

## Silloth Tennis Club

Report by Gareth Lewis

We are nearing the end of 2002 and what a great year it has been for the club. Thanks to efforts of David Wise, David Pigeon, Gareth Lewis and Peter Wise the club has been rejuvenated. Our adult and junior tournaments were a great success, despite the poor weather we had during the summer months, and the number of kids attending the junior coaching sessions has been fantastic. The support of the local community has been vital in the clubs new found popularity.

We would like to thank all those who played in our tournaments, the kids who have attended the coaching sessions and the parents who have supported their child's interest in the game. The Buzz has been a great help in promoting the clubs activities and we thank all those who are involved in producing the Buzz each month. We would also like to thank all those organisations that have donated money towards the running of the club, especially the Town Council and the Community Shop. With your help we have been able to provide the club with many items such as the latest junior coaching equipment, new nets for the Skinburness courts, a new notice board and an umpires chair, to name but a few. We have had a great year and will be looking to build on our success for 2003.

The Tuesday night junior coaching sessions, held in the senior school hall, have been a great success. The interest in tennis amongst the juniors is still high, and these sessions in the school hall provide the perfect opportunity to maintain that interest over the winter period. The sessions are 7pm to 8pm every Tuesday during term time. At the

moment all places for these sessions have been taken, however please feel free to contact David Wise (tel. 32988) to see if any places have become available.

The Saturday morning junior coaching sessions, held at the Skinburness courts, will continue throughout the winter. All sessions will take place from 10am to 11am except for the 7<sup>th</sup> December when the youngsters coaching will be held from 1pm to 2pm. In the event of inclement weather coaching sessions will be in Christ Church Hall (subject to availability) at a cost of 50p per child.

A quick update on the restoration of the clubhouse. Work has been held back by the poor weather, but with a deadline of summer 2003 to finish the job we are confident that the new clubhouse will be in use by then. Our aim is to use the clubhouse as a base for junior coaching activities on the green during the summer.

David Wise is over a month into his studies to become a fully qualified LTA tennis coach. This is a very demanding course, which requires regular visits to Sunderland for tuition, written course-work and hours of practical experience with a qualified coach. Anyone who has seen David in his work coaching the youngsters will have seen that he has a natural gift for the task. With his enthusiasm and dedication I have no doubt that he will qualify as a tennis coach with flying colours. I am sure that you join me in wishing David the best of luck with his studies.

To find out if the club is heading in the right direction, and to find out what services people would like us to offer, David Wise has drawn up a survey which we would like you to respond to. It should only

## Silloth Junior Football



Silloth Football Club under 14's were presented with a new kit for winning the Fair Play award. Captain Liam Wilson received the new kit from Cumberland Football Club Secretary Geoff Tyrell.

See more on the web site

## Silloth Junior Rugby

On Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> September, the junior rugby team travelled to Cockermouth for a 3-way tournament at under 12, under 10, and under 8 tag game.

The under 12 team were a tad unlucky to meet a very good Cockermouth 10 with some rather large boys among them. They did however acquit themselves very well eventually going down by 22 points to 5. The Silloth try scorer was Ricky Sutcliffe who missed the conversion. Special praise should go to all the team who stuck to their task very well in some rather arctic conditions.

The under 10 team fared better eventually running in 5 try's to run out winners by 25 points to 15. Silloth try scorers were Rory Johnston with 3 and Blain Clorley with 2. The heartening part of

this victory was the way in which the entire team stuck to their task.

Although we did not take a specific under 8's team with us Cockermouth had 5 under 8 boys who they wanted to give a game to, so we fielded 4 of our under 10 team against them and although the score was irrelevant Silloth won by 20 points to 15.

This was a very good day for Silloth Junior Rugby. We not only recorded our first wins but the coaching staff saw progress in all the players. This can (although there is still a long way to go) only benefit the club in the long run.

We have a home fixture return against Cockermouth on Sunday 1st December. However before that there is a 3 way tournament at home on November the 11<sup>th</sup>, Kick off at 11 am.

take a couple of minutes of your time and would be very much appreciated. The survey is available from the library or David Wise (29 Caldew St., 32988), and can be filled in on-line at the clubs web site – <http://welcome.to/silloth-tennis-club>.  
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