



Tennis Tayside Annual Report 2008-9



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Introduction

About Tennis Tayside

Tennis Tayside is one of the nine Districts¹ within Tennis Scotland, which in turn is part of the LTA. For some tournaments Tennis Tayside combines with three other districts – Central, North East and Highlands - to form the North of Scotland County team. Tennis Tayside has 28 affiliated clubs covering a large geographical area shown on the attached map.

Tennis Tayside promotes the sport within the District by:

- organising Men's, Ladies', Mixed Doubles and Junior **leagues**
- organising **Winter indoor leagues**
- encouraging and supporting links between **schools, local authorities** and **clubs**
- supporting the **LTA** and **Tennis Scotland** initiatives such as **Club Mark** and **British Tennis Membership**
- organising **junior performance** coaching squads and teams for tournaments
- managing **Club Vision** and other small **development grant** opportunities
- representing its affiliated clubs on the Council of **Tennis Scotland**
- encouraging and supporting **coaching development**
- organising **talent id** sessions for **juniors**
- providing **signage** for clubs and courts
- maintaining a web site at **www.tennistayside.org**

Tennis Tayside is a non-profit making company Limited by Guarantee and governed by its Articles of Association and Company Memorandum. Clubs can obtain electronic copies of these documents by sending e-mail to the treasurer, Robert Paulton, tttreasurer@gmail.com. Board members are elected at the AGM, normally held in September, when the Annual Report is distributed. The 2008-9 Tennis Tayside Board is shown below.

Directors and officers 2008-9

President, Mens and Winter Leagues Secretary	Colin Allison
Vice President and District Teams Co-ordinator	Jane Morrison
Secretary, Ladies and Henderson Vase League Secretary	Morag Bull
Treasurer	Robert Paulton
Junior League Secretary	Bill Duff
Tournament Liaison and Tennis Scotland Councillor	Ian Conway
Coaching Liaison and Tennis Scotland Councillor	Douglas Gibson
Board Member	Rhona Alston
Board Member	Joy Mayglothling
Board Member	David Hunter

For further information please see the web site or e-mail info@tennistayside.org

The other Districts are: Tennis Central, North-East, Highlands, Tennis Ayrshire, Tennis Borders, Tennis Dumfries & Galloway, East of Scotland, West of Scotland.

Officers' Reports

President

Having almost completed my first year in post as President I am pleased to report that the District is one of the most active and forward looking in Scotland.

Jane Morrison, our Vice-President, was awarded the prestigious Tennis Scotland Coach of the Year award and continues to put more hours than seem humanly possible into junior development activities. Andy Thompson, who spearheaded this year's Tennis Tayside schools' initiative won the heavily contested East Fife Sports Council Coach of the Year award, which is drawn from all the sports.

The Tayside Mini-Tennis Tour, featuring competitions using Red, Orange and Green balls at several Clubs is a great innovation and has proved an enormous success - Jane Morrison initiated and coordinated this. While this was well supported by several coaches and Clubs there is certainly scope for more to participate next year, especially in the Dundee area.

The second Winter League, held at David Lloyd Leisure, Dundee (formerly Next Generation), showed a marked growth in entries. The number of matches scheduled was only limited by the available indoor court time. This shows not only that there is considerable enthusiasm for tennis as an all year-round-sport, but also that we seriously need more indoor facilities in the District.

The Summer Leagues were popular as ever with higher than usual entries into the Henderson Vase, which seems to have hit upon a good structure for Division sizes and the number of weeks involved.

The District contributed two players, Steven Birrell and Timmy Weir, to the six man North County team, captained by Ian Conway, our past President, at County week in July. While the District has an excellent record of producing County players, this event was further distinguished by the presence of Andy and Jamie Murray in the squad.

Scone is to be congratulated as the first Club in the District and one of the first Clubs in Scotland to achieve the essential Tennis Clubmark standard in July. It cannot be over-emphasised how important it is for all Clubs to work towards Clubmark. Tennis Tayside is committed to providing as much help as is needed to get Clubs through the process. It is no exaggeration to state that the continued health and success of our District depends on all Clubs starting to work towards Clubmark now, if they have not already done so. The LTA's support in all its forms is becoming totally conditional on Clubmark, and this includes their current funding priorities for floodlighting and mini-tennis courts.

In March, Mike Aitken resigned from his post as Tennis Development Officer (TDO) for North of Scotland, in order to return to coaching and related activities. Mike must be credited for running the highly successful Tennis Tayside tournament in May, which was spread across three venues, and his presence on the courts again as a performance coach can only be a good thing for the District. In August Tennis Scotland filled the vacancy and we welcome Kirsty McRae as the new TDO. Kirsty has already visited some Clubs in Tayside, and will be arranging visits. Kirsty will be working to help Clubs

increase their British Tennis Membership, initiate and promote tennis programmes, achieve Clubmark, and improve their facilities.

