

## **President's Report 2011**

### **Open Day**

The season began on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April with the Open Day. I missed it due to holidays, but I understand the weather was glorious. Aenea noted that we signed up 21 members, but attendance by juniors was disappointing. Thanks to the men who saw to installing the new padlock, The Wimbledon Draw was made and the winners were Linda Begg (No 1 Court Day 2) and Keith Allan (Centre Court Day 3).

### **Publicity**

Once again Aenea did an excellent job with posters and fliers around the courts, and Sandra got us a mention in the Clochandichter. We were also given some free publicity in the the Press & Journal's Your Home Supplement on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012. In an advertisement for Stewart Milne Homes headed Location, Location, Location, sub-headed "Portlethen offers a superb range of amenities", the Tennis Club was mentioned three times.

### **Portlethen Tennis Club Website**

Aenea continues to great work keeping the website up to date with news, events, results and pictures.

### **Club Championships**

The draw was made for the 2011 Championships on May 8<sup>th</sup>. A big disappointment was the lack of entrants for the Junior Boys. Aenea then proceeded to compile and distribute the documentation in her usual efficient manner. Unfortunately The Gents Singles and the Mixed Doubles have not been completed. Congratulations to the winners in the other categories.

### **"The Referee's Room"**

At the beginning of the season Aenea swept and tidied the room. She also cleaned the loo and stocked it with soap, toilet paper, and kitchen roll. Unfortunately during the season the Bowling Club hired a painter who used our part of the room as a base. He has left the place in a mess, and our bin liners and sweeping brush have disappeared. Has there ever been a discussion with the bowlers regarding who uses what part of the room ? Also, how many keys are in circulation ? At present our section of the room houses the ball machine, various racquets, balls, nets and net posts scattered around.

### **Court Maintenance**

The courts were given a moss treatment by the council and during the season various conscientious men swept and tidied up between games. A special thanks to Gordon who has been our principal gardener. Gordon also repaired and oiled the net winders. The winder handles and net tapes are now in the Referee's Room.

There has been no progress this season on the proposal to completely refurbish the courts.

Aenea e-mailed Ian Paul on the 17<sup>th</sup> July regarding repairs to the wire on the boundary fence. She had a reply on 27<sup>th</sup> July stating "This was requested of Landscape Services at the start of the month. I have asked them for an update and will advise when I get it." We have not heard any more.

### **Thanks**

Special thanks to Aenea for everything that she does to keep the club running. You will have noticed the number of times her name has cropped up in the 2011 Report. Also, thanks to Sandra, our secretary, and all committee members who made their contribution during the season. And thanks to Doug who took on the thankless task of Mens Match Secretary.