



NEWSLETTER

The tennis season is under way with the French Open starting this week and Wimbledon on the horizon.

Main objective for 2011 is to make everyone aware that we are looking for funding to resurface the back courts and bring them up to the standard of the new courts. So any fundraising ideas please keep the committee informed. We are seeking technical advice from the LTA and Angus Council.

First Fundraiser SOS - please help even for a hour or two on Saturday 28th May

Our tennis club is undertaking a stall at the Music Festival on Saturday 28th May. We would be grateful to members if they could help either in the clubhouse 9.30am with the strawberry/fruit kebabs preparation or willing hands to sell them at the Music Festival in the high street from 11am onwards please. (All ages) Rhona would be grateful for all help 07730405314. This is a very worthwhile fundraiser but needs you all.

Adult Tournament - Sunday 5th June 2011 Date for Diary! (French Open Men's Final)

Our second adult tournament this year will be lots of fun 1 – 3.30 pm with Graeme Walker refereeing. Congratulations to Linda Mosley and Walter Forbes for winning Roo's Leap vouchers last time.

Tennis 12 hour marathon - running alongside our adult tournament

Montrose Farmers are also holding a 12 hour sponsored tennis marathon from 10am – 10pm at the club on Sunday 5th June to raise money for the 45 Commando Woodland Memorial garden at Condor that day. So we can help them too keep the ball moving for the twelve hours. If you would like to play in earlier or later in the day – the farmers would welcome your support, a BBQ will be in operation.

Adult tournament - 1st Sunday of each month 1 - 3.30 (registration 12.45) enjoyment

5th June 3rd July 7th August 4th September 2nd October

Junior tournaments also on Sundays - see Graeme Walker or website.

Wimbledon Ballot – congratulations to everyone in the ballot who secured the 13 sets of tickets. We hope you enjoy the experience, please bring back lots of photographs. Can Andy make the final? Your tickets will arrive at the club shortly.

2011 Club Championships - date for diary Saturday 27th August

ANNOUNCING NEW FORMAT FOR MONTROSE TENNIS ADULT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

“Following the recent online survey (the results of which were not conclusive) we have decided to run this year's championships as follows:

Entry sheets for the various events (Men's Singles, Ladies' Singles, Men's Doubles, Ladies' Doubles, Mixed Doubles and CV Baxter Trophy) will be put on the notice board in the clubhouse and players can enter the event/s of their choice by adding their name to the appropriate sheet/s. We would ask you please to read the competition rules carefully before entering.

Partners for all doubles events this year will be drawn by ballot. Depending on the level of entries, we hope to play some of the early rounds during June, July & early August leaving only the later rounds to be played during the two weeks prior to the finals day – Saturday 27th August (or Sunday 28th if necessary). Players need to check the draw sheets and contact their opponents to arrange their early round matches as soon as possible as these ties will not be scheduled by the tournament organisers.

Finally, the aim is for the tournament to be fun with lots of members participating so come on, get your name down! The final date for entries is **10th June**. We can't all be winners but we can all take part and make the eventual winners work for their trophies.

Tesco Vouchers – many thanks folks, if you have any left in purses – please may we have them asap?



Orin Forbes has counted 2300 already!



Tennis Tayside Leagues: **Ladies team 2** are top of the Division 6 and the **Ladies in team 1** are still looking for their first win, Division 2 is proving a hard task meantime.

Men's team 1. After being promoted from Division 3 last year are sitting top of Division 2 meantime and aiming for promotion again this year. The **men's team 2** have had 2 walkovers and played top of the league team Wormit 2 and had a convincing win. Amazingly the men have a **3rd team** and Andy Baxter's boys haven't lost yet either.

Juniors: we have three teams, **Super League, Division 2** and **Division 3**. The teams are getting very good results this year. There are also four other teams in Aegon leagues which are national leagues, U18, U16, U14 and U10. Last week the under 10 team with Lewis Murison, Molly Lindsay, Suzanne & Georgia Stirling had a great win at St Andrews, while U16 team, Scott Lorimer, Cameron Eeles, Findlay Soutar and Ross Mitchell had a great win against Craigie Club. Well done to all new and regular players, our teams are a great credit to the club and coach.

Many thanks to League secretaries: Caroline Stewart, Diane Forbes, Chad Neighbor and Graeme Newton, Andy Baxter, Jillian Eeles, Lindsay Soutar, Rhona Alston, Jen Richardson. Being a match secretary is very time consuming – please support them and enjoy playing. Match secretaries liaise with Graeme Walker. Mixed Doubles, called the Henderson Vase League in Tayside will be coming up - 3 teams entered!

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Home matches are just not the same without the old blue table clothes! Did anyone take them away to wash and may still have them in their linen cupboards? We would be so happy to see them returned.

Club Membership This currently stands at 208 and we are indebted to Barbara Watson for the hard work she continues to do. Whatever membership you have taken, please enjoy the facilities. 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, if you feel you are unable to play this year, we would be grateful if you could return your clubhouse key in the hope that you may again join in the future. A very big thank you for popping money into the guest honestly box and floodlight box.

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.

Club Opening Day. Thank you all for coming along and making it such a sociable and fun day. We were very lucky to have Jonny Lints and Nickolas Rozenzweig to play a demo match, along with rackets on sale and Kirsty Hay onboard with massage techniques. The adult tournament was won by Linda Cuthill.

