



Poynton Tennis Club Newsletter



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Fundraisers - Sarah Heaton

Name The Dog Competition

Someone kindly donated a huge 2 ft cuddly dog and Crocky Trail generously donated a family day pass worth £48 so we put them to good use and Holly Short, one of our juniors, produced a card full of names and asked you to guess the dog's names for a £1 a go.

Congratulations to Anne Casson who got her first name correct, SERENA and got to take her home and to Ellie Hall who guessed her second name, BUDDY to win a day at Crocky Trail.

Thanks to everyone who had a guess and to Holly for organising.

It raised £76 towards the new courts.

Development Report & Result of "Appeal"

Alastair Nicholson

We are pleased to report that the "New Court Development" project has made substantial progress since our previous newsletter. You will recall that the original proposal was for a single court with floodlighting but we were ambitious to increase this to two courts because the land was available and the discount on a second court being constructed at the same time was substantial.

This left us with a funding shortfall of £19,000. However, rather than revert to the first plan we decided to launch an "Appeal" for funds. We are delighted to report that the appeal with gift aid raised almost £11,000 in a four week period. The committee would like to thank the donors for their generosity and also to thank those who came to us and explained why for many different reasons they could not donate but who offered their support and future help in other ways. We were also pleased to receive an offer of a loan from the main Sports Club to fund the remainder of the shortfall.

Accordingly we have now placed contracts with the court builders and with the floodlighters. The work will commence towards the end of January and complete, weather permitting, by the end of March. There will be some disruption as the work proceeds but we would ask that the members bear with during this time.

The development subcommittee would like to thank David Myers for his invaluable experience and expertise with the "Appeal".

Ladies Night

This was a great success and sold out very quickly. £1200 was raised in total and this was split between the Tennis and Lacrosse sections. A very big thank you to all the 100 ladies that came and made it such a great night and to all the local businesses that donated prizes, the raffle alone raised £500.

The New Committee 2013/14

Mark Costello	Joint Chairman
David Myers	Joint Chairman/Secretary
Alastair Nichol	Treasurer/Ground Rep
Michael Atherfold	Head Coach
Nigel Glasgow	Juniors
Janet Metcalfe	Junior Membership Secretary/Welfare Officer
Anne P Davies	Clubmark Rep
Dawn Bailey	Social Secretary
Sarah Heaton	Senior Membership Secretary/Club House & Bar
Mike Kilgallon	Website
Hilary Yates	Social

We are short of a Match and Ball Secretary to replace Sylvia Boylin who stepped down from the role at the AGM. In the interim Sylvia has offered to help out as necessary with any Winter League re-arrangements etc. Ideally someone new needs to be in place by the end of January in time for the 2014 summer league fixtures meeting. There are a number of people on the committee already doing more than one role. More people willing to serve on the committee would be helpful to spread the load (people can be appointed to the committee at any time - not just at the AGM). The next few months will be a very busy time with the additional work in relation to the development of the new courts.

Cheshire LTA Unsung Hero Award



Congratulations to Simon Piggott (Pictured left) who was presented with the Cheshire LTA Unsung Hero Award at the recent Cheshire County LTA Tennis Awards 2013. Full details are on the [Poynton Tennis Club](#) website.

Dates For Your Diary

**Friday 24th January
2014 8pm Quiz hosted by
Sue Hudson on behalf of
our Tennis Section**

**Friday 14th February 2014
8pm Quiz hosted by
Alastair and Anne PD on
behalf of our Tennis
Section**

*Please support their hard work
to raise money for the new
courts*

Saturday Morning Junior Tennis

Juniors please note Saturday morning junior tennis is taking a short break for Christmas. Back to normal Saturday 11th January 2014.

