

# MONTROSE TENNIS CLUB



## Newsletter March 2011

Welcome to the official start of what promises to be a very exciting 2011 season, with even more tennis to offer. A year on after the installation of floodlights and new courts the committee have been delighted with the response both in membership and the usage of the floodlit courts. Graeme Walker's appointment as full time Club coach has hugely contributed to the success of last year's teams in addition to talent spotting a few junior members now playing and training at inter district levels. Graeme also coaches Alistair Daniels who is one of only 4 from GB being selected to play in the Inas-fid (Paralympics level) global games in Italy and Patrick Young who successfully travels all over Scotland competing in U10 events. This year we will be following the highlights of Jonny O'Mara, LTA player of the month after leading U16 team GB team to victory in European Cup.

### *Club Opening Day – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March*

This year we look forward to a gripping season of tennis with four teams promoted in Leagues. On Sunday the 27th March we will commence the day at 10am – 12.30 with junior coaching, though adults can play on other courts too during this time, bacon rolls for breakfast. 1pm for 1.15 will be the Official Opening with new Club President Jen Richardson and unveiling of Graeme's club programme for 2011, with a demonstration match of cardio tennis and hopefully men's tennis. Soup and sandwiches will also be served (help if you can) and then at 2pm there will be a great fun American Tournament for all. Racquets for sale from Mark after 2pm – try and buy!

### **Coaching Tennis Programme ... COMING SOON including**



Coach Graeme, is releasing a new coaching schedule. Check either our website [www.montrosetennisclub.org](http://www.montrosetennisclub.org) or Graeme's notice board in clubhouse for details. There is something for everyone, cardio tennis, juniors all ages, adult coaching all standards including competitions and socialising. There is Club night on Wednesday for all adult members, club night on Friday for juniors. There are now Box Leagues in place for singles competition..... come on join in, there is more to tennis than winning, it is also a wonderful way to meet other club members.

### **Annual Subscriptions**

**\*\*\*\* March is the time of year to renew all existing memberships and encourage new members. Barbara will be pleased to receive subscriptions or help with any enquiries either on the 27<sup>th</sup> or by post \*\*\*\***  
**As a full member of Montrose Tennis club you are eligible to take part in the club ballot for Wimbledon tickets.**

### **Wimbledon Tickets**

The Wimbledon Championship dates are from Monday the 20th of June until Sunday the 3rd of July. Montrose Tennis Club has been allocated **eleven** pairs of Wimbledon tickets on the following dates. Please indicate to Rhona or Barbara when you renew/start your memberships if you wish to put your name into the ballot for the tickets – all paid up members are eligible but you must be a member of **BRITISH TENNIS** which is free from [www.lta.org.uk/britishtennismembership](http://www.lta.org.uk/britishtennismembership). **Montrose allocated tickets...**

<b>Centre Court:</b>	Day 2	(two tickets worth £172)	<b>No 2 Court:</b>	Day 3	(four tickets worth £168)
	Day 7	(two tickets worth £156)		Day 8	(two tickets worth £72)
	Day 13	<b>Men's Finals</b> (two tickets worth £220)			
<b>No1 Court:</b>	Day 1	(two tickets worth £76)			
	Day 5	(two tickets worth £116)			
	Day 8	(two tickets worth £130)			
	Day 9	(two tickets worth £148)			

### ***Spring Clean - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 11am – 1pm***

The club's annual Spring Clean date is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of March at 11am. Please bring along all gardening gloves, tools, dusters and willing hands to work, including painting garden shed! A good way to meet new playing partners and many hands make light work! We would also like to acknowledge and thank Diane Forbes for all her cleaning efforts over the winter months. Diane is the main reason you have all enjoyed a clean club house recently.

### **Floodlight Tokens**

Floodlight tokens are still available in club house. We are financially breaking even so the price will remain at £2.00 each. (30 minutes each) If you are down at training sessions we would remind everyone to pop a £1.00 in floodlight box to help with these sessions costs. Summer nights will be here soon.

Our Website at [www.montrosetennisclub.org](http://www.montrosetennisclub.org) is still be updated regularly by Simone in Canada. Simone continues to be closely linked to the club and she welcomes any news.



### Tesco for Schools Vouchers

Please can you save them for the club! We are eligible for balls and tennis equipment. See box inside Club House to deposit!

### Easter Opening for Public

The club actively welcomes the public to play and visit Montrose Tennis Club and an attendant will be in place over Easter holidays 2 – 4 pm and thereafter commence in May.

### Attendant position

At this time of the year we actively look to employ an attendant/s to cover the public opening times from May – September. Applications can be made to Graeme Newton and Clare Inglis or via Club Secretary Rhona Alston.

### League entries: excitingly another record for Montrose!

There are to be 3 men's teams competing in Tennis Tayside Leagues; 2 ladies teams; 3 Henderson Vase (Mixed) teams; 3 junior teams and a ladies and men's team competing in Scottish Cup.

Our volunteer match secretaries: men's teams Chad Neighbor, Graeme Newton and Andy Baxter and for the ladies, Caroline Stewart and Diane Forbes. For the juniors: Jillian Eeles, Lindsay Soutar and Rhona Alston. For Aegon leagues Rhona Alston and Graeme Walker. Matches starts on 25th April please come to practice nights.

