



# Tennis Tayside Annual Report 2014



Graeme Walker of Montrose wins Community Coach of the Year (Tayside and Fife) for the third year running.



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## Introduction

Tennis Tayside is one of nine districts within Tennis Scotland. Membership of Tennis Scotland is now vested in the 'places to play'. Tennis Tayside is an associate member of Tennis Scotland. The role of Tennis Tayside as prescribed by Tennis Scotland is now principally that of organising competitions within our area, which comprises the counties of Angus and Perthshire, Dundee City and North-east Fife.

Tennis Tayside is a company Limited by Guarantee.

### The board of directors is as follows:

President	Colin Allison
Vice-president	Rhona Alston
Secretary	Joy Mayglothling
Treasurer and North County President	Bill Duff
Board Member	Ann Hill
Board Member	Malcolm Logan (resigned Oct 14)
Board member and Inter-district coach	Robin Nisbet
Board Member	Ian Conway



Board Member

Douglas Gibson

Board Member and Sponsorship Contact

Dan Cookson

Board Member

David Bateman (resigned April 14)

**League Secretaries 2014**

Ladies', Henderson Vase and Winter

Morag Bull

Men's

Colin Allison

Junior

Dan Cookson

**Tournament Organiser 2014**

Rick Gardner



## President's Report

Tennis in Tayside continues to flourish. The outdoor leagues, running from April through September, continue to attract massive participation. Demand for Winter League participation is also high but we are severely constrained in what can be scheduled due to the chronic shortage of indoor court time available in the District. We are grateful to David Lloyds, Dundee for finding us enough time to run three adult leagues and one junior league of six teams each, and also some courts for indoor club practice sessions. Please remember to raise the need for indoor courts with Kirsty McRae as a priority.

The TT web site has been completely redesigned, including a real time weather forecast for each club location, an easier to find and read set of league tables, and links to Twitter and Facebook. Dan Cookson and Morag Bull worked with Carnoustie Creative on the design of the new site. Feedback on the web site design and functionality is always welcome.

One of the UK's most experienced and respected referees, Rick Gardener, took on the job of organising our Open and Confined tournaments this year in addition to refereeing. Sponsorship for the tournaments was organised by Dan Cookson and came from Wallace Interiors and Shepherds. Anyone interested in sponsoring future Tayside activities should contact Dan.

Rick Gardener has kindly agreed to act as an advisor to *any* Tayside Club wishing to run its own tournament. Montrose's always active committee and TT's Vice President, Rhona Alston have already taken advantage of his help when organising the revitalised North Angus Tournament this year. Clubs are encouraged to contact Rick if they have any queries about running LTA credited tournaments, big or small.

Well done Arbroath, who are continuing with their enormous fund-raising effort to replace their old blaes courts with a modern all-weather surface and floodlights. They must be getting very close to the target of £180,000.

Congratulations (and many thanks) to Glenfarg whose massive efforts have resulted in a proper clubhouse with all modern conveniences.

Perth & Kinross Council recently hosted an investiture ceremony and civic reception in honour of Susan Whiteford of Blairgowrie Tennis Club and the Perth & Kinross Tennis Development Group. She received the British Empire Medal for services to sport and young people in Perthshire. Susan is extremely well known in Perthshire and beyond for her voluntary work in Tennis and Youth Clubs and is a well-deserved recipient of this public recognition – we all send her our congratulations.

The Dundee initiative is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, co-ordinated by the Dundee Tennis Development group consisting of the North of Scotland Tennis Development Manager (Kirsty McRae), Active Schools, the Sports Development Unit, the Dundee tennis clubs, Tennis Tayside, facilities representatives from Dundee Council and various coaches involved in the growing number of junior tennis programmes hosted in the City's Schools and Sports Centres. Significant improvements in Dundee parks facilities were reported last year – four new courts at Fairmuir Park, Strathmartine Road, and 2 new courts at the Lynch Sports Centre, South Road Lochee. This year Dawson Park, near the Douglas Sports Centre at Claypotts junction, has had a major refurbishment featuring 4 floodlit all-weather courts. The next stage involves appointing a part-time coach to organise programmes in these revitalised



open-access parks' facilities starting in Spring 2015. The new post and the programmes are being supported by the LTA, Tennis Tayside, Sport and Leisure Dundee and the Tennis-For-Free charity.

Tayside, along with Central, North-East and Highlands districts, forms the North of Scotland County, which competes throughout the UK at County events. Although players make a substantial contribution to these tournaments, it has been essential for the District Associations and Tennis Scotland to subsidise the overall cost to make participation in these events feasible. The Tennis Scotland component of this subsidy has proved very unreliable over the last few years, but after a strong representation from the four Districts, Tennis Scotland has now promised to finally redress the unworkable hand-to-mouth funding for these events. We look forward to a stable basis for planning future County activities.

