. We gave entered 2 men's teams, 2 ladies teams, 3 Henderson Vase teams and 3 junior teams. If you would like to play please make yourself known to the match secretaries a.s.a.p. Contact details in Club house. Ladies on Mondays/Gents on Thursdays.

- Newsflash

We have entered a Ladies and Men's team into the Scottish Cup! We are grateful to Kris Soutar for his input at a workshop, but we need more practice!

- Website

Our amazing website still very much in operation, this will be updated by Simone with a tennis programme as soon as Graeme has this in order.

- Tennis Assistant Level 1 Course

Congratulations to Katrina Pert, Murray Pert, Greg Inglis and Jon Balfour for attaining their first level 1 coaching certificates. Their courses were partly funded by Tennis Tayside who would like to see them now use their new skills. Diane Forbes, our new committee member is also hoping to go on a course soon.



- Mini Tennis Festival 26th March

This is an all day event when the Primary 3's, who have been receiving a Taster of Tennis in schools under the guidance of Graeme Walker, enjoy a day at the club courts with Montrose Cluster Sports Coordinator Jamie McLaren. We are so grateful to Guthrie Brothers for helping with sponsorship for this schools programme, as it is so enjoyed by so many local children.

- Indoor Mini Tennis

The mini tennis program has continued with Graeme at Lochside Primary on Friday after school. Keen as mustard they learn skills so quickly – well done kids you are fantastic.

- **Mini's Development Squad**

This new group was formed for mini tennis players to progress into a performance junior. Eight players recently competed in a team tournament at Blairgowrie accompanied by Graeme Walker. Team 1: Lewis Murison, Max Johnston, Lewis Fryer & Ritchie Coull. Came in 2nd place and Team 2: Sarah-Jane Mitchell, Jenny Shanks, Molly Lindsay and Becky Littlewood gave they're all and were a credit to us.

- New Winter Junior League

The Juniors this season have a new venture at David Lloyds, an Under 16 team, Under 14 team and Under 12 team. The kids are having a great time and working hard in their matches. Under 16's still have three games in hand after narrowly being defeated by St Andrews. The 14 and under, along with match secretary Gillian Eeles won their first match and the Under 12's which are mostly new mini players just narrowly lost out to an experienced Crieff team. More games in the next few months to come.

- **Competitions**

Montrose Tennis Club will host a Road To Wimbledon National 14 & under Challenge and Mini Tennis Red, Orange and Green tournaments for the Tennis Tayside Mini Tennis Road Show.

- **Edith Low**

It was with great sadness that Edith lost her battle with cancer. Edith was a great club secretary and supporter of the club in every way. Just latterly, even in poor health, she supported our Peoples Millions challenge and was one of the first to offer her congratulations. She will be fondly remembered and I am sure this year we could donate a social club day to Edith's memory.

Also it was sad that Jean and John Stevenson lost their beloved Dad. Jean as you all know works very hard as our President and steers us wisely. We send her our member's condolences.



- **Andy Murray**

Oh he had us sitting on the edge of our seats as he put out Nadal to get to the final of the Australian Open – though we are looking forward to the French open – slam on the cards this year Andy!

Though this Newsletter has been hastily prepared we felt it necessary to share with you all our terrific news. We all look forward to new beginnings within the club. So please, whatever your interest in tennis – let us enjoy our sport.