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Summer News

Charity Tournament raises over £1000

On a rare dry day in June some dedicated Ladies turned out to play tennis in support of Iain Rennie. Braving a June day that felt more like October they played tennis, sipped Pimms, ate lunch and shopped raising a grand total of £1045.00 for the charity. The winners were Sue Martin & Ros Alcock and runners up Nicky Criddle & Marianne Hopson. Congratulations to them and a big thank you to all who supported the day. This is an annual event so if you can help in any way or want to take part contact Julie Turner.

Bank Holiday American Tournament, Monday 25th August: 21 people attended on a beautiful sunny day. The final was very close as it was decided on the last deuce. The winners were Kate Bowyer and Simon Swain against Marianne Hopson and Howard Dolan. It was great fun due to a lot of banter from the sidelines as everyone stayed to watch the final!

Many thanks to all the people who have arranged tournaments or hosted the barbecues through the summer, if you enjoy them why not offer to help at one.

Teams

Aylesbury & District League

Vets

We fielded three teams in the summer, one in the first division and two teams in the second division.

Unfortunately, the first team did not win a match, although Chris and Sue Martin were outstanding. The Second team gained as many points as the second position in Division 2, but will not be promoted to 1st Division as they did not accrue enough games.

The third team unfortunately lost all their games, but I think they enjoyed themselves!

Patricia Collins Vets Captain.

Men's Teams. Mens 1 look like finishing a comfortable 3rd place in Div 2. Mens 2 will finish 5th in Division 3 and will probably drop down *Peter Dickenson Men's Captain*

Ladies Teams

Ladies 1 had a tough season in Division 1 and although they didn't finish last they will be relegated next summer (a relief for some of us), although it will mean being in the same division as Ladies 2 who come second in division 3 (tied on points with Wendover but with a better sets score) gaining promotion. Well done! Thankfully being a summer season we will only have to play each other once.

Mixed Teams

Mixed 1 had a good season in division 2 with only one narrow defeat gaining promotion to division 1 next season. Mixed 2 were very unlucky not to gain promotion in a very closely fought division 3 and remain there. The top three teams were all tied on the same points and Tring finished in third place due to a slightly worse sets average.

Thank you to all the team players especially those who have helped out at short notice (which is nearly everyone); let's hope for a successful winter season.

Sarah Painter Ladies' Captain

Herts Summer League

The Ladies team had some long, closely fought matches this summer, recording some close wins and equally close losses. They have won their division and will go up to division 2 next summer. Many thanks to all those who played in those long hot (yes we managed to arrange to play on those odd sunny days) matches. Meanwhile the Men did not fair so well, winning 2 and losing 4, but there is always next Summer! *June Mordey & Chris Martin*

If you would like to play in a team contact our Captains for more information. We are always looking for more talent!

Coaching News.

Adult Doubles Sessions

Our coaching team will be giving all adult members the opportunity to take part in doubles sessions this coming winter. The sessions will be taken by one of our LTA qualified licensed coaches and will concentrate mainly on doubles tactics and drills.

Alongside with the existing Tuesday intermediate slot, the sessions will be organised on Mondays, Thursdays and Friday evenings for 4 weeks at a time. They will be aimed at all men, ladies and mixed team players, aspiring match players and for members just interested in working on their doubles game.

An e-mailed application form has been sent out, contact Debbie if you have not received one and are interested, or you can also pick up a form from the club house, at club night or download from the website. For more information please call Debbie Hobday on 01525 378484 who will be organising the sessions. Hope you can make it.

Courts & Maintenance

As some of you may have noticed courts 1 & 2 have been re surfaced and are now fully up and running. A thank you to all our members for their patience while the courts were being re done. Courts 5 & 6 will be resurfaced next Spring and the Committee is currently looking into various different surfaces, the cost of laying these and maintaining them. It is anticipated that this will be an item for the AGM in January when the various options will be presented to members.

There has also been some general maintenance in the clubhouse with new heaters, new showers for both the men and ladies changing rooms, although the ladies are still to be installed and new chairs. It is planned to redecorate the clubhouse after Christmas, well after the party anyway we know what you are like.

We plan to replace all paving in front of the club house in the spring of 2009 to make a large patio area. This cannot be completed until after courts 5&6 have been resurfaced and so cannot be done until April 2009 at the earliest. The scope of this work will include the path down to courts 5&6, and will include additional paving around each gate to avoid the unnecessary muddy sections

The committee are also looking into a Summerhouse for spectators and players down by courts 5 & 6. We would welcome constructive comments from any members about improvements needed, we can't promise that we are able to deliver them but we will look into it.

Christmas Party

The sign up sheet is now in the clubhouse so don't delay. It's only £10.00 per person including a buffet, Tinsel Tennis Tournament, Music and Dancing. This is now going to take place on the 6th December and is open to all members, so hope to see you there.

Wimbledon 2009 & British Tennis Membership.

The club's allocation of Wimbledon 2009 tickets will be based on the number of British Tennis Members we have on the 30th November this year. Membership is free until 2012 and only Adult British Tennis Members and Junior British Tennis members over 9 will be eligible to enter the draw so pick up a leaflet from the clubhouse, go on the LTA website www.lta.org.uk and click on Membership, or phone 0845 873 7202.



Junior News

HERTS JUNIOR SUMMER LEAGUE

Both the U-15 teams won their finals on the 28th September. The team of Girls was Gemma Poll & Lucy Stacey. The Boys team included Richard Beeny, Owen Williams, David Cogger & Billy Jeffery. All 6 children won their singles finals matches. The team of Girls won 3-0 and the team of Boys won 5-1.

JUNIOR CLOSED TOURNAMENT

This was dogged by bad weather with some finals not being played until some 3 weeks later. Well done to all who took part or helped with running it. The roll of honour is as follows:

Under 18 Boys Singles: Tom Sears	Under 16 Girls Singles: Gemma Poll
Under 16 Boys Singles: Ben Criddle	Under 14 Girls Singles: Hannah Criddle
Under 14 Boys Singles: Owen Williams	Under 12 Girls Singles: Alice Beeny
Under 12 Boys Singles: Charlie Elliott	
Under 15 Boys Doubles: Owen Williams & David Cogger	
Under 15 Girls Doubles: Gemma Poll & Georgia Kearney-Perry	
Under 10 Boys Green Oliver Beeny	Under 10 Girls Green Zoe Harrison
Under 10 Boys Orange Thomas Gray	Under 10 Girls Orange Shelby Greig
Under 8 Boys Orange Toby O'gorman	Under 8 Girls Orange No Entries
Under 8 Boys Red Michael Bryan	Under 8 Girls Red Isabel Green

Many thanks to all who played. Barbara Davies, Junior coordinator.

Baseline contributions

If you have a contribution (words or photos) for Baseline, please forward to **Secretary:** Julie Turner 0797 0947682 jet.tringtennis@btinternet.com

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