Coaching

Graeme has many classes going on – the cardio tennis is a great work out, 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.

Congratulations to Murray Pert on achieving his coaching level 2 qualification and we welcome him onboard joining Graeme and Duncan McLeod at coaching sessions.

**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.

Court Maintenance It is essential to keep up a high standard of maintenance for the new courts, please get in touch with Graeme Newton if you would like to be involved.

Public opening

The courts are again open for the public. Philip Thomson and Blair Henderson 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 initially until they become familiar with members.

Social Tennis Challenges over summer hopefully with Stonehaven, Fettercairn, Kirriemuir and newly formed Letham club.

We also have opened dialogue with the tennis club in Luzarches, in France, with the aim of inviting them to Montrose for a weekend, hopefully in partnership with the Twinning Association.

Thank you to Mr Kearney who has completely revived our old shed with a couple of coats of preservative. If anyone feels they have a spray gun to undertake the back please contact him.

Thank you also to Simone. Although over the Atlantic Ocean Simone is very much following the comings and goings at the club and dutifully keeps up to date our website. www.montrosetennisclub.org

Car parking – a gentle reminder to all members and public that although we enjoy our tennis very much we have to remind ourselves that these are residential streets so courteous parking would be appreciated by our very tolerant neighbours.

To all groups coaching with Graeme, what fun you are all having and how much you have all improved, it is great to see such a variety of age groups all enjoying this wonderful game.

Get well soon

A quick get well mention to all who have sporting injuries especially George Baxter who was injured in the first match of the season playing for Montrose in first round of Scottish Cup. We look forward to seeing him back again and Stuart Randall after a skiing holiday accident. Best wishes.

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

Which year was Andy Murray born in? Who is currently Scotland No 2 male player?

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President Jen Richardson

Turn over for junior news



JUNIOR NEW AND UPDATES

Welcome to Montrose Tennis Club if you are a junior member. You have a representative on the main committee called Scott Lorimer. If you don't already know Scott you soon will as he is a great player and ambassador for the club. If you have any good ideas or worries he can be your voice at committee.

This weekend is U14 Road to Wimbledon competition for any of our young players to enter. The winner of both girls and boys section go forward to next round at David Lloyds, Monifeith on 4th and 5th June.

All age groups have competitions to play in. Tennis Tayside have leagues all over the east of Scotland and we have three teams this year. Players involved play singles and double matches. Each team has four players. You can access more information from Jane Morrison scottishtennisholidays@hotmail.co.uk or phoning 07754599764. To date players have been Scott Lorimer, Murray Pert, Fraser Ramseyer, Jon Balfour, Liam Curray, Cameron Eeles, Findlay and Murray Soutar, Ross Mitchell, James Sievwright, Nicholas Stirling, Connel MacLaren, Patrick Young, Jack Murison, Jennie Shanks, Moran Smith, Eve Cowan, Rachael Howatson, Niamh McGlynn, Dominic Foreman.

Montrose is also hosting competitions as part of Central and Tayside Circuit – give it a try

U14 event on Sunday 29 th May	1 - 3 entry £7.00
Mini Orange event on Sunday 12 th June	1 - 4 entry £5.00
Mini Green event on Sunday 19 th June	1 - 4 entry £5.00
Mini Red event on Sunday 17 th July	1 - 3 entry £5.00
U16 event on Sunday 14 th August	1 - 5 entry £7.00

Entries accepted via Graeme Walker if unsure about entering on line.

Montrose have also entered the Aegon Team league in U18, U16, U14 and U10. This is a new league and we are playing at clubs not normally in our area which is great ie Stonehaven, Cults, Rubislaw, Linlithgow! Our U10 team, Lewis Murison, Molly Lindsay, Suzanne and Georgia Stirling had a great win at St Andrews last Saturday; as did our U16 team at home v Craigie. U16 team were Scott, Cameron, Findlay and Ross, our U14 team, also won the previous week Cameron, Findlay, James and Murray Soutar at Stonehaven.

A warm welcome to Lathallan School on Wednesday afternoons. The girls group are enjoying their tennis.

There is coaching with Graeme Walker at all levels, please ask them for advice and enjoy your training programmes. Graeme runs a session for senior school children after school on Fridays.

If you are a member of the club, you can get £1.00 off your coaching lessons; also you get access to the courts when the attendants are on premises. We do encourage you to come and practice, but you must be accompanied by an adult if you come out with public opening times or when Graeme Walker is in attendance for your own protection in case of an accident.

The match secretaries are Jillian Eeles, Lindsay Soutar, Rhona Alston and Graeme Walker who will be happy to encourage you to play competitive tennis, if you so wish. If you wish to just enjoy your coaching sessions then we are very happy for you to do so.

Thank you for collecting so many Tesco vouchers for us too.

We really hope that you enjoy coming to the tennis club so please don't be afraid to have your say if you would like us to consider changes.

Rhona Alston
Club secretary

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Colin Fleming (Great Britain Davis Cup Player and currently Scotland No 3) "If you want to improve your tennis, then you must compete as much as possible. As a junior I took little notice of my rating. I had confidence in myself that if I worked hard at my game, and competed as much as possible, I would improve, and my rating would take care of itself. For the Central and Tayside players to have this mini tennis circuit on their doorstep is great and I would advise players to play as many of them as possible.