As usual there are changes afoot at the LTA and Tennis Scotland. One likely change for 2010-11 is that the current system of per capita affiliation fees will be scrapped and replaced with a fixed charge per number of courts. The Tennis Tayside board is currently working on projections as to what this will mean in practice both for individual Clubs and for the District.

Finally, please remember that Tennis Tayside is your District and that if you have any ideas or feedback please contact me or any other board member.

Enjoy your Tennis!

Colin Allison
President

Secretary

The Tennis Tayside Board had ten Directors last year and held five Board Meetings. One of our Board Members intimated at the AGM that they would go on to the Board but would have difficulty in attending Board Meetings unfortunately, they have not been able to attend any meetings.

I give below the months that the meetings were held in and the number of members who attended:

November	9	January	8	March	6
June	8	August	9		

As part of my Report a listing of all the affiliated clubs together with the numbers of their junior and senior members, plus the BTM figures which we received in March 2009 from Tennis Scotland, is given below. These figures were used as the basis for the next year's affiliation fees with the BTM figures forming the calculation of Wimbledon tickets for the 2009 Championships.

Tennis Tayside launched a new and updated website – www.tennistayside.org - this year, which has grown and developed since its inception. All clubs were written out to inviting them to put their own details or links onto the website so that we could spread the word about tennis facilities and playing opportunities. It is disappointing that so few clubs took up this opportunity as the website receives numerous hits and information queries from non-affiliated clubs and people new to our area. Hopefully next year we can add more up to date information about what is going on in the Tayside area and encourage even more participation.

Morag Bull, Secretary

Report of Membership Numbers, 2008/9

Club	Juniors	Seniors	Total	BTM
Anstruther	65	69	134	32
Arbroath	57	40	97	13
Blairgowrie	48	0	48	30
Broughty Ferry	86	56	142	32
Craigmuir	3	29	32	48
Crieff LTC	105	47	152	53
Darnhall	31	23	54	21
Duffus	23	50	73	18
Dunkeld & Birnham	10	0	10	7
Falkland	42	58	100	9
Games Club	23	32	55	13
Glenfarg	30	34	64	3
Kinnoull	152	91	243	100
Kinross	50	72	122	19
Kirriemuir	63	53	116	33
Lundin Links	34	66	100	41
Maulesbank	4	13	17	19
Montrose	70	58	128	49
Newport	9	22	31	3
NWTS & C	8	17	25	1
Perth	71	63	134	13
Pittenweem	10	9	19	1
Scone	50	44	94	42
St Andrews	164	154	318	89
Tayport	7	21	28	3
West End	58	69	127	50
Wormit	52	69	121	33
TOTALS	1325	1259	2584	775

Treasurer

This year has been an uneventful one at least as far as finance has been concerned. As can be seen from the accounts, we have a surplus at the end of the year but quite a lot lower than in previous years. This can be explained in part by the extra expenditure on our website, most of which is a one-off expenditure so we should have a larger surplus next year. A good contribution to the funds came from Tennis Scotland in the form of the Development Grant which has enabled some good work to be done including some schools coaching which is discussed elsewhere.

Development Funds

The District is provided with funds for development work which are used for a wide range of purposes from mini-tennis and coaching to helping out clubs with signs. In the past year the grant was £10,763.74 but we can expect substantially less for this new year as funds are getting much tighter and we will have to take on more of the expenditure than we did in the past year.

Miscellaneous Income

This consists of the sales of Wimbledon Tickets to board members and sales of tennis balls to clubs.

Website

The costs shown represent the development of the website which is now seeing plenty of visits from clubs as well as people enquiring about tennis in the area. The ongoing costs of the website are primarily the hosting fees and the cost of keeping the 'TennisTayside' name. This is not likely to be much more than £50. Of course, if there is to be a substantial change to the site, we would incur more costs.

Reserves

It should be noted that whilst the net income is now quite low the company has substantial reserves in the form of government Stocks, £20,000. It is intended to invest a further £10,000 in Government Stocks. These investments will allow us to have funds to make up for the expected loss of income from Tennis Scotland.

To conclude

There does not seem the need to go through the accounts in great detail but I am happy to try and answer any question raised – if I don't know I will email the answer later.

Robert J Paulton
Treasurer

Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 May 2009

	Notes	31.5.09	31.5.08
TURNOVER		£50,316	£46,105
Administrative expenses		£49,997	£42,380
OPERATING PROFIT	2	<u>£319</u>	<u>£3,725</u>
Interest receivable and similar income		£1,176	£1,301
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		<u>£1,495</u>	<u>£5,026</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	-	-
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION		<u><u>£1,495</u></u>	<u><u>£5,026</u></u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current year or previous year.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current year or previous year.

Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2009

	Notes	31.5.09	31.5.08
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	29,005	23,987
Cash at bank and in hand		39,603	46,065
		<u>68,608</u>	<u>70,052</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	19,502	22,441
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>49,106</u>	<u>47,611</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>49,106</u>	<u>47,611</u>
RESERVES			
MDSLTA	6	22,803	22,803
Profit and loss account	6	26,303	24,808
	7	<u>49,106</u>	<u>47,611</u>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 May 2009.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2009 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 396 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 23rd August 2009.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2009

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial Reporting Standard Number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

2. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	31.5.09	31.5.08
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Directors' remuneration and other benefits etc	-	-
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3. TAXATION

Analysis of the tax charge

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 31 May 2009 nor for the year ended 31 May 2008.

4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.5.09	31.5.08
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,041	23
Other debtors	23,964	23,964
	29,005	23,987

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.5.09	31.5.08
	£	£
Affiliation fees due	18,947	-
Other creditors	555	22,441
	19,502	22,441

6. RESERVES

	Profit and loss account	MDSLTA	Totals
	£	£	£
At 1 June 2008	24,808	22,803	47,611
Profit for the year	1,495		1,495
At 31 May 2009	26,303	22,803	49,106

7. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES

	31.5.09	31.5.08
	£	£
Profit for the financial year	1,495	5,026
MDSLTA funds introduced		
Net addition to reserves	1,495	5,026
Opening reserves	47,611	42,585
Closing reserves	<u>49,106</u>	<u>47,611</u>

Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 May 2009

	31.5.09		31.5.08
	£	£	£
Turnover			
Affiliation fees	26,151		26,625
Development programme	14,811		11,572
Inter club events	3,150		3,493
Inter district events	1,068		1,296
Miscellaneous income	1,701		464
Performance programme	950		330
Tournament income	<u>2,485</u>		<u>2,325</u>
		50,316	46,105
Other income			
Deposit account interest	245		370
Treasury stock interest	931		931
		<u>1,176</u>	<u>1,301</u>
		51,492	47,406
Expenditure			
Affiliation fees paid	18,644		19,634
Administration costs	1,542		1,454
Website costs	2,764		-
Honoraria	3,157		2,723
Development costs	11,710		10,171
Inter club costs	269		1,652
Inter district costs	2,485		2,059
North County	1,650 -		
Performance costs	2,398		733
Tournament costs	4,339		2,656
Sundry expenses	484		753
Accountancy	<u>555</u>		<u>545</u>
		<u>49,997</u>	<u>42,380</u>
NET PROFIT		<u>1,495</u>	<u>5,026</u>

Club Vision

The Club Vision year runs from 1st October through to 30th September – same as Tennis Scotland's financial year. From the period October 2007 to September 2008, Tennis Tayside agreed to 19 applications from 13 clubs or affiliated organisations and a total of £6157 was paid out.

- Eight of the awards were in respect of coaching qualifications
- Three were for Mini Tennis for Primary schools
- Three were for Winter Coaching programmes for both juniors and adults
- Four were for equipment
- One was for assistance for international tournament experience
- From the beginning of November 2008 to the end of August 2009 we have agreed 9 applications from seven clubs totalling £2102.50.
- Five were for coaching qualifications
- Two were for Schools Programmes
- One was for Mini Tennis Tournaments assistance

One was for court equipment

The Club Vision application form and Guidelines can be downloaded from the Tennis Tayside website – www.tennistayside.org

Morag Bull
Secretary

Competitions

League reports

Junior League:

The Super-league was won for the second year running by Kinnoull 1 who edged out Broughty Ferry 1, winning the crucial match between the clubs to clinch the trophy. There were plenty of close contests in the top division and it was pleasing to see some top juniors playing for their clubs.

Division 1 was an extremely close contest with only seven points separating the top four teams. So after checking the arithmetic the champions are Kinnoull 3 with Dunkeld & Birnam as runners up. Honourable mentions go to Broughty Ferry 2 and Wormit 2 for such a close contest. Unfortunately, there were a high number of unplayed matches in Division One and that was very disappointing. Both St Andrews and Arbroath seemed to have a particular problem fulfilling fixtures this season.

Division Two was won by Montrose 2 with Crieff in runner up spot -a good result for Crieff in their first year in the league and again a close contest with Montrose 2, Crieff and Falkland all winning six matches and losing one.

The George Stewart Award for the best overall performance was won by Ruaridh Watson from Kinnoull who narrowly pipped two players from Broughty Ferry.

