

Scone Tennis Club in the Robert Douglas Memorial Park Abbey Road Scone PH2 6RU



**Group Photo of STC juniors, parents & helpers at the Rally for Bally event
June 2014**

A warm welcome to all members new and old at Scone Tennis Club!

On behalf of Scone Tennis Club I would like to welcome new members into our club this season. Membership numbers particularly amongst juniors have risen sharply and I hope you are enjoying playing on the tennis courts. Both Marcin our Head Coach and Morag our Membership Secretary have done a great job in boosting membership numbers. Should any adult member wish a clubhouse key for £4 please let Morag know and she will arrange to get one delivered to you.

Please remember there is usually a court available for social tennis on a Friday night from around 7.30pm and that Saturdays and Sunday afternoons and evenings are also generally free. Members are strongly encouraged to check court availability by looking at our calendar which can be found on our website www.sconetennisclub.org.uk

Team tennis practice continues on a Sunday morning, currently focussing on mixed doubles if possible, from 10am-noon.

We were saddened to hear of the recent sudden death of our former Treasurer Fraser Gibson on 27th July. He was a well-loved member of STC and, as said at his funeral, a real gentleman both on and off court. Our thoughts are extended to his family.

Club Championship & Mini Tennis events

ADULTS

Finals Day for the Club Championships will be held on **Sunday 14th September**. The earlier rounds for the Doubles (Mixed, Ladies, Gents and Non-Team) will be played on **Friday 12th and Saturday 13th September** so obviously participants have to be available to play that weekend! Our Head Coach, Marcin Tycner, is organising the club championships this year so all participants should either email him on marcin20gb@yahoo.pl or add their names to the list in the Clubhouse by **August 29th** at the latest. The early rounds of the Gents Singles will be played on the previous weekend of **5/6/7th September** and, again, please either contact Marcin or add your name to the list in the Clubhouse by **August 22nd**.



JUNIORS

Notices are up in the Clubhouse with details of the u8, u10, u13 and u16 events. Again, please contact Marcin with your entry or add your name to the list in the Clubhouse. U13 & u16 finals will be played on the **14th September**.

MINI-TENNIS TOURNAMENT Saturday 16th August 1am-1pm

This tournament is for u8, u10 and Active Andys members, running on the same lines as the previous two that we have held at Scone this year. Please contact Marcin with your entry or put your name up on the list in the Clubhouse by 13th August. Please note that this tournament will "double" as the u8 and u10 Club Championships.

John Jasper Memorial Tournament

To coincide with Scone's turn to host a Sunday monthly social we intend to use the occasion on the **28th September** to run our annual competition in memory of John. An entry fee of £5 will be charged which as usual will go towards one of John's favoured charities – ENABLE. Jean Jasper will be asked to present the trophy if she is able to do so.

All other Sunday social dates involving local clubs have already been advertised and are on display in the clubhouse. All adult members are warmly invited to attend the JJ competition.

Tennis Tayside League results 2014

With all the Tennis Tayside ladies, gents and junior matches completed for this season, congratulations & pride of place is given to the Ladies 1st team who became champions of Div 2 and are back up to Div 1 next year! The second ladies team did very well to finish in 3rd spot in their Div 4.

The Mens 1st team managed to hold on to their status in Div 2 having struggled for much of the season with the lack of their normal top duo (Marcin & Alan) but this at least allowed them to field the likes of up and coming Sam & Alex Cunningham. Experience will stand them in good stead!

The Mens 2nd team had some new faces in it this year and finished a credible 3rd in their division.

It would appear congratulations can be in order too for our U16 Junior team who finished in runner-up spot in Div 2 and should also be placed into Div 1 next season. With new juniors joining this season we hope to have an increased pool to choose from in 2015.

Thanks to all team captains for organising their matches.



P&D Leagues & Henderson Vase Games

The P&D Mixed fixtures were virtually all played eventually though getting teams out proved to be a struggle. Currently we do not have the overall league table from Neil Rowlands. Thanks to Ibrahim and Audrey for their efforts in getting teams sorted. At the moment the Mens and Ladies matches have started with thanks again to Shaun, Douglas and Fiona Melloy for agreeing to be team captains.

