

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## 2006/2007

### COACHING

Coaching classes were once again run by Chris Hodsen. Sessions began on the 13<sup>th</sup> April and continued every Thursday evening. There was a healthy attendance of Juniors although Senior numbers dropped to 4. Chris is a popular coach and we would hope to retain his services next season.

### GENERAL PLAY

Probably the most popular time for informal play was in the mornings, Mondays, Wednesdays, Sundays and sometimes Fridays. Men's League matches were held every second Tuesday evening. The morning sessions are very enjoyable providing plenty of fun and exercise and occasionally sparkling rallies.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

We started off this season by making it clear to members that deadlines for matches would be adhered to strictly. Some hope! At the end of the season the Ladies singles and the Mixed Doubles have still to be decided. The Men's Doubles has just been completed through gales and blinding winter sunshine. It is often difficult to lay the blame on one individual for a missed deadline as there are usually a combination of factors, around holidays, work, illness and injury. Perhaps it is time for a rethink regarding the present format. One thing is certain. These matches are very enjoyable when they are played at the right time and in good weather conditions.

### JUNIOR MEMBERS

Unfortunately the Junior Championships had to be written off because of lack of interest. Sunday tournaments also folded because of non-attendance. There is one bright light in the form of Stuart Allan. Stuart has come through to play games for the Men's Team. Well done.

### AMERICAN TOURNAMENTS

Traditionally, these are held on the first Sunday of every month. Disappointingly this session only one tournament was completed.

## COURT MAINTENANCE

Aberdeenshire Council applied moss killer at the beginning of the season and this was effective. Floodlight bulbs were replaced and lamp covers renewed. This proved to be horrendously expensive. Aenea will give details later. Early in the season there was some vandal activity and the nets were being damaged. At one point the wire was partially ripped out of one net causing tears in the fabric. Alex reported this to the police who were co-operative. The damage ceased although we are continually troubled by broken glass from bottles lobbed over the wire.

Thanks to all members who did their bit in keeping the courts swept and tidy. Special thanks to Gordon McCulloch who managed to rewire and repair the damaged net. Also thanks to Gordon for pruning the creeping foliage inside the wire netting.

We are aware that the surface of the courts is breaking up in places. This has resulted in some very tricky services. Nothing has been done about this so far.

## BOWLING CLUB PAVILION

The Bowling Club continue to be very co-operative regarding sharing the facilities in their pavilion. We are able to entertain visiting teams in some comfort and this is much appreciated. You will see that item 6 on the Agenda refers to the proposed redevelopment of the Bowling Club/Tennis Club. Martin Walsh has put in a power of work in setting down our requirements on paper before and after joint meetings during 2006. Martin has agreed to give us a progress report.

Finally, I would like to thank all office bearers, committee members and members for contributing to a successful season.