

Poynton Tennis Club

Newsletter



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Welcome to our latest Newsletter. There's plenty of information in this issue so hope you find it useful and a good reason to celebrate the opening of our new playing facilities. Please watch out for a series of articles in "Inside Poynton" (starting with the April/May edition) and the Poynton Post further promoting our club. Here's to a good summer season - Enjoy your tennis!

Mark Costello

Winter League Results Anne P Davies - Match Secretary

A good winter league in terms of the weather with very few games being postponed.
The results:

| Team | Won | Drawn | Lost | Points | Position |
|------|-----|-------|------|--------|----------|
| 1st | 5 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 6/11 |
| 2nd | 5 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 5/11 |
| 3rd | 3 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 8/11 |

Special well done to Anne P Davies and Mike Kilgallon who came top of division 7 and 2nd overall for their mixed doubles results!

The summer season is nearly upon us and we have 3 ladies and 3 men's teams entered in the North-East Cheshire Lawn Tennis League.

Ladies captains are:

Ladies 1st Team Division 5 - Pauline Kilpatrick
Ladies 2nd Team Division 6 - Beryl Haddock
Ladies 3rd Team Division 8 - Sarah Heaton

Men's captains are:

Men's 1st Team Division 3 - Nigel Glasgow
Men's 2nd Team Division 7 - Steve Thompson
Men's 3rd Team Division 10 - John Hanson

Feel free to pop down and support our teams when you can and see how our teams get on. Home fixtures start at 6.30pm can be found on our website but here's April's fixtures for you to make a note of.

- Tuesday April 8th - Ladies 2 v Davenport 2
- Tuesday 15th April - Men 1 v Cheadle 1
- Thursday 17th April - Men 2 v Greave 1
- Thursday 24th April - Men 3 v Greave 2
- Tuesday 29th April - Ladies 2 v West Heaton 2
- Wednesday 30th April - Men 2 v Club AZ 2

Where are Ladies 1st and 3rd teams? Well their first home fixtures are Ladies 1 Tuesday 6th May v Brabyns 2 and Ladies 3 Thursday 8th May v Hazel Grove 2.

Here's to a great summer of tennis and weather!

Timetable - Play Times and Coaching Sessions (Senior) (Mini/Junior)

| Day | Activity | Time | Duration |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|-------------|
| Monday | Adult Group Coaching (£) | 9.30am - 10.30am | All Year |
| | Group and Individual Coaching (£) | 3.00pm - 8.00pm | All Year |
| | Ladies Night | 6.30pm onwards | Summer |
| Tuesday | Adult Group Coaching (£) | 8.00pm - 9.00pm | All Year |
| | Daytime Social Mixed Play | 10.00am - 12.00noon | All Year |
| | Group and Individual Coaching (£) | 3.00pm - 7.00pm | All Year |
| | Ladies Coaching (£) | 7.00pm - 8.00pm | All Year |
| Wednesday | Ladies Coaching (£) | 8.00pm - 9.00pm | All Year |
| | Adult Group Coaching (£) | 9.45am - 10.45am | All Year |
| | Group and Individual Coaching (£) | 3.00pm - 7.00pm | All Year |
| Thursday | Cardio Tennis Fitness All ages/abilities (£) | 7.00pm - 8.00pm | Summer |
| | Group and Individual Coaching (£) | 3.00pm - 7.00pm | All Year |
| Friday | Senior Organised Mixed Play | 7.00pm onwards | July - Sept |
| | Daytime Social Mixed Play | 2.00pm - 4.00pm | All Year |
| Saturday | Mini Match Play (£) | 4.00pm - 5.00pm | All Year |
| | Junior Match Play (£) | 5.00pm - 6.00pm | All Year |
| | Juniors Night | 6.00pm onwards | Summer |
| | Individual Coaching (£) | 7.30am - 9.30am | All Year |
| | Junior Supervised Play with Coach (Primary) | 9:30am - 11.00am | All Year |
| Sunday | Junior Supervised Play with Coach (11yrs+) | 11.00am - 12.30pm | All Year |
| | Individual Coaching (£) | 12.30pm - 1.30pm | All Year |
| | Senior Social Mixed Play | 1.00pm - 4.30pm | All Year |
| | American Tournament (1st Sat of Month) (£) | 1.30pm - 4.30pm | All Year |
| | Individual Coaching (£) | 7.30am - 9.00am | All Year |
| | American Tournament (3rd Sun of Month) (£) | 10.00am - 1.00pm | Winter |
| | Tiny Tots Tennis (£) | 9.00am - 9.40am | All Year |
| Tiny Tots Tennis (£) | 9.40am - 10.20am | All Year | |
| Sunday | Individual Coaching (£) | 11.00am - 1.00pm | All Year |
| | Men's Night | 6.00pm onwards | Summer |