Once again thanks to all players and team captains for organising, playing and transporting players to matches. Generally results were submitted in good time. As mentioned the major negative was the number of incomplete fixtures in Division One. I should however like to remind clubs and team captains about Junior Rules 1 and 2. In the Super-league, I saw evidence of teams chopping and changing playing orders and I would have had no hesitation in penalising these clubs if I had felt that either the league title or relegation had been affected by this practice. In Division One, I penalised one club whose third team turned out on a Saturday when both their higher teams conceded matches. Please read the Junior Rules carefully, especially numbers 1 and 2, and if you need guidance please contact me before you play matches.

Bill Duff

Junior League Secretary

Winter League:

The Winter Indoor League and training sessions at David Lloyd Leisure, Monifieth, proved highly successful. They ran from early November 2008 to late March 2009 and were especially popular with clubs who do not have their own floodlighting. Three divisions of six were formed, with each team of four playing each other once, using a custom 2-hour format involving men's, ladies and mixed doubles. Costs were kept to an affordable level due to a preferential court rate for the District, plus a subsidy from Tennis Tayside development fund. There was some disappointment that a Junior League did not run this year but virtually all the court hours made available to us were fully utilised, and the training sessions were sometime used for junior coaching. It is hoped to run these activities again next year.

Men's League:

Forty teams entered the Men's League this year, and were arranged into five divisions of six who played each other both home and away, and one division of ten who played each other once and then engaged in a final week play-off. The season felt shorter than ever although it lasted the usual ten weeks. No teams dropped out and there were very few concessions, all indicating a very good year for Men's team tennis in the District.

Colin Allison

Men's and Winter League Secretary

Ladies League:

There was a good entry of 37 teams for this year's Ladies League which was handled by having the 7 teams in the Division 6 playing normally for seven weeks and then having three weeks of play offs. Unfortunately, there was some very bad weather at the beginning of the season which meant that some teams had multiple matches for the first few weeks. In Division 3 NWTS had problems putting out a team so eventually all their matches were voided which was disappointing for them and their opponents.

Congratulations to all the winners but of worth particular note was Arbroath 1 in Division 1 who won all their matches, Falkland 1 in Division 2 who only dropped one point overall and Anstruther in Division 4 who maintain their progress up the divisions by winning that division and only dropping two matches. It is good to see Games Club putting in a Ladies team for the first time in a number of years and they made a good start by winning Division 6 and gaining promotion for next year.

Henderson Vase League:

There were a record 41 teams this year and we kept the format of having seven playing weeks trying to even out the home and away matches as far as possible. Apologies to some clubs who played all their away, or home, matches one after the other so that we could ensure there were no clashes for those who run multiple teams.

Unfortunately, yet again, some clubs were penalised for playing team members who played for more than one team in the same week. That and one or two other issues that arose from unusual situations across the Leagues will lead to further amendments to the Rules in the Handbook for next year. Any comments on any of the League formats and running should be sent to the League Secretaries.

Morag Bull

Ladies and Henderson Vase League Secretary

League Results

MENS LEAGUE 2009 - FINAL PLACINGS

Division 1	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
Kinnoull 1	10	7	2	1	112:68		16
St Andrews 1	10	6	2	2	109:71		14
Broughty Ferry 1	10	6	0	4	99:81		12
Arbroath 1	10	6	0	4	87:87		12
Perth 1	10	3	0	7	74:100		6
Craigmuir 1	10	0	0	10	53:127		0
Division 2	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
West End 1	10	10	0	0	148:27:00		20
Falkland 1	10	6	2	2	92:51:00		14
Tayport 1	10	5	2	3	97:78		12
Games Club 1	10	4	1	5	91:69	-1	8
St Andrews 2	10	1	1	8	42:130		3
Perth 2	10	1	0	9	34:140		2
Division 3	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
Duffus 1	10	9	0	1	137:43:00		18
Scone 1	10	8	0	2	119:61		16
Darnhall	10	6	0	4	91:89		12
Kinnoull 2	10	4	0	6	93:87		8
Games Club 2	10	2	1	7	62:118		5
Glenfarg 1	10	0	1	9	38:142		1
Division 4	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
West End 2	10	9	0	1	149:27:00		18
Montrose 1	10	9	0	1	105:51:00		18
Arbroath 2	10	4	1	5	64:77	-1	8
Tayport 2	10	4	0	6	62:112		8
Lundin Sports	10	3	1	6	68:90		7
St Andrews 3	10	0	0	10	36:120	-1	-1
Division 5	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
NWTS	10	7	1	2	101:78		15
Wormit 1	10	7	0	3	109:68		14
Craigmuir 2	10	6	1	3	110:66		13
Broughty Ferry 2	10	6	0	4	115:65		12
Newport	10	3	0	7	50:126		6
Anstruther	10	0	0	10	47:129		0
Division 6	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
Duffus 2	10	8	2	0	126:44:00		18
Kinross	10	8	1	1	118:52:00		17
Scone 2	10	6	0	4	116:43:00		12
Glenfarg 2	10	5	1	4	84:84		11
Montrose 2	10	4	1	5	72:85		9
St Andrews 4	10	3	3	4	75:99		9
West End 3	10	3	2	5	73:60	-2	6
Broughty Ferry 3	10	4	1	5	61:59:00	-3	6
Falkland 2	10	2	2	6	57:99		6
Wormit 2	10	0	1	9	32:140		1

