

Kingussie Tennis Club
Newsletter 2017

Hi Everyone,

The new season is almost upon us and it is time to dust off the racket and tennis shoes if you have not already done so. The committee have been very active over the winter and an update is included below.

Opening Tournament

Our Opening Tournament, (names out of the hat, handicapped basis) for the Derek Easson Tankards, will be held on SUNDAY 7th MAY at 1 pm. This will be followed by a BBQ. We look forward to a big turnout.

League Teams

Again we will have ladies and men's team playing (Div 2) in the District Leagues. Matches are usually played on a Thursday night (though some ladies matches will be on Wednesdays this season) and are a good way to improve your tennis. Leagues start week beginning 24th April and continue until 30th June with a match most weeks. Grant is organising the men this season and Helen and Marjorie the Ladies. If you are keen to play let these people know if you have not done so already.

Coaching

10 members attended some very enjoyable doubles coaching sessions with Alan Lane at Rothiemurchas again this March. Zoe Eittle is going to do some coaching for us on a Monday night starting 15th May. You should have the times for this already. We will need to charge this year but more information on that soon.

Membership and Subscriptions

Your membership form is attached. Please fill in all the necessary information. ALSO - your membership can be paid ON-LINE and we would like to encourage this as it is easier for all concerned. MEMBERSHIP IS DUE BY THE END OF MAY.

Dates for your Diary

Opening Tournament and BBQ - Sunday 7th May - 1 pm

Strawberry Tea and Tournament (Family Tournament) - TBC but June

Club Championship Finals - Sunday 27th August.

More dates to be arranged. The ladies and gents evenings were very successful and it is planned to run something similar this season. Also, if there are people available during the day, a session could be organised regularly at a set time. If anyone has any other suggestions for increasing our sessions email or speak to a member of the committee who will pass it on.

Courts and Clubhouse update

Committee members have been attending meetings and filling in many forms over the winter. The club is ready to apply to become an SCIO (charity) and thanks to Keith for preparing the application and the new constitution that will need to be adopted to go with that. We have also had to apply for a Community Asset Transfer of the courts and clubhouse to the tennis club so that a lease can be signed and the club can take over the running of the facility formally. This is a more drawn out procedure than we were led to believe so I am waiting for the next stage. It is unlikely that a lease will be signed anytime soon.

The Council have instructed a firm to replace the fencing round three sides of the court. No start date as yet. The Council WILL put down the lines I have been informed. Again, no start date as yet. The joists in the gents changing area are rotten and that area is out of bounds. We should have access to the other areas. A quote for £5,000 was received for repair. Highlife Highland is getting more quotes to get a better deal. More information later on this. It will affect the start of the leagues but hopefully not our opening tournament.

Look forward to seeing you on the courts soon.

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