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Spring Newsletter 2013

Welcome to the Tennis Season 2013!

Dumfries Tennis Club is the largest and most proactive tennis club in Dumfries and Galloway and has been around for over 120 years. Throughout this newsletter we will try to let you know what events are forthcoming this year.

Our social tennis starts on Monday 8th April at 6.30pm and is open to all members 15 to 100+ years who are able to play doubles.

Subscriptions

Membership renewals for all were due for payment by 1st March, are as follows:

Membership Categories for 2013/14

<i>Membership Type</i>	<i>Annual Fee</i>	<i>Monthly DD</i>	<i>Terms & Conditions</i>
Full	£170	£15.00	22-64 yrs
Family	£340	£30.00	inc. junior children
Couple	£296	£26.50	Two adults residing at same address
Single-Parent	£200	£18.00	One adult and junior children
Senior	£100	£9.00	65+ yrs
Intermediate	£85	£7.50	19-21 yrs
Runner	£85	£7.50	
Student	£85	£7.50	Valid student card full-time study only
Junior	£42	-	15-18 yrs
Junior-mini	£32	-	14 yrs and under
Social Plus	£50	-	Use of bar and lounges and showers
Social	£25	-	Use of bar and lounges only
Trial	£20	-	2 months unlimited use
School	£200	-	off-peak usage only

If you haven't renewed as yet, please do so as soon as you can.

Club Nights

Club night sessions are organised twice a week during the season, and are a great opportunity to meet members and play tennis. A club representative will organise the games and provide balls.

Club sessions begin on 8th April.

All levels: Monday 6:30pm-dusk.

Ladies only: Thursday 6:00pm -7:00/7.30pm.

Club sessions are for Adult and Student members, juniors aged 15+ may participate at the discretion of the Committee. Please speak to a Committee member *before* attending.

Booking Courts

All courts should be booked prior to play and please stick to the court you booked.

If anyone turns up to play and your court is being used, then please just ask them to finish their game to allow you on.

Guests:

If a member brings a guest to play out with a club night, then you should pay the guest fee of £2 for adults and £1 for juniors.

Tennis Club Box Leagues

We operate friendly Tennis Box Leagues for both seniors and juniors to provide a means of playing tennis when it suits you. The leagues are open to members only and run all year round. The previous and current leagues can be viewed online using the link below. Once you have joined the leagues, you simply contact the other players and play your games; when you have played you can text or email the results or write the scores on the noticeboard.

<http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=7E7E1B2F-9E20-45A5-BB32-DF2E745072EF>

To join – please contact Michael Goldie at mickeyjgoldie@btinternet.com

Ball Machine

The club is currently trying to secure funding to purchase a ball machine, once we have this we will let you know how it can be hired for a reasonable small fee.

Social Calendar

We plan to organise a number of social events throughout the year, including the return of the Wimbledon fun mixed tournament– details will be announced later!

Season Opening Dance - The club has organised an evening with Django (Dave Bass and Grant Dinwoodie). All are welcome, so bring your friends and family on Saturday 20th April at 7.30, £1.00 for Cocktails till 9.30 and Tickets cost £5.00 from Bar or you can pay on the night.

Wimbledon Tickets

Each year the LTA allocate a number of Wimbledon tickets to our club. This year we have been allocated 8 pairs and we will be holding a draw for these on 15th April, therefore if you haven't already added your name to the ballot please do so now by contacting Lister McKiddie.

The ballot is open to any paid up club member who is also a member of British Tennis. To join British Tennis please use the link. Club members can join free of charge. <https://www.lta.org.uk/Members/Join/>

Tennis Balls

The club currently sell US Open tennis balls for £10 per dozen with £1 of this going to the club. Unfortunately our supplier has raised their prices so once we buy our next batch of balls the price will rise to £11 per dozen. Sorry for the inconvenience but this £1 profit helps us retain our coaching program which keep the juniors involved.

Coaching

The Club Coach is Richard (Richie) Cunningham (richie___@hotmail.co.uk).

Tennis coaching is provided for everyone, not just club members, so feel free to bring a friend down to try tennis out. Club members get a reduced rate.

This year the following sessions will be provided:

Junior Classes - £2 for members £3 for non-members.

Tuesday: 4pm to 5pm – Players between 7 and 10yrs (8 Max)
5pm to 6pm – 10yrs and over, Full yellow ball.
6pm to 7pm – Junior performance groups (invitation only 8 players max)

Thursday: 4pm to 5pm – Open to 10yrs and under (8 max) This is a new time.

Saturday: 10am to 11am – Players between 8 & 10yrs who have played before
11am to 12pm – All players 10yrs and over are welcome
12pm to 1pm – Players 8yrs and under who are just starting

Summer Coaching Weeks

This year Richard Cunningham will be running Summer Coaching camps throughout the summer weeks and the price is £5 for the day for members of the club, or £6 for non-members.

