

Newsletter



SUMMER
2017



STC Champions 2017

Stonehaven Tennis Club held their annual Presentation and Dinner Dance on Friday 15th September. The event marked the end of the summer tennis season and was a celebration for all of the members and prize winners. The results from the Stonehaven Tennis Club Championships held on Saturday 2nd of September were:

Men's Singles - Patrick Young beat Bruce McIver (6-2, 6-2)

Ladies Singles - Rosie Sterk beat Aoife Aitken (6-7, 6-1, 6-2)

Men's Doubles - Fergus Hermiston and Martin Holley beat Patrick Young and Andrew McArthur (6-2, 6-2)

Ladies Doubles - Sarah Hornsby and Corrie Ling beat Carolyn Barnett and Janet Owen (7-6, 6-4)

Mixed Doubles - Bruce McIver and Evelyn Kerr beat Martin Holley and Corrie Ling (6-1, 6-1)

Family Doubles - Simon and Oliver Warner beat Stuart and Catriona Holley (6-2, 6-3)

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STC Championships continued

Junior Singles

Boys 12&U - Daniel Tibbetts beat Gregor McIver (5-3, 5-3)

Girls 12&U - Lily Taylor beat Isla Leiper (2-4, 4-2, 15-13)

Boys 14&U - Lewis Findlay beat Nathan MacPherson (6-2, 6-2)

Girls 14&U - Isla McIntosh beat Isla Leiper (5-7, 6-0, 10-7)

Boys 18&U - Louis Duthie Gray beat Lewis Carmichael (6-1, 6-0)

Girls 18&U - Anna Sterk beat Aoife Aitken (3-6, 7-6, 10-6)

Junior Doubles

Boys 14&U Doubles - Gregor McIver and Fergus Robertson beat Lewis Findlay and Stuart Burr (6-1, 7-5)

Girls 14&U Doubles - Lily Taylor and Niamh Botterill beat Ella Johnstone and Isla McIntosh (6-4, 6-4)

Boys 18&U Doubles - Louis Duthie Gray and Ryan Doherty beat Lewis Carmichael and Fraser Park (2-6, 6-4, 10-8)

Girls 18&U Doubles Winners - Eilidh Mitchell and Aoife Aitken (Round Robin)

Further afield, STC have had tremendous success with the Men's A Team coming first in the North East Division 1 league. The club also won the Fleming Trophy which is a North East mixed doubles competition (*the team are pictured below*). Several Scottish titles were taken throughout the year. Patrick Young won the U18 Scottish indoor boys singles and the U18 boys doubles. Anna Sterk won the U12 Scottish Closed Championships and Daniel Tibbetts won the U9 Scottish boys singles at the same event. Me Young Choi won the Scottish senior ladies singles. Four of our junior players, Annabel Burns, Patrick Young, Rosie and Anna Sterk formed part of the North East team winning the Scottish Inter-district Championship team event.

Also Stonehaven were very well represented in North East Championships with the club's Patrick Young winning the men's singles and the men's doubles alongside fellow club member Daniel Colvin. Jemma Critten won the U16 girls singles. Lewis Findlay won the U14 boys singles and doubles, Daniel Tibbetts won the U10 boys singles and Calum Stevenson won the U9 boys singles.

Bruce McIver won the North Angus Open men's singles and Daniel Colvin won the City of Aberdeen men's singles title.

Finally, Anna Sterk took to the Wimbledon courts in August playing in the HSBC Road to Wimbledon event and reached the quarter finals in both singles and doubles.

Further details and photographs can be found in the Competition Round Up on page 6



Activities Update

Most members may be aware that the social tennis on a Sunday morning has moved to Sunday afternoon, 2-4pm.

A few have expressed concern with this change and we felt it was necessary to clarify the situation. If the new time proves to be unpopular with the majority of social players then it will revert back to the original time. Attendance and feedback will be monitored by our social tennis representative Ben, and fed back to the committee over the coming months.

We will carry out a short survey to gauge your opinions so watch out for this shortly.

The next American tournament will be on Sunday 1st October from 2pm.

Junior Club Night

The club has introduced a new 'kids club night' for junior members on Friday afternoons from 4 - 6pm and will include tennis, fun games and indoor activities and is intended to be a sociable event. No booking is necessary just turn up - the cost for 2 hours is only £3.

Mid summer tournament

The mid summer tournament was held in June and was very popular. The players (*pictured right*), enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere, with a few drinks flowing and bratwurst sausages on the BBQ.

Thank you to Ben for organising this year's tournament.