LADIES LEAGUE 2009 - FINAL PLACINGS

Division 1							
	Club	Pld	W	D	L	Sets	Pts
1	Arbroath 1	10	10	0	0	119:56:00	20
2	Kinnoull 1	10	8	0	2	120:60	16
3	Craigmuir 1	10	4	2	4	102:70	10
4	St Andrews 1	10	4	2	4	82:81	10
5	St Andrews 2	10	2	0	8	48:128	4
6	Darnhall	10	0	0	10	46:122	0
Division 2							
	Club	Pld	W	D	L	Sets	Pts
1	Falkland 1	10	9	1	0	101:47:00	19
2	Scone 1	10	7	2	1	106:58:00	16
3	Broughty Ferry 1	10	5	2	3	99:62	12
4	Kinross	10	4	0	6	84:82	8
5	Kinnoull 2	10	1	1	8	41:118	3
6	David Lloyd 1	10	1	0	9	49:113	2
Division 3							
	Club	Pld	W	D	L	Sets	Pts
1	Duffus 1	8	6	0	2	94:48:00	12
2	Perth 1	8	6	0	2	80:49:00	12
3	Montrose 1	8	5	0	3	71:66	10
4	West End	8	1	1	6	49:87	3
5	St Andrews 3	8	1	1	6	46:90	3
6	NWTS	0	0	0	0	00:00	0
Division 4							
	Club	Pld	W	D	L	Sets	Pts
1	Anstruther	10	8	0	2	121:53:00	16
2	Lundin Sports	10	5	3	2	102:64	13
3	Glenfarg	10	6	0	4	78:96	12
4	Falkland 2	10	3	3	4	69:75	9
5	Arbroath 2	9	2	2	5	65:85	6
6	Broughty Ferry 2	9	1	0	8	43:105	2
Division 5							
	Club	Pld	W	D	L	Sets	Pts
1	Wormit 1	10	8	1	1	124:47:00	17
2	Scone 2	10	7	0	3	114:61	14
3	Craigmuir 2	10	6	2	2	101:70	14
4	David Lloyd 2	10	3	0	7	58:110	6
5	St Andrews 4	10	3	0	7	52:118	6
6	Tayport	10	1	1	8	68:111	3

Henderson Vase - Final Placings

Division 1		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
1	Arbroath 1	7	7	0	0	83-41		14
2	Kinnoull 1	7	6	0	1	96-30		12
3	Scone 1	7	4	0	3	77-49		8
4	Craigmuir 1	7	4	0	3	74-50		8
5	St Andrews 1	7	4	0	3	64-62		8
6	Broughty Ferry1	7	2	0	5	41-85		4
7	Duffus 1	7	1	0	6	45-81		2
8	Kinnoull 2	7	0	0	7	22-104		0
Division 2		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
1	Falkland 1	7	6	0	1	69-32		12
2	West End 1	7	5	0	2	85-35		10
3	Tayport 1	7	4	1	2	86-38		9
4	Darnhall	7	2	3	2	50-46	1	6
5	Games Club 1	6	3	0	3	41-55		6
6	St Andrews 2	6	2	1	3	40-62		5
7	Arbroath 2	7	1	1	5	25-71	1	2
8	Tayport 2	7	1	0	6	26-65	1	1
Division 3		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
1	Perth	7	5	1	1	87-38		11
2	Craigmuir 2	7	5	1	1	76-38		11
3	Wormit 1	7	5	0	2	82-36		10
4	Montrose 1	7	4	1	2	70-32		9
5	Kinross	7	4	0	3	56-61		8
6	Lundin Sports 1	7	2	1	4	54-67		5
7	Broughty Ferry 2	7	1	0	6	27-97		2
8	St Andrews 3	7	0	0	7	16-89		0
Division 4		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
1	Falkland 2	7	6	1	0	72-27		13
2	West End 2	7	5	2	0	75-43		12
3	Anstruther	7	5	0	2	73-40		10
4	Montrose 2	7	3	1	3	42-50		7
5	Craigmuir 3	7	2	2	3	53-63		6
6	Arbroath 3	7	2	0	5	52-58		4
7	Duffus 2	7	2	0	5	36-68		4
8	Games Club 2	7	0	0	7	30-84		0
Division 5		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
1	Crieff	7	7	0	0	105-15		14
2	Craigmuir 4*	7*				70-49*		10.25*
3	Scone 2	7	5	0	2	82-44		10
4	Glenfarg 1	7	4	1	2	64-45		9
5	Broughty Ferry 3	6	3	0	3	41-67		6
6	Lundin Sports 2	7	2	0	5	57-67		4
7	Wormit 2	6	2	0	4	33-63		4
8	St Andrews 4	7	1	0	6	23-69	1	1
9	Glenfarg 2	7	1	0	6	33-87		2

