

# West End Tennis Club

## Newsletter 2011

A warm welcome from your club committee for season 2011 which promises to be an exciting one for us all.

We are delighted to say that we have achieved Clubmark status and thanks go to all those who have contributed to making this possible. A special thanks goes to Kirsty McRae of Tennis Scotland who will be working closely with us on a number of initiatives over the coming months. It is our intention to also go for Dundee City Councils Club Accreditation and Development Programme status and we will advise you of progress in the coming months.

### **Committee**

A big thanks to all committee members for their contribution to a successful last season for the club. Most committee members have agreed to serve on the committee for the coming season and we are delighted to welcome two additional members in the shape of Ailsa Armstrong and Nici Rymer.

A special thanks goes to our retiring president Norrie Taylor without whose enthusiasm, guidance and tenacity the club would not be where it is today as 'Dundee's Premier Club'.

The committee will be operating in a different way to previous years with a number of sub groups focusing on specific aspects of club development. Details of this will be posted on the club website and notice board when the groups have been formulated.

### **Communications**

Communication is the key to the success of any organisation and we intend to keep members regularly updated on what's happening.

It is also important that you keep us informed of what we are doing right or any changes you would like us to consider. There are four main ways we will be doing this:

1. Club website
2. Suggestion box
3. Personal contact with committee members
4. Club notice board

We would ask that all members check the notice board in the clubhouse regularly to keep up to date with what's happening.

For the first time we are also introducing a suggestion box and please feel free to make any comments you wish, good or bad as we want to make our club the best in Tayside.

### **Subscription**

We are please to say that in spite of additional running costs, it has been decided to keep subscription levels at the same level as last season.

A subscription form is enclosed and prompt payment would be much appreciated.

### **Open Days**

To encourage social tennis at the club for existing and new members we are holding two open days. The dates are a follows:

March Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
May Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

The open days will take the form of 'Fun Days' for all juniors, oldies and not so oldies. We would encourage as many members as possible to come along and why not bring a friend too! The open days will be publicised on the club website and local press.

### **Social Tennis**

Building on the success of the Friday evening and Sunday afternoon social tennis sessions we are introducing two additional ones. These will take place on Tuesday evenings (Gents) and Wednesday evenings (Ladies).

### **Teams**

In addition to the teams we already have (listed below) we are delighted that there will also be a further ladies team for the forthcoming season.

If you are interested in playing in any of our teams come along to practice nights which are Tuesday evenings for men and Wednesday evenings for women.

### **(Teams entered in leagues)**

Juniors 2 teams

Gents 2 teams

Ladies 2 teams

Henderson Vases (Mixed) 2 teams

National League (Gents)

Winter League (Mixed)

### **Coaching**

We thank Stewart for all the hard work he put in last season and look forward to working with him in the forthcoming season.

This season we are looking to increase competitive playing opportunities for juniors and also to introduce senior coaching including tactical awareness sessions.

### **Sponsors**

We are going to actively seek sponsors to support the development of promising juniors through introducing a 'Tennis School'.

So if anyone knows of a potential sponsor please let us know.

### **Social Events**

Last season we held two social events which were reasonably well attended, but we are hoping that this season we will be able to hold more social events and that they will be well attended. They are a good way of meeting up with other club members away from the 'cut and thrust' of competitive and social tennis.

We will be drawing up a calendar of social events and these will be posted on the club website and the club notice board.

### **Newsletter**

The intention is to put out a monthly newsletter which will also be available on the club website.

Please feel free to contribute by giving any committee member details.

We look forward to seeing you during the season and hope that you enjoy playing during the season ahead.

**Date for your diary - the official club opening for season 2011 is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March.**

## **Your Committee**

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