The Henderson Vase matches are well underway and all teams are struggling this season for a variety of reasons. Marcin is now running all three teams. It would appear at this stage that all teams are heading down a division and that the third team is struggling even to get a full team out for every match. There needs to be discussion at the forthcoming AGM about putting out a 3rd team. That said, we do a great job in trying to get 3 teams out with our relatively small number of Adult members.

Coaching

JUNIORS: Following the appointment of Marcin as Head Coach in the Spring of 2014 he has worked hard to increase junior membership and offers a variety of coaching classes to many of our younger members. Most of these take place on Tuesday & Friday evening and details are on display in the clubhouse & on our webpage and will continue until the end of September in its current form. After that from Tuesday 3rd October at STC there will be a new block of 10 coaching sessions at a subsidised cost of £15 in total. These will take place outdoors from 5-6.30pm for age 8 and under members and from 7-8.30pm for members aged 9 and over.



A new venture this year will see STC offering indoor junior coaching at the North Inch Community Campus for members aged 8 and under. Friday evenings 5-6pm from 31st October until 12th December then 16th January until 27th February 2015 and Saturday lunchtimes 1230-1.30pm 1st November until 13th December then 17th January until 28th February 2015. Reminders and details of cost will follow. It is hoped many juniors will take up this exciting offer!

Douglas Gibson continues to show his love of the sport and works with youngsters & adults too on a Monday afternoon as part of his Parent & Child approach to introduce families to our great sport.

Junior members helped raise almost £200 for the Rally For Bally memorial fund at one of their STC events.

The Active Andys club for children with ASN, after school hours on a Friday continues to flourish under the leadership of Fiona Bruce & Morag Bull with help from Marcin. It is good to hear of members being fully integrated in all junior club events.

ADULTS: Coaching for adults will continue at STC from Friday 10th October until 9th December (10 sessions) from 7.8.30pm at a subsidised cost of £20.

Other News in Brief

Audrey Paton who captains our Ladies second team has been encouraging Club Shirt sales in the true Wimbledon colour of purple. If you wish to purchase a shirt see Audrey – they cost £15 for adults and we are offering hoodies/polos for the juniors at a cost of £7. When all team members wear them the team looks regal if not good!

HUGE thanks to both Douglas Gibson and Paul Cunningham for their invaluable efforts in power washing the courts. It would appear we have reached the stage of work requiring to be done to rid the courts of moss and this is no easy task. The committee is currently in discussion with professional companies as to the condition of our courts re any patching, painting etc.

We also now employ the use of a cleaner for inside the clubhouse and members are once again reminded politely to please take away rubbish as we do not have access to local authority bin collections. Please keep our facilities in a good condition regardless of whether we have a cleaner or not.

The "Friends of Scone" 50/50 draw continues to exist and will always welcome new members. £2 a month is all it takes with half the proceeds going to club funds and half to the raffle every month. Please contact me for more details.

www.sconetennisclub.org.uk Thanks to Paul and Morag for overseeing the introduction and running of our new website – members are advised to refer to it on a regular basis to keep up to date on STC tennis matters.

Please wind down the net slightly after playing – we had to replace Court 1's mechanism recently and have been advised to lower the net after finishing the tennis. Also use court 3 first if available. Floodlight use and costs are now being monitored and will no doubt be discussed at the AGM.

STC continues to be member of the Sports Injury Clinic at Bells – so take advantage of consultation appointments on offer there!

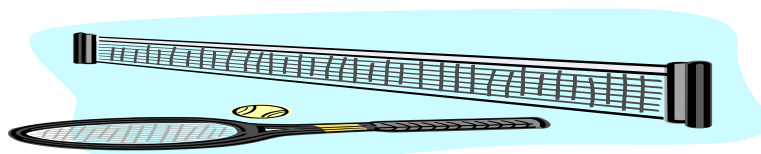


Upcoming Events & points to note

STC AGM & trophy presentation – **Sunday 26th October** at 4pm with social tennis here beforehand.

We are looking at an end of season night out on **Saturday 1st November** - details later.

Congratulations to 3 of our adult members - Linda, Fiona McGinness & Douglas, who are holding a "Birthday Bash" in the clubhouse on 8/8/14 to celebrate a total of 190 years between them – and a wealth of tennis years too! 😊



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