

Newsletter



AUTUMN / WINTER
2018



Best Wishes for 2018

We hope you have all had a great festive break and that you are re-energised and looking forward to whatever 2018 may bring. We wish you a tennis-tastic 2018!

The tennis committee are excited about the 2018 milestones. First and foremost the completion of the upgrade to the lights on court 1, 2, and 3. The works are 50% complete and if weather conditions stay frost and ice free the remaining cables will be laid and the lights replaced this month. The new light system is the latest LED flood light technology with no maintenance, guaranteed for 10 years. It has been an arduous task bringing this essential piece of maintenance to completion but one that the committee are proud to have overseen.

The organisation of the annual Stonehaven Grand Prix Grade 4 competition will commence shortly. The competition is held over two weekends in March (16 - 18th and 23 - 25th). It attracts a high calibre of player across the country and offers our members an exciting home event to compete in. We hope to see as many STC players as possible entering this year.

The tennis club AGM will be held on Monday 26th February. If you are interested in how your club is managed, how decisions are made, have fresh ideas about how the club could be improved and have a few spare hours each month please let us know. No previous experience is necessary and an extra pair of hands will always be appreciated.

All usual tennis activities have now resumed, please find the full programme on page 4.

Winter 2017

The start of winter brought with it the first snow, frost and ice and some challenging conditions for our coaches to contend with. However Bruce, Fergus and the coaching team were not deterred. The show went on with only a few classes having to be cancelled. We are extremely lucky at STC to have such a dedicated team of coaches who are skilled in adapting their coaching plan to suit the weather conditions!

(Picture - fun in the snow at tennis)



Party Time

The party season started with the Kids Christmas Party in December. An afternoon disco was held for the primary age children at the Recreation Grounds. Mearns FM hosted the disco and Terry Ann's cafe provided the ice cream, jelly and pop. Around 55 children attended the disco and had a great time. Our thanks goes to Shirley Taylor who did a fantastic job of organising the event, Terry Ann, Mearns FM and everyone else involved.



The coaching team all got together for a Christmas night out at the beach complex in Aberdeen. The night kicked off with some ten pin bowling followed by some good laughs at the amusement arcade.

(Pictured left - Junior coaches enjoying the dodgems).

Also just before Christmas the adult members met up at the Marine for the annual Christmas 'Pints and Chips'. The evening was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Boxing Day Tournament

On Boxing Day, 26 eager members, their family and friends, showed up for the annual Boxing Day Tournament. This may have been the largest ever turn out for the Boxing Day event. It was a glorious day for tennis and the format of the tournament allowed for lots of cake and mulled wine to be consumed!

Ben organised the 15 minute matches so that opponents were equally matched and partners were swapped after each match.

Rosie Sterk won the best performing lady. Steve Shand and Matthew Lomax won the best performing males.



Mill O' Forest get set for Tennis

The Mill O' Forest primary 3 children are gearing up for the next 6 week block of tennis lessons as part of the STC Schools Programme. The Children will enjoy learning ball skills and tennis with coaches Bruce McIver, Judith Jack and Jenny Munro. So by the end of the school year all primary 3's from Arduthie, Mill O Forrest, Dunnottar and Newtonhill will have received coaching from STC. In June we will run a mini tennis festival with each of the schools taking part.

Up 4 Tennis

Pictured below are some of the young 4 year olds who attend the Monday 'Up 4 Tennis' class, coached by Bruce, at the Beach Pavilion. The class is for children in their pre-school year and is designed to introduce the youngsters to tennis and practice basic ball and co-ordination skills.

Not only do the children use tennis balls and rackets, co-ordination skills are refined by movement, positioning and catching. Colourful ribbons, bean bags, cones etc. are used, all of which make excellent props for some fun imaginative games.

After attending the Up 4 Tennis sessions the youngsters are well equipped to join the Red ball class from age 5 onwards.

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



Competition Round Up

It's great to see so many of our members competing and performing exceptionally well in competitions. As well as the seniors, many juniors have taken part in events across the country this winter. Well done to everyone!



North East Indoor Championships

The tennis club was very well represented at the North East Indoor Championships in December. Patrick Young came runner up in the senior men's event. Patrick also won Rubislaw Grand Prix men's title in November. Congratulations!