### Winter league Tennis at David Lloyds – Monifeith

This year we have a team competing in three divisions. The overall results will be known soon but this week Montrose won all of their matches. Many thanks from Ritchie, Barbara and Rhona match secretaries to all who have played for the different teams – some out venturing in the December snow! Juniors are also playing extremely well.

### Club Improvements & Developments

Of course you would not expect the committee to be sitting back, oh no, we have the upgrade of the three porous courts in our sights. To this end we have established quotes but are currently seeking the advice of LTA with a view of ascertaining technical advice. The porous courts are to be given a thorough moss clean and winter tidy by Leisuretec, ready for new season. Graeme Newton and Ritchie Wallace, head up the maintenance programme for the three sand filled courts. Also if you have any free time please help those with the reseeding of grass area.



### Junior News



### Easter Camps

Montrose Tennis Club is providing school children from P1 to 6<sup>th</sup> year at secondary with an opportunity to get outdoors, have fun and improve tennis skills during their Easter School Break! Graeme will be running two weeks of Easter Camps from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of April (week 1) and the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of April (Week 2). Open to all children both members and non-members! See flyers in Club house.

**New National League for juniors.** The club have entered four teams U18, U16, U14 and U10 into this league. Fixtures are just being finalised but it is a great opportunity to be able to play in these events.

**Scheduled Junior competitions to be held at Montrose** to enter [www.tennistayside.org](http://www.tennistayside.org) or ask Graeme.

22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Road to Wimbledon event U14 girls and boys play offs enter in the club house notice board.
29 <sup>th</sup> May	U14 event 1 -5
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Mini Tennis Orange event
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Mini Tennis Green event
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Mini Tennis Red event
14 <sup>th</sup> August	U16 event

### Schools Tennis

This programme has expanded considerably allowing Graeme to coach further afield than Montrose this year. Graeme taught in Maisondieu, Andover, Edzell and Inverkeilor and is currently teaching tennis to Primary 3 in Montrose Schools. There will be a mini tennis festival held on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March – volunteers required on the day**, please contact Rhona if you can help. We are indebted to our main sponsor **Derek Mitchell from Guthrie Brothers** for his financial support and the help of Sportsmatch Scotland who have also supported us with grant money for this venture. We hope that the Taster of Tennis delivered will encourage children to attend tennis camps and take up an interest in tennis in the future. There is a new club membership this year for 8 and under.

### Assistant Coach

Murray Pert – is currently undertaking his Level 2 coaching qualification and has already been a great asset to Graeme when coaching the mini tennis groups. If you would like to learn more about level 1 qualification please go onto Tennis Scotland website for details of venues or talk to Rhona.

### **Secondary schools – Cash back for communities**

Graeme has worked closely with Montrose secondary school this year and an opportunity arose to get sponsorship to invite secondary children to try out tennis on Thursday's after school. We hope they have enjoyed this initiative and we would welcome them back to further coaching sessions.

### **Saturday junior training**

Graeme has offered prospective team players the opportunity to train on Saturdays prior to the junior leagues which will start on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. If you are interested in playing team tennis, ensure you have informed Graeme. Well done to all who are turning up and training had, it will be worth the effort throughout the season.

### **Inter district squads**

We have been delighted to hear of the rapid progression of Lewis Murison and Jenny Shanks, both are training at Inter district level with District coach Jane Morrison and we look forward to hearing of their experiences.

### **Angus Development Squad**

Montrose juniors have benefited from training at David Lloyds Centre at Monifeith with Ally Duncan. Findlay and Murray Soutar, Liam Curry, Nicholas, Suzanne and Georgia Stirling, Lewis Murison, Jenny Shanks, Molly Lindsay. Well done.

### **Indoor Tennis Lochside**

The enthusiastic mini tennis programme has continued over winter with Graeme at Lochside Primary on Wednesdays after school. This year the mini red, orange and green juniors have also been regularly training outdoors too. There is also now installed in the summer programme development groups for the children to work towards.

### **AGM**

The committee would like thank everyone for their attendance at the AGM and for their encouragement. We really are working hard and delighted new faces are sharing the responsibilities incurred in the running of the club with such enthusiasm.

### **Montrose Sports Centre**

With the closure of Montrose Sports Centre to both badminton and squash players, Montrose Tennis Club would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in giving tennis a go.

### **Lathallan School**

This season Lathallan girls are to coach with Graeme on Wednesday afternoons. We hope they enjoy our wonderful facilities.

An email survey will be forwarded shortly re Club Championships format. Finals day 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

### **Please note:**

The men's first round match in Scottish Cup will be at home on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Montrose Tennis Club. Spectators welcome also Barbara could collect membership money then if you were unable to attend on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

The Club's new programme will be in place after Easter holidays, it is now published on the web site, please note Graeme is to change his day off to a Monday. We wish his wife Gillian well as there is to be an addition to the Walker household later in the year. Graeme wishes you all a very happy, competitive season and would like you all to enjoy this wonderful sport, whatever level you are happy playing at.

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**Enjoy this new season we would like to encourage fun and friendship as well as competitive tennis amongst members. We hope to see you on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March.**

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**Question: The tennis player Mansour Bahrami, better known as Court Jester –which county was he born in?**

