



Greeting from Scone Tennis Club! July 2016

On behalf of Scone Tennis Club, I should like to welcome new & returning members into our club this season. Thank you for joining and I hope you are enjoying playing on our tennis courts. There is tennis for all ages and abilities on offer and our website will keep you all up to date with life at the club.

www.sconetennisclub.org.uk

With the Tennis Tayside Men's and Ladies matches already over we are now moving into what is mainly the Mixed Doubles part of our season and the courts are also now free on many Friday evenings allowing social time most weeks – but please check our website Calendar for there may be occasions where matches require to be played.

Membership continues to remain healthy with over 130 members at the moment.

Henderson Vase and Perth & District Matches & the Men's Summer League

From now to September there are Mixed Doubles Henderson Vase matches being played and yet again Scone Tennis Club do well to field 3 teams in Divisions 1,4 and 5. We hope to have the second team, at least, up a league – time will tell!

We also have one Ladies and one Gents team in the local Perth & District League, as well as a team in the Tennis Tayside Men's Summer League.

Let us hope that the summer will brighten up to avoid the complication of having to rearrange matches. Support is appreciated when members can play on evenings other than those scheduled.

Team Captains will try to offer matches to all players who are interested in competing. It is especially pleasing to see some members come through from the Rusties and be regulars in team tennis.

Team practice still takes place on a Sunday morning from 10-12.

Please visit our Calendar to check court availability. Matches are listed with updates edited regularly. Match organization takes a lot of time and your support in prompt replying to texts/emails is much appreciated.

Club Championships 2nd-4th Sept

Please place your name on the lists in the clubhouse by the end of July if you wish to enter and can play that weekend. We seek to play ties for all events in the 2/3 weeks prior to the start of September with all Finals on Sunday the 4th. The exception is the Mixed Doubles ties which will all take place on that weekend.

Tennis Tayside Results

In the Ladies teams, our 1st's ended in 3rd spot for the second season running in Division 1 and the 2nd team narrowly missed out on promotion, also finishing 3rd in Division 5. The 1st Men's' Team also came 3rd in Division 2 and the 2nd team finished in runners-up spot in Division 6 and hope to be promoted up a Division for 2016-17. Our Junior team finished runner-up in their Division 2 and should be playing Division 1 next season. Thank you to the parents who help with the teas and transport! Fair to say the Tennis Tayside results have been more than satisfactory! Well done to all player's efforts and to the Team Captains for organizing matches. Click on the following link for the league positions http://www.tennistayside.org/?page_id=11

P&D leagues results/position are usually issued to STC later in the summer.

John Jasper Competition and Social Tennis

The annual JJ Memorial Tournament was held in May and the Quaichs were won by a thrilled (☺) Dave Pirnie from Scone and Cara Davidson from Blairgowrie. We are hoping that Blairgowrie may host the event on their new courts next season. Thanks to Morag Bull for organizing the afternoon's tennis.

Social tennis times and court availability are on our Events page and the Calendar at http://sconetennisclub.org.uk/?page_id=48

Saturday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm is also a good time to join in social tennis and it is good to see that a number of players are going along regularly at that time.

Marcin and Ping get a good response to junior/parent events. Adult social tennis continues to be offered but not taken up in such good numbers. **All** adults are welcome to participate so for future events please consider coming along.

Coaching

Adult coaching has stopped for this season and will likely resume in Spring 2017. However, the Junior and Parent/Child sections continue to have much on offer under the guidance of Marcin and there are also two Summer Camps taking place in the school holidays for youngsters. Marcin links in well with the LTA and offers many events to our junior members such as the Davis Cup Legacy event and British Tennis Open days - the latest one due on July 23rd.

More August to October programme information can be found on our website. Marcin's' Facebook link is an excellent source of information and photos!

Cleaning - both Courts and Clubhouse

Thanks to members who recently helped clean the courts and you will note we are back to square one almost! Please help out as best you can as the amount of rain we are having currently is making the courts slippy and keeping them debris free will help. Unfortunately cleaning the courts once is not enough ☹.

The Clubhouse does not have a regular cleaner at the moment and all members are asked to clear up after themselves and help take away rubbish when the bins in the kitchen are full.

Rusties & Team Members

The Rusties are now back to playing on Wednesday nights and the Committee hope to see as many as possible taking part and joining in the informal coaching and playing tennis. Previous Rusties and other adult members are welcome to join in and play where there is a spare court. Adult team members could also come and play with the Rusties to help their tennis development.

For STC team members, match nights are set aside on Mondays, Tuesdays if needed, Thursdays, Sundays and Fridays if needed.

STC continues to offer much tennis for the community.

Please contact any member of the Committee - all willing volunteers - if you have any comments or ideas for suggesting improvements (Morag, Marcin, Ian, Martin, Paul, Fiona Melloy & Ping). If any member wishes to be part of team tennis and needs more information and support to make that step please get in touch.

Finally - start praying for the sun!

IH July 2016