A big congratulations also to our juniors Niamh Botteril, Lewis Findlay, Isla McIntosh and Gregor McIver who also competed in the N.E. Indoor Championships and made it to the semi finals of their respective events.

Daniel Secures winter titles

Daniel Tibbetts has had a very successful winter season winning the Milngavie Regional Winter Tour Grade 3 10&u Event. In November Daniel also won the boys 10&u singles Grade 3 at David Lloyd in Hamilton. Congratulations Daniel!



County Cup



Bruce McIver and Patrick Young formed part of the seven strong, North of Scotland team who competed at the Aegon Winter County Cup. The competition was run over the last weekend in November at Prestwick and Patrick played particularly well, winning 3 of his 6 rubbers. In an incredibly tight group the North of Scotland finished third, recording 5-4 wins over East of Scotland and Devon before losing 5-4 to the Channel Islands on the final day - with promotion still possible right up until the final rubber.

Notice Board



Membership

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



AGM Monday 26th February 7pm Clubhouse



American Tournament Sunday 4th Feb, 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 Committee - Abbreviated Minutes

January 2018

Minute / Action
Update on Lights 1.2.3
8/1/18 Electric boxes have been installed. The laying of new cables was delayed because of the snow and holiday period. Cables to be laid in January and lights changed over to new LED system.
8/1/18 Half of the payment has been made the remainder on completion.
Court Maintenance
8/1/18 Courts need to be protected from rabbits entering. The fencing company already working at the grounds will be asked if they can attach chicken wire to the bottom of the fencing to stop the rabbits getting in.
8/1/18 The Recreation Grounds are discussing flood prevention walls around the courts.
8/1/18 Court Maintenance contractor have suggested lifting the surface of court 4 and 5, clearing the sand and laying fresh sand in an effort to reduce the residue being left after heavy rain. It has been decided not to do this until proper flood prevention walls are in place incase there will be more flooding.
Facilities
6/11/17 Request to install heaters in the table tennis room.
Team Report
8/1/18 There are some changes to the NESLTA league rules which will be discussed at a meeting in February. Waiting for invite to meeting
Social
7/8/17 After a lengthy discussion it was decided to trial running the Sunday Social tennis in the afternoon because it was thought that an early morning start time could be a factor in the attendance. It was also decided to move the American Tournament to Sunday afternoon to maintain continuity of the social tennis time slot. Social Tennis would run from 2-4pm and the American would run on the first Sunday of the month 2-5pm.
4/9/17 Some letters of complaint have been received about the changes.
6/11/17 A meeting with social tennis players will be scheduled for January. The purpose of the meeting is to gain feedback about the recent changes to the time slot and discuss the way forward.
8/1/18 It was discussed if a Whats App group for Social and American Tournament players should be set up. It may be easier than using the sign up sheet to establish attendance numbers. This idea would be discussed at the planned meeting and players would be asked to opt in to the Whats App group.
Coaches Report
8/1/18 A new proposal was made to increase the capacity of the junior tennis pyramid. It was agreed that a new yellow ball class could be run on Saturdays.
8/1/18 Two junior teams to be entered into the Tayside tennis league this year.
Junior Report
8/1/18 Children Christmas party was a huge success. Feedback was very positive. Thanks to Shirley Taylor, Terry Ann's Cafe, Mearns FM and everyone involved in the organisation.
8/1/18 Discussion around whether to begin setting up Clubspark payment and membership system. The initial view is that there is not much to gain at this point and it may cause extra work if the gmail contacts still needs to be maintained. To keep up to date with the latest Clubspark developments.
Padlock has been installed on court 4 and 5.
AGM Set for Monday 26 February, 7.00pm Clubhouse.
Membership Fees to be agreed at next meeting.
ONGOING
CAT (Council Asset Transfer) of the Green Pavilion to be led by the Recreation Grounds. Application submitted and awaiting Council decision to proceed to Stage 2 Application. Council have acknowledged receipt of the Stage 1 application.
6/11/17 Meeting held with Mike Kolzac, Committee to decide if the club should pursue a bid at this stage.
6/11/17 Tennis tournament to be organised as part of the Twin Town (Acheres) celebrations.
6/11/17 The committee post for Classes Rep. to be replaced with Junior Team Rep. This change to be approved at the AGM.

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.minitenis@gmail.com