

**Scone Tennis Club warmly** welcomes you all, seemingly so soon, to the forthcoming tennis season and hopes for new or former members to return as well.

I know many of you have continued to play over the winter – adults and juniors - either as part of the Gleneagles Winter League programme or even outdoors occasionally at Scone itself. Scone TC once again won the Gleneagles winter league.

Our official opening day for all members is **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. The juniors will be on court from 11am-1pm under the supervision of Marcin and parents with a lunch at 1pm for them. Adults are invited to come along from 2pm with afternoon tea around 4pm. Please bring something for this tea.

Your Club Committee for 2018-19 is - Martin Price - Treasurer, Ian Hunter - Secretary, Marcin Tycner - Head Coach, Ping Mennie - Social Convenor, Paul Cunningham, Audrey Paton, Stephen Newall, Keith Milne, & Erin Scott/David Dykes. Morag Bull whilst still Membership Secretary does not now attend committee. Welcome to the new recruits who have 'signed' up recently – as ever all volunteers are applauded for their willingness to serve us all.

**Competitive League Play**

**Team captains for this season are as follows:-**

<b>TT Ladies 1</b>	<b>Eileen Dunbar</b>
<b>TT Ladies 2</b>	<b>Audrey Paton</b>
<b>TT Mens 1</b>	<b>Calvin Brewitt</b>
<b>TT Mens 2</b>	<b>Ian Hunter</b>
<b>TT H Vases</b>	<b>Ian Hunter</b>
<b>TT Mens S/D &amp; Aegon Junior matches</b>	<b>Marcin Tycner</b>
<b>TT Juniors</b>	<b>Fraser Urquhart</b>
<b>P&amp;D Mixed</b>	<b>Douglas Gibson &amp; Audrey Paton</b>
<b>P&amp;D Ladies</b>	<b>Rosemary Price</b>
<b>P&amp;D Juniors</b>	<b>Fraser Urquhart</b>

Team captains will be invited to meet prior to the new season to discuss team selection – we have not done this before so hopefully there will be merit attached to it. At the moment we have no information from Tennis Tayside about the 4 set new league structure. P&D entries have not been requested yet either.

At the 2017 AGM we discussed entering a second mens summer TT team or a second mens P&D team or have a STC internal singles league. Can adult team members please reply to Ian Hunter at [ihse04272@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ihse04272@blueyonder.co.uk) with their thoughts on this matter **as soon as possible**.

## **Subscriptions**

Subscriptions have been set, as carried at the 2017 AGM and forms can be obtained off our website [www.sconetennisclub.org.uk](http://www.sconetennisclub.org.uk). ALL Adult members, as well as Juniors, will be asked to complete a 2018 membership form this year so that our contact information and Gift Aid authorisations are completely up to date. Hard copies of forms/flyers/advertising posters will be placed in the clubhouse shortly.

**Team players must have paid their fees before playing matches.**

Please contact our membership secretary Morag Bull on tel 441975 or [jsmj.bull@btinternet.com](mailto:jsmj.bull@btinternet.com) should you wish to discuss your membership fee payments or want a key for the clubhouse.

**Subscriptions are due from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 but of course can be paid earlier!**

## **COACHING 2018**

Marcin our Head Coach has put together a programme for the first part of the season for all Categories of membership. Please visit our website or his Facebook page for more information.

### **Spring Term 26<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> April ( 5 weeks )**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Ladies team players	Monday	6.45-8pm	£25
Mini Red Beginners (4-6 years)	Tuesday	3.45-4.30pm	£15
Mini Red & Orange (7-9 years)	Tuesday	4.30-5.30pm	£20
Junior Fun Night (all Green and Yellow players)	Tuesday	5.45-6.45pm	£20
Mini Red & Orange (7-9 years)	Wednesday	3.45-4.45pm	£20
Green & Yellow tournament players (physical conditioning & serving)	Wednesday	5-6.30pm	£20
Men's team players	Thursday	6.45-8pm	£25