Latest Activities

Social Tennis

2pm - 4pm	Sunday
6.30 - 9.30pm	Monday

American Tournament

1.30-5.30pm	1st Sun of each month
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Weekly Adult Tennis Classes

Monday	
9.30 - 10.30am	Beginners/improvers
10.30 - 11.30am	Intermediate

Thursday	
6.30 - 7.30pm	Beginner/improver

COST £5 member /£7 nonM

Weekly Pre School and Junior Tennis Classes

Monday	
1.20 - 2pm	UP 4 Tennis
4.00 - 7.30pm	Mini tennis

Tuesday	
4.00 - 5.00	Junior Elite Squad

Wednesday	
3.50 - 6.30pm	Mini Tennis Competition Squads
4.30 - 5.30pm	U16 A Squad (invite only)
5.30 - 6.30pm	U16 B Squad (invite only)

Thursday	
11.05 - 11.45pm	UP 4 Tennis
4.00 - 7.30pm	Mini tennis

Friday	
4.00 - 5.00pm	Girls Allowed
4.00 - 6.00pm	Junior Club Night
5.00 - 6.00pm	12&U Squads

Saturday	
10.30 - 11.15am	Mini Red



STC Team Results

Ladies Teams

The ladies teams had a successful season fielding 5 teams throughout, involving 20 players and a reliable pool of reserves.

Stoney A managed to stay in the top division, finishing fourth out of seven teams. A big thank you to Annabel and Aoife who have been loyal and dedicated for many years and have played a huge part in keeping Stoney A's in division 1. Wishing you both all the best in your new adventures.

A huge congratulations to Stoney B who finished second in division 2 and qualifying for promotion. The core players being Suwanna, Jenny, Yvonne, Christina & Jemma. I would also like to say that Suwanna Howe, whilst contributing to the B's success and a regular player in the club's social tennis for many years will be leaving us in November to head back home to Thailand. She will be greatly missed and the leaving party will be arranged shortly!

Stoney C attained a creditable 3rd place in division 3, only just missing out on promotion. Core players being Irene, Janette, Sarah Duff & Claire MacDonald.

Congratulations also goes to Stoney D for winning division 4. The core players being Sarah Hornsby, Lindsey, Fiona Lamont, Evelyn Kerr, Fiona Currie, & Sheila Lilley. Some interesting home matches awaits in division 3 next year.

Stoney E comfortably held there own in division 4, finishing fourth assisted by our reliable reserves: Corrie, Hannah, Janet Owen, Victoria, Kara, Evelyn Patterson, Heidi, Aileen, Marleen & Helen.

Thank you to all 36 players who took part (and not forgetting the doodle), Margaret Mills (Ladies team captain).

Men's Teams

The 2017 season for the 5 Men's Teams involved in the NESLTA leagues was somewhat mixed.

Starting from the top and the men's A team achieved first place in Division 1. After being runner up in the last 3 years the team finally managed to overcome a David Lloyd side who had beaten Stonehaven to the title on each of the 3 occasions. A consistent team of Patrick Young, Bruce McIver, Daniel Colvin and Fergus Hermiston saw the side win Division 1 for the first time since 2013.

Men's Teams Continued

In the same Division the Men's B team agonisingly missed out on maintaining their status as a Division 1 side. They finished 2nd bottom of the league and despite some good wins over their rivals fell short of avoiding the drop. The team consistently made up of Gigi Hermannes, Kieran Hamilton, Louis Duthie Gray and Paul Doney who fought valiantly all season.

The men's C team had an excellent year achieving promotion from Division 3. The team finished a close second behind a strong Cults side however performed strongly enough over the season to move up a Division. The team achieved an excellent victory on the final match day beating Ellon A by 5 sets to 4 to see them gain promotion by just 1 set. Some key players that helped the side gain promotion included Dale Harris, Lewis Carmichael, Stuart Holley, Chris Mearns, Neil Pritchard and Lewis Finlay.

Despite the success of the C team in Division 3, the D team struggled throughout the season. Unfortunately the D team were relegated, finishing bottom of the league. The team struggled throughout the year and was heavily effected by many players being asked to play up for higher ranked teams. To the credit of the D team and the players involved, all but one match was completed and sets were picked up in most of these matches, showing a great commitment and effort across the season.

Finally, our men's E team finished the season in 5th place in Division 5. The team struggled to regularly field 4 players each week. However when a full team was fielded, the E team won the majority of their matches quite convincingly. Many of these players were asked to alternate regularly between the men's E and D team and these player included Simon Warner, Ken Melville, Nathan McPherson, Gregor Alexander, Matthew Lomax, Dave Lomax, Stewart Aitken, James Bromley, Abram McCormick, Ronald Forbes, Iain Patience, Gregor McIver and Oliver Warner amongst a few others. Congratulations to all of the players involved in this years NESLTA league matches. Your efforts and commitment are greatly appreciated and we hope to see all of you and more next season. Many Thanks, Daniel Colvin (men's team captain).

