



The tennis season is well under way with the French Open compelling viewing and Wimbledon just around the corner. Are you enjoying your tennis and the new court surfaces? The long awaited floodlights are a great success. If you haven't already tried them out – please do so. Lights out 10pm!

Montrose Tennis Club gains Club of the Year Award from Tennis Scotland

Montrose is to be awarded the Tennis Scotland Club of the Year award 2009, recognising our achievements across the spectrum of club development. What an unexpected honour, congratulations members you are part of this club and made this possible. This award is in recognition of gaining Clubmark accreditation, winning the Peoples Millions and completing floodlights and resurfacing the carpet courts projects which has raised the club profile and the employment of Graeme as Head Coach.

Judy Murray visit – what a kind, thoughtful inspiration she is to the sport of tennis. After a long day, Judy still had the energy and enthusiasm to shine on court in the evening. Thank you for bringing along the juniors on a cold night to have a coaching session with her. It was marvellous to see so many children and teenagers all enjoying themselves. Sincere thanks to Diane Forbes for undertaking catering.

Adult Tournament – Sunday 6th June 2010 Canadian style, thank you Simone
It will be a huge wrench to see Simone leave for Canada with the children. As you all know Simone has put her heart into the club and in every way has contributed efficiently. She is now our Vice President along with Graeme Newton, she has also ably constructed our website which she updates regularly, along with being team captain of the Ladies 2nd team (better known as 2009 Dave's Debs) and one of the team who helped secure the win with the Peoples Millions.

Farewell & birthday celebration evening for Simone 12th June 7pm at Club House
For anyone unable to say goodbye at the adult tournament, we are holding a social evening on Saturday 12th June from 7pm onwards. We will have live music for a short time and light supper. Bring along some refreshments too and make this a special night for a **very** special lady.

FREE TENNIS OPEN DAY Sunday 27th June As a gesture of goodwill to the community and for all who voted for us in People's Millions we would like to offer a free day of tennis for anyone who wishes to come and try – so if you have any friends or youngsters who are showing an interest but haven't picked up the courage, try to get them to come along. We would like to offer some hospitality that day if anyone could help with light refreshments, like strawberries and cream etc since it is during Wimbledon Fortnight.

Tennis Tayside Leagues: Ladies team 1 are top of the Division 3 and the Ladies in team 2, Division 6 are sitting in third position.

Men's team 1. After being promoted from Division 4 last year are sitting top of Division 3 meantime and aiming for promotion again this year. The men's team 2 are top of leader board in Division 6.

Many thanks to League secretaries: Caroline Stewart, Simone Bradford, Chad Neighbor and Graeme Newton, Jillian Eeles, Lindsay Soutar. Being a match secretary is very time consuming – please support them and enjoy playing.

Mixed Doubles – Henderson Vase coming up - 3 teams entered!

Graeme Walker has been coaching the teams, so our present position is a great credit to him too.

; folks, if you have any left in purses – please may we have them?



Orin Forbes has counted 2000 already!

Club Membership This currently stands at 198 and we are indebted to Barbara for the hard work she has done and continues to do. Whatever membership you have taken, please enjoy the facilities we have now. Just a gentle reminder that subscriptions are due or if you have any friends wishing to join you can download membership form from website www.montrosetennisclub.org or collect from clubhouse.



Club Programme

We would very much like to promote Wednesday night as Club Night and encourage you all to give it a try and play with new members and stay afterwards for refreshments. Perhaps a curry night or wine-tasting party afterwards, if someone would like to organise please contact Rhona? Club night is targeted at members who may not wish to play in leagues but gives them the opportunity to meet new members and get a game without worrying about who will be there. Graeme is on hand to help, organise and encourage. Please come and see what you think and report back if we can improve. You can see more information from the website and the club house or please contact Graeme Walker directly on mobile 07732044814 or email graemewalker1@hotmail.com and he will direct you to the correct session.

Box Leagues – this is a new singles competition, which Graeme is running at the club. Please check the notice boards if you wish to participate. Singles is a good way to sharpen up our tennis and keep fit.

Adult tournament – 1st Sunday of each month 2 – 4pm (registration 1.45)

6th June 4th July 1st August 5th September 3rd October

Chad Neighbor, and this month by Jack Kearney, usually referees this event very ably. There are nice prizes to win and a great fun afternoon of tennis. The children who are team players may also participate. Usually we have a theme so watch the notice board. This week it is Canadian.

Coaching

Graeme has many classes going on – the cardio tennis is a great work out and can be accompanied by music. Adult beginners and improvers etc – whatever levels you are at – may we encourage you to take advantage of having a coach around and please join in. There are adult tournaments all over Scotland if anyone is interested you can find out more from Tennis Scotland website.

Welcome to Duncan McLeod from Stonehaven and James Kearney as they assist Graeme with some of the coaching sessions. Also Greg Inglis, Murray Pert, John Balfour who have passed level 1 and we hope to see them helping at junior coaching sessions soon now exams are over.

Summer Camps

The dates and times for summer camps are available online or in the club house. If you have any friends and children staying over the summer – maybe they would like to join in.

Club Championships 16th - 28th August – please watch out for entry forms especially if you are planning to be on holiday over the summer.

Court Maintenance – along with the new surface comes responsibilities for the courts upkeep. If you would like to be part of maintenance team please get in touch with Graeme Newton.

New security gates: we are to have some very attractive new gates fitted at both entrances to the club.

Wimbledon Ballot – congratulations to everyone who won their opportunity to get tickets in the ballot, we hope you enjoy the experience, please bring back lots of photographs. (Come on Andy Murray)

Public opening

The courts are again open to the public. Philip and Lyle have been appointed as attendants and will be on duty 6 – 8pm Monday – Friday and 2 – 4 Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting) Please try to wear your identification tag to initially until they become familiar with members.

Fundraising – you are champions!

Grateful thanks to all catering staff in clubhouse and to all who sold strawberries and fruit kebabs all day at the Music Festival on Saturday 30th May. What a tremendous effort by you all. After giving donation to Music Festival we were left with profit of £526.50. We are going to purchase a speed radar for measuring serves and ground strokes. This will be great fun at both senior and junior club nights.

Tennis Challenges over summer hopefully with Stonehaven, Fettercairn, Kirriemuir.

Have a great summer – enjoy your tennis – keep fit – and have fun playing and socialising at the Club.

What year did Andre Agassi retire from tennis? Which famous tennis player did he marry?

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