<b>Mini Orange &amp; Green (8-10 years, open to Yellow players with less experience)</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>3.45-4.45pm</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>Active Andy's (for all players with additional support needs)</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>4.45-5.30pm</b>	<b>£15</b>
<b>Green &amp; Yellow team practice</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11-12</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>Parent &amp; Child (3-5 years)</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12-12.45pm</b>	<b>£15</b>

**<Easter Tennis Camps 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April & 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April>**

Other news in brief

Douglas, Paul and Keith et al have helped treat the moss/wash the courts over the winter as usual and have also painted around the back of the clubhouse. Court cleaning will continue in the run up to the new season and if moss treatment is required members will be advised accordingly. Court clearing, and surrounds, of leaves and debris and cleaning out the loft will be tackled soon with volunteers sought. Please help if you can once we announce a date.

Stephen Newall will continue to promote & further develop our Club Championships so please support him again by taking part in his proposed competitions.

Court evening usage – after discussion, it was agreed by committee that in the run up to matches that the courts would be available as follows: - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights team practice/coaching members will have priority. Rusties/non-team players will have Wednesday evenings. The intention is that if members go along out-with these arrangements the relevant team would, in good faith, try and free a court. This might be difficult whilst structured coaching is ongoing, especially on Mondays. Fridays are open to all members. Sunday mornings, from opening day, are for match team players only with court one first men's team, court two second men's team and court three ladies, as has been the case for a few seasons. `

There has been no news received yet about any Wimbledon 2018 Ballot for eligible members. Members have been reminded to register their own interest.

A 'comment book' and possibly a suggestion box (trial period) will be placed in the clubhouse, by Audrey, for members to communicate points to the committee and the committee is aiming to set up member password access for minutes of meetings off our club website. Audrey is also spearheading an advertising campaign around local houses – help her if you can!

Team captains are reminded to sign the record sheet at the ball cupboard when taking out balls for match play. This will be monitored more closely this season. Please note the balls are **NOT** to be take out for social play or team practice.

**SOCIAL events**

The *provisional* Calendar for Social Events for adults or juniors is as follows:-

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*February/March 2018*

## Newsletter

17th March Opening Day for all  
April - Quorn Family cup  
May - John Jasper Memorial Quaich event to be set up & a GB Tennis weekend event on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
16th June - hoping to organise a Race Night fundraiser  
14th July - Ladies pampering night  
19th August – BBQ  
21st September- Cheese and Wine  
October – Halloween event for juniors  
November - AGM and 17th Nov annual meal  
December - Mulled Wine evening.

The best way to keep in touch with events at Scone Tennis Club is to visit our website and check the notices in the club or outside at our main door. The noticeboard will be tidied & updated soon and replaced. We are also looking into getting the outside of the clubhouse painted. Keith and David will be the member contacts for keeping items in the clubhouse stocked – tea/coffee/toiletries etc.

Our website is to have a new tab for MEMBERS who can request a password for accessing AGM 2017 minutes and committee meeting minutes from 2018. Up to date advice from Tennis Scotland is that clubs have no requirement to display such minutes but the STC committee has agreed to share such information digitally as a gesture of good practice. Please contact Paul for the password – the facility should be up and running soon.

The Club is pleased to announce the re-establishment of our nationally recognized Active Andys section for person with additional support needs. If you know of people who would be interested in attending these Friday late afternoon sessions, which are generally held on the mini-tennis court, please get in touch with Marcin. Positive links exist between STC and our local primary school RDM.

The “Facebook” page run by Marcin is also invaluable. Many members also communicate swiftly via WhatsApp. Please download this APP if you can – it is proving to be very effective way of contact amongst members!

Please note these two key dates ☺ :-

- **Club Championship Finals – Sunday 16th September 2018**
- **2018 AGM 4th November**

Hope everyone has an enjoyable fair play season and supports STC well.

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