

Silloth Tennis Club

Report by: David Wise

The gods were well and truly shining down on the Tennis Club for its inaugural Bounceathon and fun day on the 5th of May.

The previous day's poor weather had cast a serious doubt over the event, but, luckily the sun came out for what proved to be a very enjoyable afternoon. With junior members (and anyone else who wanted to join in) doing their bit for charity, the service speed gun in use and an adult/child tournament to round off the occasion the whole event proved to be very popular and will now become an integral part of our list of activities amongst everything else.

Our thanks and appreciation for the event go to all of our prize draw sponsors, Mrs Margaret Snaith for her kind donation for the cost of the food, the catering staff at the rugby club and, last but by no means least, prize draw extraordinaire Mrs Margaret Dickson and the eternally youthful David Pigeon, whose enthusiasm for Tennis never wanes and proves to be an inspiration to us all.

Over the next few weeks the club night resumes (every Monday 6-8 pm), coaching for children and adults will be taking place and some of our tournaments will be under way.

We are also in talks with Maryport Tennis Club about a children's match at their new courts at Netherhall school.

Club treasurer David Wise was successful in his bid to become a fully qualified LTA tennis coach. This was a just reward for the dedication and enthusiasm he put into the 5 month course. The timetable of the course required David to make regular visits to Sunderland for tuition,

preparing coursework for the NVQ section of the course and to log hours of coaching experience with a local LTA coach. With David having to fit all these tasks between family and work commitments, and his junior coaching for the tennis club, you realise that passing this course required a fantastic effort on David's part. I am sure you will join me in offering David many congratulations on his magnificent achievement. His has become the driving force behind the resurgence of tennis in Silloth and he is a great asset to the community.

Last month we outlined our plans for the 2003 season, but for those who missed it here is a brief summary.

Adult membership (18 years of age +).

£10 per adult - covers £6 LTA affiliation fee, free entry to all tournaments, 6 weekly coaching sessions for free, reduced rates on any further coaching session.

Junior membership (under 18 years old).

£5 per junior - £2.25 LTA affiliation fee, free entry to all tournaments, 6 free coaching sessions, reduced rates for any further coaching sessions.

Family membership.

£20 - based on either 2 adults & 1 junior, 2 adults & 2 juniors or 1 adult & 3 juniors. For larger family groups arrangements can be made with the club treasurer David Wise.

All full club members will be able to participate in the club night, which will be held every Tuesday evening at the Skinburness courts. The full range of the clubs tennis equipment will be available for all to use.

For those who do not wish to become a full club member we will be offering the chance to pay only for entry to tournaments (adults - £3, juniors £1).

Silloth Rugga Club



Silloth 41 Club committee members Arthur Norman, Douglas Walton and Brian Thackery presenting "The Rugga Club" treasurer Jimmy Lettice with a very kind donation of £90 from the Silloth Wishing Well, all money put into the wishing well on the town green is given to the 41 club who then donate it to groups like the Rugga Club, a big thank you from all boys & girls at the rugga club.

The Rugga Club is Silloths newest youth club and is based in the Rugby Club. It is for all children aged between 10 and 16, after two months they have now had up to 46 kids attending. I am assured they have all been well behaved and thoroughly entertained.

The Rugga Club is on Monday nights from 6 to 7:30pm and admission is only 50p which includes a drink and a snack. There are loads of games to play, including Pool, Darts and Playstation 2 as well as other modern games.

The proposed tournament structure for the 2003 season is as follows :

Adults:

Mens tennis league starts May 1st, finals on 12th/13th July

Mens club championship starts May 1st, finals on 12th/13th July

Mens doubles starts May 1st, finals on 12th/13th July

Womens club championship starts May 1st, finals on 12th/13th July

Womens doubles starts May 1st, finals on 12th/13th July

Mixed doubles starts May 1st, finals on 12th/13th July

Juniors:

David's cup to be held

Sunday 20th July

Under 11's boys/girls & under 16 boys/girls comps

start May 1st - Finals weekend 21st/22nd June

Coaching:

Tennis Tots

Mini Tennis Red, Orange & Green

Junior Coaching

Adult Coaching For

Beginners

Individual Lessons

If you need more information on any of the clubs activities then contact either David Wise 32988 or David Pigeon 31295. Alternatively you can visit the clubs web site: <http://welcome.to/silloth-tennis-club>.