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## **NEWSLETTER OF WEST END TENNIS CLUB**

Welcome to our second newsletter of season 2011. It's good to see some new faces around the place and of course some old ones and not so old ones too. We said in our last newsletter that we would keep you posted on our Dundee City Council's Club Accreditation and Development Programme status and we are delighted to say that we have been awarded this. As you already know we also successfully achieved Clubmark status and both these awards recognize that our Club is meeting national standards when it comes to club management and coaching development.

### **CLUB FINANCES**

Not to appear to start on a negative note, but we wanted to let everyone know, that as with most tennis clubs these days, finances are very tight. Having incurred some additional costs this will be the case more than ever this season. It is our intention to post a copy of our financial position on the notice board (General Notices), for everyone to see for themselves the importance of keeping running costs down and at the same time raising additional funds at every opportunity.

To keep you in the picture, major expenditure has been accrued on the following: a deep clean for the courts which is essential to increase the longevity of the life

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**of our courts beyond the 10 year period covered by our LTA loan; a water leak in the kitchen area; possible maintenance contract for floodlights.**

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At present we have a sinking fund for court replacement as stipulated by the LTA and this states that we should be putting £4500 per year away to cover the cost of replacement. To date this has not been possible and although this is not giving us immediate cause for concern as we anticipate the courts lasting beyond this period, nevertheless it does highlight the need for prudence when it comes to controlling our running costs.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

A club is nothing without its members. We are pleased to welcome a number of new members to West End Tennis :- Brian Forster, Steven Grimmond, John Hume, Janice Inglis, Bradley Hume, Amanda Jones, Hannah Lord, Poppy McLardy, Craig Mooney and Max Paladini who have all joined for the new 2011 season.

The club is always keen to welcome new members and ensures that all new members are made welcome. Membership forms and information can be found at our website :-

[www.westendtennis.org.uk](http://www.westendtennis.org.uk) or contact the membership secretary

## **COACHING**

We are delighted to inform you that Stewart Reid has relinquished his position at Broughty Ferry and is now solely the club coach for us. Stewart will be ably supported by Max Paladini who has already been heavily involved in coaching our young players. Max has also joined as a playing member and has already taken part in Scottish Cup and League matches for our first team.

Early discussions have taken place with Stewart about extending the current coaching programme and these will be ongoing. Already Stewart has added addition slots on a Wednesday for Junior coaching and also a slot on a Saturday for adult beginners.

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**At present the coaching programme is:**

### **Saturday mornings**

**10.00 to 11.00 Under 8's**

**11.00 to 12.00 10 to 18 year olds**

**12.00 to 1.00 Adult beginners**

### **Sundays**

**10.00 to 11.00 Under 8's**

**11.00 to 12.00 10 to 18 year olds.**

### **Wednesdays**

**4.00 to 5.00 Mini Tennis**

**5.00 to 6.00 Juniors**

**6.00 to 7.00 Development squad**

**There are also programmes arranged to run through the whole of the summer so check the notice boards to see what's on offer.**

**You can also contact Stewart direct (0794 9608159) and he will be happy to chat through with you any specific requirements you have for you or your children.**

**We are also going to be operating a rota for committee members to attend on Saturday morning coaching sessions, to give us a chance to chat to parents and also to support Stewart and Max.**

## **SOCIAL TENNIS**

**Social tennis sessions have generally been well attended and it is hoped that more members will come along as the weather gets warmer and the season progresses. There has been a marked increase in the number of members attending team practice nights since it was decided to open this out to social tennis as well as team practice.**

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By way of reminder social tennis opportunities are:  
Tuesdays 6.30 to 10.00 (gents including team practice)  
Wednesday 6.30 to 10.00 (ladies including team practice)  
Fridays 6.30 to 9.30  
Sunday 2.00 to 5.00

At the suggestion of some members we are now going to provide afternoon tea at Sunday sessions.

So please everyone come along and play some social tennis.

## TEAM TENNIS

Well done ladies, you are showing up our men's teams with a winning start to the season for both the first and second teams

The men have not fared so well with a mixed bag of results, but as they say 'its early days yet'. Our junior teams are going through a transitional period as we have lost a few players from last year who are now playing in our senior men's team.

It would be helpful if all team captains got players to complete the Google spreadsheet on availability which Bill kindly produced.

### Results to date

Ladies 1 Defeated Wormit and Newport 1 8-7, Defeated Arbroath 9-7  
Ladies 2 Defeated Wormit and Newport 2 13-4, Defeated Craigie 16-2  
Gents 1 Defeated Tayport 13-4, Lost to Montrose 10-8  
Gents 2 Lost to Falkland 10-2, Lost to Scone 11-7  
Gents 3 Lost to Duffus 11-7, Lost to Anstruther 13-5

On a positive note for the men we progressed to the Midlands area Scottish Cup final before losing to a very good St Andrews university team. We will progress as losing finalists into the main Scottish Cup draw.

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**We intend posting up a results sheet on the notice board, so you will be able to check how all our teams are doing throughout the season.**

**Just in case you have been overlooked for team play please feel free to chat to any of us and we will let the team captains know of your willingness to take part in competitive matches.**

## **OPEN DAY**

**We want to draw everyone's attention to what we hope is going to be a major fund raising and fun event for members and potential members.**

**The date is SATURDAY the 18th JUNE so be sure to put this in your diary and come along to support the club.**

**It will run from 10.00 a.m. until late afternoon and there will be a variety of activities including the following: table top sale of 'goodies' including books; cake and candy; raffle; bottle stall and much more.**

**Check the notice board and club website for more details and be sure to come along to what is sure to be a good day.....and there will even be some tennis too!!**

**Your Committee  
14th May 2011**

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