*Craigmuir 4 played an extra match in the play offs, so their last 4 scores have been averaged and the above is the result

Junior Leagues

Superleague						
	Club	Pld	W	D	L	Pts
1	Kinnoull 1	9	9	0	0	147
2	Broughty Ferry 1	9	8	0	1	138
3	Montrose 1	9	6	0	3	116
4	Arbroath 1	9	6	0	3	114
5	Wormit 1	9	3	0	6	98
6	West End 1	9	4	0	5	88
7	Kinnoull 2	9	4	0	5	74
8	Perth 1	9	2	0	7	67
9	St Andrews 1	9	1	1	7	48
10	Arbroath 2	9	1	1	7	42

Note: Match between St Andrews 1 and Arbroath 2 not played – both teams zero points

Concessions: Arbroath 1 to Kinnoull 2, Arbroath 2 to Kinnoull 2 and St Andrews 1 to Kinnoull 1.

George Stewart Award Winner: Ruaridh Watson
(Kinnoull)

Divison 1

	Club	Pld	W	D	L	Pts
1	Kinnoull 3	9	7	1	1	109.6
2	Dunkeld	9	7	0	2	107
3	Broughty Ferry 2	9	6	0	3	103.5
4	Wormit 2	9	4	0	5	103.1
5	Perth 2	9	4	0	5	96
6	Blairgowrie	9	5	2	2	83
7	Scone	9	3	1	5	71
8	St Andrews 3	9	1	1	7	45
9	St Andrews 2	9	3	3	3	44
10	Arbroath 3	9	0	2	7	33

Notes: St Andrews 3 conceded to Blairgowrie, Scone got a walkover from St Andrews 2

Matches were not played - both teams received zero points

St Andrews 2 v Kinnoull 3, Blairgowrie v Arbroath 3, St Andrews 2 v Arbroath 3,

St Andrews 2 v St Andrews 3 and Blairgowrie v Scone. These are all shown as draws above

Rule Contravention: The 4th July match between St Andrews 3 and Kinnoull 3 finished 9-13 to Kinnoull 3. However, due to contravening Junior Rule 2 St Andrews got zero points for this match.

Division 2

	Club	Pld	W	D	L	Pts
1	Montrose 2	7	6	0	1	108.3
2	Crieff	7	6	0	1	104.3
3	Falkland	7	6	0	1	94
4	Perth 3	7	3	0	4	58
5	West End 2	7	2	0	5	69

6	Wormit 3	7	2	0	5	59
7	Montrose 3	7	2	0	5	51
8	Broughty Ferry 3	7	1	0	6	45

Note: West End 2 conceded to Perth 3 and Broughty Ferry 3 conceded to Perth 3

Tayside Mini Tour Results

Red - 39 entrants			
	Venue	entrants	matches
1	St. Andrews	0	0
2	Kinnoull	18	41
3	Perth	10	25
4	Wormit	4	6
5	Perth	13	36
6	Anstruther	1	0
7	Blair	5	10
8	Montrose	5	10
9	Wormit	4	rain - cancelled
10	Scone	5	10
11	Wormit	6	15
		Total	153
Orange - 24 Entrants			
1	Kinnoull	14	26
2	Perth	5	10
3	Wormit	4	6
4	Kinnoull	13	36
5	Scone	0	0
6	St. Andrews	2	cancelled
7	Perth	0	0
8	Montrose	1	0
9	Wormit	4	rain - cancelled
10	Blairstown	6	15
11	Wormit	3	3
		Total	96
Green - 41 entrants			
1	Perth	10	24
2	St Andrews	3	3
3	Wormit	6	9
4	Kinnoull	11	21
5	St. Andrews	3	3
6	Anstruther	5	10
7	Blairstown	6	9
8	Scone	12	24
9	Wormit	4	rain- cancelled
10	Montrose	10	25
11	Wormit	7	15
		Total	143

Tayside Mini Tour Grand Prix

The Grand Prix of our Mini Tour was held at Kilgraston on Saturday 12th September on possibly the nicest day of this year!

