

MONTROSE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER



ANDY No 4 in world!

Note of
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 2nd December 2008
In Club House at 7.30 p.m.



CHRISTMAS SANTA

AUTUMN & CHRISTMAS 2008

Welcome to the autumn update of forthcoming events. With our A.G.M. in the month of December the colder weather is obviously not deterring the die hard players as there is still plenty tennis activity going on so please continue to enjoy your membership with us. We are currently watching Andy Murray ranked No 4 in the World raise the bar of his game playing at the Tennis Masters in Shanghai as he defeated Andy Roddick yesterday in a three set thriller - can he defeat Rodger Federer again?

Yes it is A.G.M. time of year again

We seem to have achieved so much over the last year, is it really just April since we had our Official Opening? We now have floodlighting permission granted but of course we have to seek your approval on how the Club should develop with the capital projects we have in mind. This Club needs all your views and the committee would so appreciate your support on this occasion, it makes all our hard work worthwhile. This year we thought we would welcome you with mince pies and mulled wine. We have also invited Chris Hardy to do a little slide show on our trip to Luzarches with the Twinning Association. Agenda & Minutes enclosed for adults ... **2nd December 7.30pm**

PLEASE - PLEASE - PLEASE

I know it is a nuisance to ask but please can everyone, juniors also, sign up to British Tennis Membership before 20th November - it doesn't cost anything but we, as a club, will not qualify for funding or our allocation of Wimbledon tickets. Although this may not feel like it effects you personally - honestly we don't want to loose out. Pick up the phone or go on line it is that easy. Call 0845 8737202 or www.lta.org.uk/membership

A Little French Connection

What a terrific time was had by Chad, Chris, Caroline, Jean, Linda, Rhona and Fiona Cuthill who had splendid host families and we enjoyed the hospitality of our French Twin Town in Luzarches. Hopefully Chris will enlighten you all of our adventures at the A.G.M. French food, Highland Games, tennis and more Champagne!

Tennis Tayside Winter Senior League

This is the second year Montrose have entered this winter league which Tennis Tayside are offering their clubs and it is an opportunity to continue competitive tennis indoors. We have entered two teams this year of four players each session after winning Division 3 last year. The court availability at Next Generation has been negotiated and is partly subsidised by Tennis Tayside. Please contact Rhona on 01674 672404, if you wish to participate, as she is acting as match secretary. **Dates for matches:** Team A, entered in Division 2 is 2nd November, 10th December, 22nd January, 18th February and 5th March. Team B, entered in Division 3 is 3rd December, 8th January, 18th January, 12th February and 27th March.

Ceilidh

Thank you to all who supported our social evening and made the evening so successful at Hillside Hall. Terrific food, Wayne Robertson was first class and all adults and children present danced all night. It was a really family fun atmosphere. Special thanks to Chairman Jean & Neil and the committee for organising. We would do it again!

Dr O'Mara and his lady Debutants!

What fun this group of trainees are having, honestly it is really a great workout and very addictive on a Wednesday and Friday morning. Ladies you are fantastic playing in all weathers, a second ladies team - are you ready? If you want more information please contact Dr Dave. He is also around on Sundays for coaching.

Mixed Doubles

Under the skilful guidance of Match Secretary Linda Cuthill, our Henderson Vase First Team season is completed and many congratulations everyone after being promoted to Division 3 - you retained your status! Well done Linda for keeping everyone going. Also this year we entered a second team into Division 5, known as the "Social Team" that incorporated as many members as possible to give everyone a chance to play. Hope you all enjoyed and WOW we finished up 3rd in our division! Lets do it again!



Indoor Mini Tennis



The little tennis stars are back hard at work at Lochside Primary School with Graeme Walker for this season. The tennis skills programme takes place on a Wednesday after school - age 4, 5 & 6 are 4.30 - 5.30pm age 7, 8 & 9 from 5.30 - 6.30pm. With some place still available for 4,5,6 group. In January 2009 Graeme on behalf of Montrose Tennis Club will resume coaching for all Primary 3 pupils in our local schools. This is a great way for tennis to be introduced to children with our many thanks to Jamie McLaren Active Schools Coordinator.

Angus Development Group

We were delighted that a "Sift" was held at Next Generation on Sunday 9th November for our younger children. Ally Duncan and Graeme Walker were in charge of a Talent Identification afternoon to scout any promising young tennis talent in the area of which we had an abundance. Our children behaved impeccably and were a credit to Graeme and their parents as a result we hope to repeat this for those who would benefit from extra winter training.

Teens & junior team members

While we had Graeme at Next Generation we took the opportunity to invite our junior members for a two hour training session indoors. Again the enthusiasm and skills they displayed made this a very successful venture that we hope to repeat. Thank you to Cameron, Scott, Murray Pert, Liam, Fiona, Finlay & Murray Soutar, Michael, Fraser, Blair who competed with a broken arm and Arron who had just scored a hat-trick at football.

Junior Tennis Development

Congratulations to Finlay & Murray Soutar who have been given the opportunity to train with Ally Duncan at Next Generation over the winter.

Angus Davis Cup

Well done Scott, Cameron, Finlay and Liam who represented us at this event. Finlay, Scott, Liam & Cameron were a very young team and you did so well to come in third. Arbroath teams 1 & 2 were 1st & 2nd.

Westburn - Aberdeen

Well done Euan Duff for entering into this under 16's event in October. Euan credited an impressive 8th place.

The busy life of Jonny O'Mara

It has been a busy, successful autumn for Montrose Tennis Club member Jonny O'Mara. Competing in Spain on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, Jonny and his partner won the under 14 Fundamentum Talent cup and with another partner won the Oslo Open. Jonny then travelled from Barcelona to London to play for Scotland in the Home Nations Tournament. The Scottish team lost their title narrowly but came second overall with Jonny's highlight winning the under 14 category. Jonny then attended a GB Junior training camp at the new LTA headquarters in Roehampton. In the first Grand Prix of the season in London, Jonny made the quarter-finals. Jonny is currently competing with team GB squad in Switzerland. Jonny's little brother Ben is also in the spotlight, succeeding at Area and Regional Talent I.D days to be selected as one of 3 players from Tennis Tayside to attend the National Talent I.D. day in Stirling later this month. Good luck to both Jonny & Ben.

Tennis Tayside

Tennis Tayside are busy building a new website for our League results, coaching programmes, club contacts etc. This should be up and running in the next few months and our newly appointed President is Colin Allison.

"KEYS FOR PADLOCK"

Changing back from combination lock

Neil is going to reinstate the old padlock as from the date of the A.G.M. If you come along then a new key will be given out or you may use your old one or see him at the Van Werninck Studio for a replacement.

Look out for water being turned off in pavilion after the AGM

Look forward to seeing you at A.G.M. your club needs you and your ideas to keep succeeding! Rhona