

Coaching

Coaching classes were run by Steven White early in the season. There were three groups - Junior Beginners, Junior Improvers, and Senior Improvers. He also went on to arrange further sessions with the Juniors on Sunday afternoons. Unfortunately Steven has left the area and we are looking for a new coach for the coming season.

General Play

The time that attracts most members for informal play continues to be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays. These morning sessions provide a lot of enjoyment for the senior members. Monday evenings have a court for Ladies Team practice and Tuesday evenings are set aside for league matches. At other times the courts are used mostly by families and juniors.

Club Championships

The committee met on the 2nd of May to make the draw and once again it stressed that entrants must be conscientious in keeping to the deadlines set out in the draw. Unfortunately we had finalists who had to wait for months for opponents to emerge and we had to scratch some of the matches to complete the championships. Nevertheless we had many enjoyable and entertaining contests and we always hope next season will be better.

Junior Members

After a poorly attended previous season we had a resurgence in the Junior Boys. The Boys Championship final between Kyle and Jack was a very closely contested three setter and Sunday afternoon tournaments continued throughout the season. We have some very enthusiastic youngsters but we need more.

Attracting Junior Members

We display posters before our Open Day every year in local schools and in the community hoping to attract juniors to join the club and take up the coaching classes we provide. During the season Aberdeenshire appointed Claire Perras as Active Schools Co-ordinator Primary, Portlethen Network. Claire is based in Fishermoss Primary School and she contacted us to request our cooperation in providing our tennis courts for primary pupils as part of their Health Week. We agreed to do this and youngsters from Fishermoss and Portlethen were coached by Vikki Paterson over two weeks in June. Unfortunately because of school timetabling

and coach availability some of the sessions fell on Monday and Wednesday mornings when senior members normally had the courts. We will avoid this clash in future. Vikki went on to hold a week long Tennis Camp on the courts beginning on the July 30th in the afternoons. Anne Park, Headteacher at Fishermoss is keen to promote parent/child activities and she asked if we would cooperate. We agreed and held a very successful event with a turnout of around 60 on the 6th June. Thanks to Aenea, Sheila, Alex and the ball machine for their help. I hope all of these events will help us to attract youngsters and families to the club.

American Tournaments

Traditionally the first Sunday of the month is wet and last season was no exception. Holidays and the absence of ladies allowed only one tournament to be completed.

Tennis Club Website

Members and the general public are encouraged to log on to the club website. Aenea has made a splendid job of setting it up. It is informative and visually stimulating and she updates it constantly. Well done Aenea!

Court Maintenance

Many thanks to Randall who filled the troublesome holes in the service area. The courts remained in good condition throughout the season after early moss treatment. Thanks to members who did the Sunday morning sweeping up. At present we need the boundary foliage trimmed, some floodlight bulbs replaced and the lines repainted.

Annual Social Evening

Last year the trophies had been presented earlier at the A.G.M. and our night out at Inn At The Park on April 14th was entirely a social evening.

Pavilion Redevelopment

Our teams continued to use the Bowling Club pavilion to entertain our guests. Many thanks to the bowlers for extending this hospitality.

We held an E.G.M. in the Bowling Club on August 29th. The purpose of this meeting was to inform Tennis Club members of the proposed redevelopment of the Bowling Club/Tennis Club facilities. Martin Walsh has agreed to give us a progress report later.

Finally I must thank Sandra, our secretary, Aenea, our treasurer, the committee members, and everyone in the Club for their contribution over the 2007 season.