There were 16 reds, 7 oranges and 8 greens. All followed the same format of round robin groups followed by knockout with a playback to give everyone a position and lots of matches – it worked very well.

All participants except for 1 came from Tayside. All players received a prize and certificate for qualifying with trophies for winners and runners-up.

Red

Altogether 48 matches were played in 2 hours. Lots of the matches were extremely close with generally a good standard of play. Final positions were as follows:

1	Ruth Blaikie	Kinnoull
2	Nicola McArthur	Kinnoull
3	Ben O'Mara	Montrose
4	Matthew Mckenzie	Kinnoull
5	Ross Matthews	Blairgowrie
6	Katie Ritchie	Kinnoull
7	Clare Ritchie	Kinnoull
8	Daniel Robertson	Kinnoull
9	Jack Thomson	Kinnoull
10	Matthew Gilmore	Perth
11	Josh Robertson	Kinnoull
12	Sandy Malcolm	Kinnoull
13	Hamish Gellatly	Kinnoull
14	John Stephen	Perth
15	Finn Mitchell	Perth
16	Michael Crawford	Wormit

Orange

Girls and boys played in separate round robin groups to give a girls winner and then came together in the knockout to give an overall winner. 18 matches were played.

Boys	Girls
1 Lewis Hall – Blairgowrie	1 Ruth Blaikie – Kinnoull
2 Stuart Allison – Kinnoull	2 Jenny McGuire – Kinnoull
3 Thomas Crockhart – Kinnoull	3 Susannah Becker – Kinnoull
4 Ross Graham – Blairgowrie	

Together

- 1 Lewis Hall
- 2 Stuart Allison
- 3 Jenny McGuire
- 4 Ruth Blaikie
- 5 Susannah Becker
- 6 Thomas Crockhart
- 7 Ross Graham

Green

24 matches were played.

- 1 Jason Alexander - Cults
- 2 Jamie Blaikie - Kinnoull
- 3 Scott Hamilton - West End
- 4 Sean Allan - Anstruther
- 5 Rebecca Flett - Perth
- 6 Charlie Straiton - Kinnoull
- 7 Zak Scott - St. Andrews
- 8 Emma Ritchie - Kinnoull

The girls played to give a girl winner and Emma won.

WINTER

I should like to see some more events run throughout the winter. We hope to continue with indoor coaching over the Winter and hold a tournament for Reds selected from the existing mini-tour players plus new ones.

Very many thanks and congratulations to all those who joined in at short notice and made our first tour pretty successful on the whole!

Jane Morrison

North County

Andy Murray Plays for North County

The highlight of this year's North County activities was certainly the appearance of Andy Murray at the British Grass Court Inter County Championships, staged at Eastbourne, in July. This event is played annually and the senior gents' team compete in the elite group against five other counties. The tournament is played over one week and Andy made his appearance mid way through the week.

His brother, Jamie, was also invited to represent the county and with the Murray brothers in the team the county secured its position as one of the leading counties in the group. This will be the fourth year the north has competed at this level and no other Scottish county has achieved this level of excellence.

Throughout the year the North County fields in excess of 30 teams, to compete in the British County Cup Championships. The teams vary in age groups, ranging from the boy's and girl's under 10 year olds to the over 35 senior vet's teams, with the players playing singles and doubles.

The selection process for all the teams involves the four integral districts within the north county, Tayside, North East, Highlands and Central and with the respective district coaches nominating their preferred players.

With there being four counties in Scotland and the north being one of the smallest in membership numbers, the North continues to be the leading county in the majority of age categories.

For further information regarding the North Nounty, go to the Tennis Tayside web site, www.tennistayside.org

Ian Conway

Coaching/Training Report 2008/09

CURRENT

Following Talent identification days run by Mike Aitken (while in his Tennis Scotland post) and Jane Morrison, and using results and rankings, squads were selected for winter training. These were mostly in the 7-10 age group.

The “minis” or younger players had a good number of sessions both before and after Christmas but could have done with more events still.

Other, older, training squads were selected from players likely to be in line for places in our four age group Inter District teams. These were given an almost equal number of sessions, either indoors at Stirling or outdoors at Kinnoull.

I am pleased to report that this year we also had matches at Stirling against Central and Highland Districts.