Last year in December Ian Conway, immediate past president of Tennis Tayside and a sportsman of unquestionable integrity, became President of Tennis Scotland for a period of two years. Ian and his Vice President (Jacqui Duncan) shocked the tennis world recently by resigning over a matter of principle in September. Charges of cronyism and a lack of transparency in Board appointments have been denied by Tennis Scotland, but to date there has been no convincing account from them. Tayside continues to benefit from Ian's immense experience and enthusiasm for the sport.

**Colin Allison**



## Secretary's Report

This year, as last, the main secretarial duties during this time have been connected with the administration of our board meetings, and circulating information coming into Tennis Tayside from Tennis Scotland and the LTA. In addition, I have dealt with general queries and contacts either through the website or directly to me primarily by e-mail. A busy time again was the production of the summer league handbook, which requires a fair amount of pulling together in a short period of time to ensure it is circulated in plenty of time for the start of the leagues. I was ably assisted by Ann Hill who did a great job proof reading, and Bill Duff for collating all of the club information.

Since our last AGM we have held 5 Board Meetings, although in addition to these formal meetings a number of online discussions take place.

Month	No of Directors Attending	Max Possible Attendees
Jan 2014	6	11
April 2014	9	10 (one director resigned)
May 2014	7	10
August 2014	8	10
October 2014	7	10

With the advent of our new website it is my intention to upload details of board meetings both before and after so that clubs can see what is being discussed and have the opportunity to attend and address the board in person if they wish and also after the meetings so that clubs can see what decisions were made on their behalf.

Members need to be aware that the rules for applying for Wimbledon tickets are changing for 2015.

This year the LTA will require all British Tennis Members (BTMs) to opt in for the BTM Wimbledon ticket ballot to be in with a chance of receiving an offer of tickets for The Championships.

To count towards your club's allocation in the 2015 Wimbledon Ballot, your members must be:

An 'affiliated' adult/junior British Tennis Member

Linked to your venue

Opted in to the Wimbledon Ballot



As in previous years, the calculation will be made based on the number of members that meet the above criteria by midnight on 31 January 2015.

Members will be able to opt in from 17 November and we will begin communicating with British Tennis Members on this date

**Joy Mayglothling**



# Treasurer's Report

## Tennis Tayside

Income & Expenditure Account  
for period 1st October 2013 to 30 September 2014.

	2013/14 1st Oct to 30th Sep.	2012/13 1st Oct to 30th Sep.
<b>Income</b>		
Affiliation Fees (per court fees)	4317.00	4050.00
Bank Interest	13.36	11.04
Donation	200.00	0.00
Inter District Events	0.00	1200.00
Miscellaneous Income	1048.00	276.00
Sponsorship	500.00	0.00
Summer League Fees (incl S Cup)	6963.00	7026.00
Tournament Income	2838.43	2682.08
Treasury Stock Interest	687.34	687.34
Winter League Fees	2500.00	2650.00
Interest on loan	0.00	200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£19,067.13</b>	<b>£18,782.46</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Accountancy fees	100.00	100.00
Administration	4126.41	3874.55
Affiation Fees Paid (S Cup)	325.00	325.00
Interdistrict Costs	1650.00	2346.66
Miscellaneous Expenses	906.00	562.00
North County	1650.00	1650.00
Summer League Costs	1345.88	1413.09
Tournament Costs	1966.40	2721.64
Winter League Costs	3184.80	3338.80
Website Redesign	1908.00	0.00
Loss on tennis balls	0.00	162.90
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£17,162.49</b>	<b>£16,494.64</b>
<b>Profit (loss) for the Period.</b>	<b>£1,904.64</b>	<b>£2,287.82</b>



## Tennis Tayside

### Balance Sheet at 30 September 2014.

	2013/14 at 30/09/13.		2012/13 at 30/09/13.
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	2375.00	C	1650.00
Cash at bank and in hand	33052.45		29751.46
Government Stocks	15083.92		15083.92
	<u>£50,511.37</u>		<u>£46,485.38</u>
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	3521	D	1399.65
<b>Total Assets less current liabilities</b>	<u>£46,990.37</u>		<u>£45,085.73</u>
<b>Reconciliation</b>			
Opening Reserves	45085.73		42797.91
Profit/(loss) for financial year	1904.64		2287.82
<b>Closing reserves</b>	<u>£46,990.37</u>		<u>£45,085.73</u>

*Notes: A Loan made to North of Scotland County LTA*

*B Book value.*

*C Incls Affiliation Fees due £725*

*D Honoraria to be paid for 2014*

**Bill Duff**



## **Tennis Tayside Tournaments**

This year's Tennis Tayside Open was held again at St Andrews LTC over two long weekends in May. Approved again by the LTA as a grade 3 tournament, we received 185 entries from many counties, not just from the Tayside region. Shepherd's decided not to sponsor this year but with the help of Dan Cookson, Wallace Interiors kindly agreed to be our main sponsor. We do need to find a sponsor for 2015.

