



## MONTROSE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 2009 OPENING DAY SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009

### Something for everyone!

We are looking forward to our Opening Day on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March this year aiming to build on our membership and encourage fun and friendship as well as competitive tennis amongst members.

#### Invitation

Members, guests & visitors are welcome to our Open Day (please let the sun shine)  
10am - 12.30am children's free coaching 12.45pm hopefully demonstration match  
1.15pm beat the coach challenge! 2pm - 4pm adults mixed doubles fun tournament  
2pm - 4pm back courts teens and juniors fun tournament  
Soup & Sandwiches lunch provided (helpers welcome)

#### Membership for 2009

This is the time of year for renewing memberships and our new treasurer Barbara Watson will be pleased to receive subscriptions at the Open Day or by post. Fees remain as last year and an application form is enclosed. As a paid up member you are eligible to enter the club ballot for our allocation of Wimbledon tickets which is detailed below, please call Rhona (secretary) 01674 672404

#### WIMBLEDON TICKETS - CHAMPIONSHIP DATES - MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE to SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY

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|---|-----------|-----------------------|--------|--------------|
| 2 | Monday    | 22 <sup>nd</sup> June | £40.00 | Centre Court |
| 2 | Friday    | 26 <sup>th</sup> June | £62.00 | Centre Court |
| 2 | Monday    | 22 <sup>nd</sup> June | £37.00 | Court 1      |
| 2 | Friday    | 26 <sup>th</sup> June | £55.00 | Court 1      |
| 2 | Wednesday | 1 <sup>st</sup> July  | £70.00 | Court 1      |
| 2 | Friday    | 26 <sup>th</sup> June | £47.00 | Court 2      |
| 2 | Tuesday   | 30 <sup>th</sup> June | £35.00 | Court 2      |

### Exciting news!

We have launched a new web page check it out [www.montrosetennisclub.org](http://www.montrosetennisclub.org). Simone has used her skills to develop this asset so you can all see what is going on in the club programme, easily download membership forms, and view pictures.

Tennis Tayside also have a new web site under development showing the current winter league results at [www.tennistayside.org](http://www.tennistayside.org)

### Pre Opening Day Events

#### Stretchercise Class!!!

Come along on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm when Ans Ninetman is willing to give us a preseason Stretch class at Links Hotel 7pm. Please join us in this new venture and bring a friend! Juniors over 12 also welcome £3.00

#### Spring Clean!

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

#### Men's Tennis

Chad is kindly organising games on Saturday afternoons to encourage practice and the opportunity for men to play tennis with the start of a second men's team we need to encourage members to participate. Please gents go along and support this new venture.

#### Ladies Tennis

With the introduction of second ladies league team this is an opportunity for all ladies to meet on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2 - 4 to a training session. Dave O'Mara is also willing to introduce new secretaries to match paperwork.

### Winter League at David Lloyds, Monifeith

Well done to everyone who has contributed to our success this year with two teams playing in Tennis Tayside's Winter League at the David Lloyd Centre. Presently, Montrose A team are sitting top of Division B and Montrose B team lying in second place with a game in hand. Many thanks to all for late nights and hard work.

## **AGM**

The committee would like thank everyone who attended the AGM. 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 to Chris Hardy who gave us a lovely slide show of our exchange trip to Luzarches too.

### **Public Opening**

The courts will be open over Easter from 2 - 4pm. A free game of tennis will be offered to any Primary 3 pupil who has an armband from the Tennis Festival, encouraging them back onto the courts.

### **Floodlighting Funding**

Thank you to Diane Forbes for a very pleasant evening and starting off the fundraising by holding a Virgin Vie party at the Club House. Over £200 was raised. A very worthwhile effort.

### **Attendant position season 2009**

Attendant interviews will be held shortly. If you are interested in the position please contact either Caroline Stewart (840534) or Linda Cuthill (01241 890476).

### **Tennis Assistant Level 1 Course**

We would be pleased to have any of our members or older juniors who may be interested in this course to ask for more details. It is always advantageous for us to be developing skills to help the coaches.



## **JUNIOR NEWS**



### **Mini Tennis Festival 25th 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 big courts with our Sports Co-ordinator Jamie McLaren. We are so grateful to Guthrie Brothers for helping with sponsorship for this schools programme.



### **Indoor Mini Tennis**



The mini tennis programme has continued with Graeme at Lochside Primary on Wednesdays after school. This led to eight of our 'mini' players shining in their first team tournament at Blairgowrie. Team 1; Nicholas Stirling, Max Johnston, Lewis Fryer & Adam Cameron. Team ; Kirha Coull, Ritchie Coull, Sarah-Jane Mitchell and Kirsty McInnes. The kids were a credit to their club, as are all the children in the mini tennis coaching sessions. Coaching will resume at the courts after Easter holidays.

### **Montrose Tennis Club will host a Road To Wimbledon National 14 & under Challenge Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

We are going to host this event encouraging players from Arbroath & Kirriemuir to enter and from which the winner (and possibly the runner up) will qualify for a County final taking place at Westburn Tennis Centre in Aberdeen on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June. The winner of County final takes part in the National finals at Wimbledon over a week in August. Notice in Club House. Minimum eight boys and eight girls.

### **Junior Winter Training**

Some of our teenagers were given the opportunity of extra winter training with Ally Duncan for county squad at David Lloyds Centre. Participating are Murray Pert, Scott Lorimer, Cameron Eeles, Fraser Ramseyer & Jon Balfour along with brothers Finlay & Murray Soutar. Mr Duncan reported back that all are working extremely hard. With the club entering three teams this year we welcome all team players back to the courts a.s.a.p.

### **Davis Cup 6th 7th 8th March**

Jonny O'Mara was in action at the Braehead Arena last Sunday where he was introduced to the crowd by National Coach, Eleanor Lighthbody, "as the only GB player up to that point who had beaten a Ukrainian earlier in the year". He was on court for half an hour demonstrating his talent with Alice Keddie from Dundee. Early March sees Jonny in London where he will be coached by Greg Rudeski before accompanying team GB at tournaments in Portugal and Italy. Did you see Colin Fleming playing in doubles match at Davis Cup?

**A programme of events is also enclosed with your membership form.**

**We hope you find something for everyone whatever level of tennis you play.**

**Our coaches Graeme Walker & Dr Dave O'Mara wish you all an enjoyable year.**

## MONTROSE TENNIS COMMITTEE FOR 2009

|                          |   |                 |                                     |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| President                | Jean Stevenson  |                 |                                     |
| Project Coordinator      | Jamie Pert  |                 |                                     |
| Vice-President           | Linda Cuthill   |                 |                                     |
| Secretary                | Rhona Alston  |                 |                                     |
| Treasurer                | Barbara Watson  |                 |                                     |
| Committee                | Simone Bradford, Ritchie Wallace, Neil Werninck, Jen Richardson, Graeme Newton, Claire Inglis, Junior Rep. David Gray |                 |                                     |
| Ladies match secretary 1 | Caroline Stewart  | Mixed Doubles 1 | Linda Cuthill                       |
| Ladies match secretary 2 | Simone Bradford   | Mixed Doubles 2 | Rhona Alston                        |
| Men's match secretary 1  | Chad Neighbor   | Junior Teams 1  | Bill Duff                           |
| Men's match secretary 2  | Graeme Newton   | Junior Team 2   | Jillian Eeles                       |
|                          |   | Junior Team 3   | jobshare Rhona Alston/Claire Inglis |