The Inter District events at Kilgraston (Bridge of Earn) where all nine Scottish Districts are invited to send four age group teams of two girls and two boys competing over three days on two weekends, was again a success though we failed to beat our much larger rivals in the East and West this time round. Notwithstanding, given our size of population and lack of indoor courts, we again punched above our weight, especially given that not all our top children were available to participate.

Indoor courts have again been booked at Gannochy, Stirling, for this coming winter. We were unable to obtain many court hours pre Christmas but as we go to print we may have been able to negotiate more. Jane has also booked four separate dates to use for either Inter District matches or other development events. Basically Jane booked whatever was available, not easy now that our national body is utilising its guaranteed access hours much better.

Jane became aware of a great new initiative in Central District run by Adam Brown. To meet the need for more low level competition for younger players, Adam set up a “tour” for red, orange and green players whereby over the summer club players could enter for one or all of the venues on offer. Jane quickly set up the system in Tayside which was, in the time available, a great success. We look forward to this scheme growing in stature next year. The top children in the individual events meet in a Grand Prix at the end of the season. We look forward to many more clubs taking part in future, perhaps all of them?

FUTURE – changes required?

LTA policy does not encourage District squads. They feel that the top children should be dealt with by them, Tennis Scotland and the rest by the clubs. Are *they* correct? In recent years we have run coaching squads for only the very young talent and training squads for

prospective representative teams. Are we correct? If more is required then who is to be identified for coaching, which coaches, where, and who pays? Very young talent should not have to travel too far, so how can we best help them?

One LTA policy that most agree with is that we all need more competition, adults and children. The aforementioned tour is a good start but more low level peer group competition requires to be done in clubs. Short and sweet fun competition at similar ability level (red, orange and green for children) in ladders and box leagues would be great. Does the reader know that the result of such matches can count for a child's ranking if they are British Tennis members (free)? Again "Clubmark" status requires clubs to provide coaching and competition all the year round!

Should we have Inter *Area* matches again? We used to have juniors representing the four constituent parts of Tennis Tayside playing against each other. Over and above, even at area level, Perth & District used to arrange matches versus Borders, Strathmore League and even the mighty West

Should we have more Inter *District* matches at various levels, say mixed or level doubles? Perhaps the question really is who the mugs would be who would arrange all of the above, get the teams on court, arrange the venues and pay for the balls and travel costs.

We need more coaches and assistants, particularly with development skills and ideas to progress matters. Wheels do not have to be reinvented; examples of good practice are out there.

Finally talent identification, this ranges from excellent to indifferent in different parts of our District. Should we not have active Development Groups within each area? Where are the volunteers?

Douglas Gibson

P.S. If you have strong feelings on any of the above, positive or negative, contact me. Don't just moan, do something about it. My telephone number is 01738-552534 and email address douglas@gibsonestate.co.uk

North-East Fife Schools Initiative 2009.

This initiative was modelled on previous exercises carried out by Tennis Tayside in Perth and schemes carried out under the auspices of Club Vision.

The objective was to increase participation by children and encourage club membership in certain targeted areas where Tennis Tayside had identified an under-performing club. It was agreed that for 2009 we should turn our attention to North-east Fife.

Fife Council was contacted and eventually the appropriate Sports Development Officers identified. These officers did a good job of coordinating matters with schools and put together a good programme. Andy Thompson was identified as an enthusiastic coach who had successfully carried out this type of work before.

The areas needing support were identified as Tayport, Newport, Cupar (Duffus club), Lundin Links (Lundin Sports) and Anstruther. These clubs were contacted and agreement reached about what would be provided and the support committed by the club.

Eventually programmes were organised in all these areas except for Anstruther. This programme ran during the summer term on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for five weeks. The overall cost was circa £1,200.

The feedback received was positive with children and schools being very appreciative. We believe that we should be prepared to repeat this venture with some modifications.

Bill Duff

Development Activities

Clubmark

Why Obtaining Clubmark is Essential for all Tennis Tayside Clubs

Clubmark is currently being implemented across 24 sports. Each National Governing Body administers its own version of Clubmark. In Scotland, Tennis Scotland acts for the LTA helping progress Tennis Clubmark accreditations throughout the country.

Tennis Tayside is committed to helping all of its clubs to achieve Clubmark by going through the resource pack in detail and helping to complete forms, customise policies and assemble the necessary documentation.

However, this is not simply a paper exercise! By the time a Clubmark application is ready for assessment the Club can show that it is recognising important standards for child protection, good club management, running tennis programmes, assisting volunteers, equity and diversity, coaching, attracting new members and building up the Club's profile for the future.

Club Vision grants, technical services, free specialised insurance and large LTA grants are all becoming contingent on a Club having been accredited.

Identify a small group or lead individual for your Club and contact Tennis Tayside immediately.

***Don't delay –
Start working towards
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