The camps will cover at least 4 of the 6 weeks holiday if not all 6 weeks and will be as usual, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays with mini tennis from 10 to 12.30pm and Junior tennis from 1 to 3.30pm. More details to follow.

Adult Coaching

We currently have 1 adult coaching session which runs on a Tuesday from 7pm to 8pm and is geared up for beginners and intermediates. These sessions cost £3 for members and £4 for non-members.

The group session starts on 9th April and is run subject to demand.

Individual & group private lessons can be arranged at the convenience of the coach and yourself. (Prices subject to change up or down with advance notice)

Individual junior lessons – £10 per hour

2 player junior lessons – £16 per hour (2 players split cost between them)

Individual adult lessons – £12 per hour

2 player adult lessons – £16 per hour (2 players split cost between them)

To book contact Richie on 07815 207517 or email the club.

We are one of a few tennis clubs in the country that will only charge you for the lessons that you can attend.

Tournaments

Tournaments take place throughout the summer on our courts and at other clubs, please check the club website and noticeboards for details.

Tournaments	Date	Venue	Entry
May Day junior ratings event	6th May	TBC	Open
D&G Senior Confined	8th & 9th June	Dumfries	Closed – D&G Players
D&G Junior Confined	21st & 22nd June	Dumfries	Closed – D&G Players
Dan Maskell Trophy (mixed Dbls)	23rd June	Dalbeattie	Open
Lions Cup (Mixed Doubles)	14th July	Dalbeattie	Open
South of Scotland	28 th July – 4 th August	Moffat	Open
Borders Cup	24 th & 25 th August	Dumfries	Closed – Borders and D&G players only
Club Championships finals day	31st August	Dumfries	Closed – Dumfries members only

Committee Members

Michael Goldie	Convenor
Judi McKiddie	Secretary
Gordon Grant	Treasurer
Richard Cunningham	Club Coach
Sally Drysdale	Member
Daniel McKeever	Member

If you would like further information about the club and its activities please email us.

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League Teams

Our senior teams play in the D&G district leagues. All matches are Doubles.

The team captains are as follows:

Summer League

Mens A	Chris Topping	
Mens B	Gordon Grant	
Mens C	Michael Goldie	
Ladies 1	Margaret Miller	
Ladies 2	Judi McKiddie	
Mixed 1	Division 1	TBC
Mixed 2	Division 2	Judi McKiddie

If you wish to be considered for league matches, please contact Michael Goldie and he will pass your details on.

Want to play for a junior team?

JUNIOR teams have been entered in the Under 12, 14 and 16 age categories. We are also hoping to have an Orange team Under 10s. Contact Michael if your child wants to be involved.

Club Archives – Request

The Club will be celebrating a land mark next year. We had initially thought it would be our 125 birthday but a club friend and member may have discovered information which could suggest we may be 130 years old. Therefore, do you or do you know someone who may have any photos or historical documents, from current back to the year dot, of the Tennis Club: tournaments, building of courts, building of club house, etc. If so, please can you make copies, date them, name the people and add any other information and send them to me.

A Sport for Everyone

I moved to Dumfries back in 2001 and I joined Dumfries Sports Club in about 2006. After a decade of virtually playing no sport or even exercising I then spent a year trying to play Squash badly, it was then I decided to try tennis. Whoa, how crap was I, having played on the streets of Auchinleck as a 12 year old I thought I could play how wrong I was. However, six and a bit years on I now enjoy my tennis and it has been a great way of meeting people. The great thing about tennis is that it is an inexpensive sport you can play all year round. It is both an individual sport and a team sport, and you can compete far into your old age, as is demonstrated by Gordon. Tennis is a lifelong sport. Many

sports are too dangerous or demanding to play after your twenties or thirties but you can play tennis as long as you're able to walk and move your arm. You may not be able to hit some of the exciting shots you hit in your younger days, but that's certainly better than not being able to play at all! Tennis is a complex game, there is always room for improvement. With tennis there is always something to work on or something new to learn. Whether it is your fitness, your technique, or your strategy, there are plenty of challenges to chase after. I amazed how many new friends I've made as a result of playing tennis. So what are you waiting for? Give tennis a try and encourage your friends, they may find themselves with a new hobby and excitement to look forward to.

Michael boom boom Goldie

Finally;

This is your club, playing members and volunteers are vital to the clubs success. If you have any suggestion which could help the club or is there a demand for more tennis please feel free to offer feedback. If you don't tell us what you want we can't do it.

Look forward to seeing you on court really soon.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M J Goldie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

M J Goldie
Dumfries Tennis Club