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Latest news from Scone Tennis Club July 2018

On behalf of Scone Tennis Club, I should like to update new & returning members about activities at our tennis club this season. Thank you for joining and I hope you are enjoying playing on our tennis courts at whatever level and under whatever membership category you have subscribed to. There is tennis for all ages and abilities on offer and our website will attempt to keep you all up to date with life at the club. Membership fees for adults will be offered pro-rata rates from now until season 2019 and we will advertise locally and to other Perth & District clubs in a further attempt to boost our numbers. New female members are especially welcome!

With the Tennis Tayside and the Perth & District league's Men's and Ladies matches already over, we are now moving into what is mainly the Mixed Doubles team tennis and our own club championship ties part of the season.

Please check our website Calendar for there may be occasions where courts are not available.

Congratulations to the two Mens TT teams who have gained promotion spots in their respective divisions with the second team winning their league. The ladies survived comfortably in Division 1 but unfortunately the second team look set to be relegated.

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

Current competitive match play at the moment include these Mixed Doubles Henderson Vase matches and yet again Scone Tennis Club do exceptionally well to field 3 teams in Divisions 1,2 and 4. Thanks to all who turn out and players have put themselves forward weekly allowing Scone to put out 3 teams all the time. Despite facing tough play sometimes it is a credit to all that we continue to run this amount of teams. With two of our teams promoted from last year, team captains met to agree fielding stronger teams to do our best to be competitive in those divisions and try not suffer bad defeats which are no fun for anyone! However, the overriding objective is still to enjoy! Some of the opponents are tough for sure!

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. Warm thanks to all captains & any others assisting, and again all competitors, as STC has never had to cancel any matches lately due to lack of player availability. Planning though takes time to move matches when there are clashes and the

club inherited many that require us to do so.

Team Captains will try to offer matches to all players who are interested in competing.

General team practice still takes place on a Sunday morning from 10-12 noon most weeks.

Wednesday evenings also offer one court for the HV 1st team to practice.

Please be reminded then to visit our Calendar to check court availability. This source of information is a valuable tool. Many members of the club are also using 'WhatsApp' to communicate and arrange matches etc. On the website calendar you will find matches and events listed weekly/monthly with updates edited regularly. Communication is vital!

Club Championships Finals Day Sunday 16th September 2018

Very many thanks to Stephen Newall who has been actively and successfully encouraging STC adult & intermediate members, again, to take part in club ties for the above competitions.

These club ties for all adult & junior events must be completed before Finals Day so please, once the draws are out, arrange to complete the matches & inform Stephen as to any snags. Marcin will help coordinate the junior events and have youngsters ready for the finals day.

John Jasper Competition and Social Tennis

The annual JJ Memorial Tournament was cancelled earlier on in the season but we have set a new date for Sunday 26th August from 1.30pm with STC members to provide afternoon tea refreshments. STC will invite some local clubs to participate and Stephen will coordinate the event. Once again a £5 entry fee is required, which goes towards John's favourite charity ENABLE. Details to follow.

Specifically,

Friday August 3rd Social evening birthday party for one of our non-team members – one court requested & agreed as a 'one-off' event.

Saturday August 4th – possible social tennis 3.15-5.15pm for invited members to meet & greet!

For all,

Sunday August 19th BBQ and Tennis for all members 2-5 pm.

Sunday August 26th John Jasper Tournament for all members from 1.45 pm.

Sept 16th Club Championships Finals Day.

Sept 21st Cheese and Wine and Tennis evening for all adult members from 6.30pm.

Friday nights usually, bearing in mind we have club ties to complete, from 6.30pm and Saturday afternoons from 1pm to 3pm are also available times partake in social tennis and it is good to see that a number of players are going along regularly at that time. **Keep using your WhatsApp!** Stephen may wish an occasional court on a Friday for club championship ties if he's pushed to get matches undertaken so **PLEASE** liaise with him but we will still have social play available on Friday

nights for those who seek it.

Coaching

Adult coaching has stopped for this season, unless you wish individual lessons, and will likely resume in Spring 2019. However, the Junior sections continue to have much on offer under the guidance of Marcin & Douglas and there is also another Summer Camp taking place during the first full week in August for youngsters. The next junior coaching sessions commences on Tuesday 14th August for 8 weeks and are listed on the club calendar. Marcin has now been offered full-time coaching at Craiglockhart and will be working there soon. The committee will require to seek a new Head Coach for 2019.

Cleaning - both Courts and Clubhouse & maintenance

A seemingly regular plea ☺ to take home rubbish, help keep the place clean and tidy; although we have a regular cleaner now, we all still need to play our part. We do **not** have street bin collections so members **HAVE** to take away rubbish **PLEASE**.

Please take away all surplus food after matches as there have been some dodgy odors of late and cooked food put back into the fridge is not particularly healthy a few days later, if uneaten! Neither is out of date milk and cream ☺.

Please help!

Due to the fabulous dry weather the courts have not required much cleaning which is just as well as the Billy Goat machine is not working & will require a lot of money to repair so the committee have agreed to replace it with a new Honda machine. Hopefully, with thanks to those who are willing to help, the courts will be cleaned properly very soon.

Please contact any member of the Committee if you have any comments or ideas for suggesting improvements (Marcin, Ian, Martin, Paul, Audrey, David Dykes, Erin Scott & Ping). Members can positively contribute to the running of the club without being on the current committee.

If any member wishes to be part of team tennis & match play and needs more information and support to make that step please get in touch. Remember there is a suggestion box and a notebook in the clubhouse for your thoughts.

Be reminded then that our next main social event is due on Sunday 19th August, in the afternoon, when we need a nice day for a **BBQ!** More information about this and the other social events will come out in due course.

Finally, please note that our AGM 2018 will be held on Sunday 4th November. Our end of season night out has to be confirmed though a provisional date was set a long time ago for Saturday 17th November. Details of the venue and actual date will follow.



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