TO BOOK COACHING PLEASE CONTACT MIKE ATHERFOLD (CLUB COACH) ON TEL: 07984973887

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 7 May - Wimbledon Draw and Curry Night

Friday 20 June - Generation Tournament

Saturday 12 July - Finals Day

Friday 19 September - Ladies Night at The Sports Club with the return of Nathan from Brother Beyond

Reminders

Membership Renewal is due by April 30th latest.

Wimbledon Tickets Draw. If you want to be included in the draw, you must tick the box on your membership form.

Guests are welcome accompanied by a member but please fill out the guest book in the hut and leave the guest fee in the envelope in the book (£3). Each guest is allowed to play up to 4 times.

Securing Courts. If you are the last to leave the courts please ensure that **both** gates are locked (gate to the hard court **and** the gate to the all- weather courts).

Development Report - New Courts

It was February 2012 when Michael sent me a text with a link to the Sport England "Inspired Facilities" website and the question "Do you think this may help us?" Trevor, Nigel, Michael and I, encouraged by the rest of the Tennis Committee volunteered to have a go.

It has been a fairly tortuous 25 months since then. Key requirements have been persistence and willingness to jump through hoops and over hurdles again and again.

The milestones have been

1. Entry to Round 3 of the grant process. Not successful. But encouraged by Sport England to try again in Round 4. Various changes. A survey, letters of support from 2 Junior Schools and the High School, from a Councillor, and one from the Vicar (himself a keen sportsman), evidence of partnership Funding, Sponsors, and support from the main Poynton Sports Club. Eventually, Bingo, on 1st August 2013 success with a £50,000 award.
2. Planning application to Cheshire East for new floodlights. Not easy. Floodlights are not popular with our neighbours. Proof of design required. A public consultation and eventually a tight decision went in our favour.
3. VAT nightmares. Poynton Sports Club partial registration status is ideal for not obliging us all to pay vat on our membership subs, but bad news when it comes to reclaiming vat on an infrastructure project. We lost that battle. Result an extra pile of money to find. Who would have thought the Revenue would claim 20% of the cost from a registered Community Amateur Sports Club. ??
4. Expansion of the project together with the vat situation sent us into an Appeal for extra funds from the Membership. Gratifyingly that raised almost the full amount within 6 weeks. Many thanks for the generosity of those supporters.
5. Finally appointing Contractors. More mountains of paperwork for Sport England and we had permission to start. 520 tons of stone in the foundation, a temporary bridge over the stream, 1000 square metres of membrane, and 170 tons of porous tarmac. Test the new lights, paint some temporary court lines and by mid March we were playing. !!

We need to see the final colour painting on the courts. Get some snags rectified on the fencing and the astro surface and we are finished. I hope that we can see the project as a benefit not just to us as Tennis Club members but as a much needed addition to the sports facilities of Poynton as a community for many, many years to come.

Alastair Nicholson
Development Committee

Surface Update

The committee have researched and considered various options and the proposed colour for the new courts is blue with a green surround (see example). The existing hard court will be re-painted in the same colour scheme so that all three hard courts are the same.