Let there be Lights

We are delighted to announce that the upgrade on the lights over courts 1, 2 and 3 will be carried out this autumn. The old lights will be replaced with the latest LED technology and promises no glare or light spill and best of all, no maintenance guaranteed for 10 years!

It was decided to go ahead with the more expensive upgrade due to our cash windfall from the Mid Summer Beer Happening where the club received £8000 in exchange for your hard graft at the beef festival in June. This was truly a team effort and we thank you all.

Competition Round Up



Scottish Titles won

A huge congratulations to our Scottish titles holders. Daniel Tibbetts became the Scottish Junior U9 champion, Anna Sterk won the U12 Scottish closed championships, Patrick Young won both the Scottish U18 singles and doubles championships and Me Young Choi won the Scottish senior ladies singles championship.

County Victory

The North Scotland team, including STC's Daniel Tibbetts won the county cup in August (*pictured right*).



Stewart Milne NE Championships



The tennis club were well represented at the Stewart Milne NE Championships.

(pictured right/more pictures on page 6)

Stewart Milne NE Championships

Congratulations to our junior players at the Stewart Milne Northeast Championships.

Daniel Tibbetts won the 10U boys singles event.
Lewis Findlay won the 14U boys singles and doubles event.

Calum Stevenson won the 9U boys singles event.
Louis Warner came runner up in the 8U boys.
Jemma Critten was runner up in the 16U event.
Abigail Storey and Rebecca Anderson did well in the 9U event in some very strong groups.

(Stewart Milne Championships pictured right)



City of Aberdeen Championships

Congratulations to Daniel Colvin, Me Young Choi and Jemma Critten for their titles at the City of Aberdeen Tournament.

Daniel Colvin won the Mens Singles and Me Young Choi won the Senior Doubles and came runner up in the Ladies singles.
Jemma Critten won the 16U singles title.

North Angus Championships

There was also great success for STC at the North Angus championships. Daniel Tibbetts won the Green Ball event. Calum Stevenson won his Orange Ball group before losing out in the semi final.

Bruce McIver won the North Angus Open men's singles, coming through both his semi and final with match tie break deciders.

Aoife Aitken and Hannah Anderson reached the ladies doubles final .

Notice Board



Membership

Membership forms can be found on the STC Website and submitted to the Membership Coordinator, Recreation Grounds, Stonehaven, AB39 2RD



October Camp

16th to 20th October. Booking forms can be downloaded from the website



American Tournament

Sunday 1st Oct, 1.30pm.
Please sign-up for this event, details in Clubhouse



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of the newsletter!



Club Fun Night

P4+
4-6pm every Friday
Indoor and tennis activities



Tennis balls for sale.
Rackets £13.

Karakal Grips available for sale
£2.50/£3 depending on thickness. Contact Sarah on 07764 225705 or ask a coach.

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STC December Committee - Abbreviated Minutes

Monday 7th August 2017

Update Lights on Courts 1-3 : Courts Restrictions 4-5

Quote received for lights and electrics circa. £16K. Lights will be delivered in August and the works will commence in September/October. No planning permission is required because it is a maintenance project.

Fencing/Court Maintenance

Complete for the year

Coaches Report

The younger group of Girls Allowed class to be stopped because it is no longer viable, only one or two attendances. It was suggested to be replaced by a Club Night on Friday from 4-6pm. Various activities DVD, Table Tennis, Tennis, Tuck Shop etc. To consider whether block payment or pay as you go. Aimed at P4 upwards at a cost of £3 per session. Committee gave approval. Camps were well attended. Camp 3 (multi sport) had 18 attending and older junior camps going well.

Team Report

Ladies

Post season report to be issued by MM

Men

Post season report to be issued by DC

Junior Report

Film night for P6-S1 was successful. Meeting arranged to schedule junior events for this session e.g Christmas Party.

Membership Updates / Renewals

Membership numbers are down on this period last year. Action Plan required for membership growth. Publicity for October deal of 50% membership.

Press Update

Coverage of the Championships to be submitted.

Friday 15th September / Catering booked / Colin Millar music / HB to arrange flowers.

Other – Decorations, balloons, bubbly, glasses, lighting, raffle. Volunteers to set up.

AOB

- CAT (Council Asset Transfer) of the Green Pavilion to be lead by the Recreation Grounds on behalf of all groups currently using the facility. Awaiting details of the survey.
- Aegon League teams entered U18 Boys, U12 Boys, U12 Girls, North County
- Sport Scotland Indoor Facilities Funding Programme – Set up meeting with Mike Kolzac of TS
- Inter social League commencing in August. Seven clubs taking part. Players needed to take part.

**If you have any ideas, issues or faults to report on any other club matter, please e-mail stonehaventennisclub@gmail.com
If you require further information on mini tennis, please e-mail stonehaven.minitennis@gmail.com**