What's New or Changing this Season?

It's that time of year again, the clocks have gone forward and the new season has just begun. The all-weather courts are back with the tennis section, for the summer period, from Saturday 29th March. So this is a quick low down on what's new or changing for this coming season.

You should now have received your membership renewal forms by email this year rather than by post.

2 new hard courts and **new floodlighting** on all 3 hard courts.

2 new membership categories. Adult Daytime, (all year Monday-Friday up to 5pm only) and **Summer Intermediate** (April-September only for 16-21 year olds). These offer great value for money at less than £2/week for those who want to just play social tennis and students currently at university or going off this September. So please let friends and family know (see membership forms for full details).

Daytime Social Tennis is being introduced **Tuesdays 10-12pm** and **Fridays 2-4pm**. Just turn up and join in. However as this is new and to ensure it gets off the ground please would you drop me an email if you are interested, saying which sessions you would come to and whether it would be on a regular basis or just occasionally. (sarahheaton44@gmail.com)

Men's Club Night will now be **Sunday from 6pm**, although that doesn't stop those few who still want to play Sunday morning from doing so, it just seems that Sunday evening has become a more popular time.

Cardio Tennis starts again for the summer but has changed to **Wednesdays 7-8pm**. Starts April 21st. Just Turn up £5 (£6 non-member).

Court Booking and Availability. Now we have 7 courts we plan in the summer to always have 2 courts available for booking and one court available for turn up and play (no booking required). This should mean that even if it is a club night or there is coaching, league matches or junior events scheduled, there will still be courts available for other play, with the rare exception. (club nights will have priority on the 'turn up and play' court should they require it). For court availability and booking please go to the club website www.poyntontennisclub.net

Ball machine. There is now a power point on court 5 so we will now be able to house ball machine there permanently.

Junior Winter League Results

8U (mini red)

Team: Tom Glasgow, Mac Smith, William Barrett, Luke Francis, Steph Rowarth

Played - 4

Won - 3

Drawn - 1

Lost - 0

Position: 1st

Mini red now play in the Final against other box winners Bramhall Lane, at Poynton this Saturday 29 March at 4.30pm. Please support the team if you can!

9U (mini orange)

Team: Tom Glasgow, Anna Jones, Arthur Beddows, Mac Smith, William Barrett

Played - 4

Won - 1

Drawn - 0

Lost - 3

Position: 4th

10U (mini green)

Team: Olivia Anderson, Dan Glasgow, Anna Jones, Emma Berry, William Martindale

Played - 3

Won - 2

Drawn - 0

Lost - 1

Position: 1st

Mini green play in the Final against other box winners David Lloyd Cheadle, at David Lloyd Cheadle this Sunday 30 March at 10am.

12U Boys

Team: Matt Mullin, Harry Davies, Will Merrifield, Alastair Kennedy, Tom Claire

Played - 4

Won - 3

Drawn - 0

Lost - 1

Position: 2nd

14U Girls

Team: Olivia Anderson, Olivia Morton, Holly Short, Emma Berry, Anya Seales, Eleanor Merrifield, Mia Grant, Anna Jones

Played - 6

Won - 2

Drawn - 1

Lost - 3

Position: 3rd

14U Boys

Team: Will Merrifield, Marcus Graham, Matt Mullin, Ben Hart, Jack Sykes

Played - 5

Won - 3

Drawn - 1

Lost - 1

Position: 3rd

Where can you find information about Poynton Tennis Club?

Our website:

<http://www.poyntonennisclub.net/>



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As the U8 and U10 teams both came 1st in their groups, they progressed to the finals in their respective tournaments. Both finals were played at a very high standard however the U8 were beaten 11-5 by Bramhall Lane whilst the U10 team also narrowly lost to local rivals David Lloyd Cheadle. Well done to all players and we look forward to a very competitive summer!