The St Andrews ladies were again present to ensure players and parents were well fed and watered – the bacon 'butties' drew much attention and of course purchase. The court fees were held at the 2013 level.

With the help of Mike Aitken, St Andrews University hosted the 9&U plus 10&U events and fees were not increased for this year.

We decided to give winners and runners up some fine glass awards which were warmly received by the players. The Master Cobbler in St Andrews discounted them for us and their help was gratefully received. Prizes were presented by Wallace Interiors, Colin Allison and Ian Conway. All results and 'players per club' documents are attached.

The Tennis Tayside Confined tournament was not such a great success as last year, despite good weather. Broughty Ferry hosted the September weekend and were very hospitable. Court Fees were the same as last year and Shepherd's sponsored this tournament again. As the entry level was down by about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> on last year's, we managed to completed all matches over just one day. Glass awards were given to winners & runners up.

We managed to get approval for a new grade 4 tournament in the region – the North Angus Tournament at Montrose Tennis Club over the long weekend from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Despite a late entry to the schedule, 67 players entered. Rhona Alston and her committee were very enthusiastic and their marketing and publicity managed to find a major sponsor in DC Lighting who also presented the awards. It was a very successful weekend and we will be submitting this tournament for 2015, larger and longer. DC Lighting have agreed, in principle, to sponsor for the next 4 years.



# Wallace Interiors Tennis Tayside Tournament 2014 - NSC14S0184

## Winners

09 - 18 May 2014

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland.

### Event Pos. Name Club

Open Mens Doubles

1 Steven BIRRELL+Alan ROSS David Lloyd Club Dundee/David Lloyd Club Aberdeen

2 Michael AITKEN+Tim WEIR Falkland LTC/Giffnock Tennis Squash & Hockey Club

Open Womens Singles

1 Ellie BURNS Dean LTC & Squash Club

2 Sophie WILLIAMSON Bridge Of Allan Sports Club

3 Jessica ALEXANDER Kinnoull LTC

4 Hannah WORSLEY Stirling Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

Open Mens Singles

1 Alan ROSS David Lloyd Club Aberdeen

2 Steven BIRRELL David Lloyd Club Dundee

3 Tim WEIR Giffnock Tennis Squash & Hockey Club

4 Robert AINSLEY Rubislaw Tennis Club

18U Girls Singles

1 Clara FALXA Cults LTC

2 Ellie BURNS Dean LTC & Squash Club

3 Jessica ALEXANDER Kinnoull LTC

4 Hannah WORSLEY Stirling Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

18U Boys Singles

1 Mark WATT Strathgryffe LTC

2 Thomas KYLE Palmerston Lawn Tennis Club

3 Niklas STINGL Borders Tennis Centre

16U Girls Singles

1 Arietta MANGANIELLO Virgin Active Lanarkshire Health and Racquets Club

2 Jerri ALEXANDER Kinnoull LTC

16U Boys Singles

1 Aaron HEPBURN Nairn LTC

2 Jed ALEXANDER Kinnoull LTC

3 Greg WALKER Virgin Active Lanarkshire Health and Racquets Club

4 Andre EARNSHAW Graves Tennis & Leisure Centre

14U Boys Doubles

1 Jed ALEXANDER+Euan LYNES Kinnoull LTC/Thorn Park LTC

2 Tim GOLDIE+Alasdair HAMBREY Falkirk LTC/Inverness Tennis & Squash Club

14U Girls Singles

1 Anna GILLESPIE Bridge Of Allan Sports Club

2 Jodie MCLELLAND Livilands

14U Boys Singles

1 Euan LYNES Thorn Park LTC

2 Jed ALEXANDER Kinnoull LTC

3 Alasdair HAMBREY Inverness Tennis & Squash Club

4 Matthew WALTON Dunfermline Tennis & Bridge Club

12U Boys Doubles

1 Callum CAVES+Matthew GIBSON-SMITH Prestwick Tennis and Fitness/David Lloyd Club Glasgow West

2 Lewis BOWMAKER+Szymon KIERWIAK Linlithgow LTC

12U Girls Singles

1 Abbie KERR Strathgryffe LTC

2 Amber WOFFINDIN Ilkley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club Limited

3 Chloe COMPSON Scotstoun Community Indoor Tennis Centre

4 Molly O'DONOGHUE Blackburn Northern

12U Boys Singles

1 Charlie MILLER Newlands LTC

2 Sammy RALSTON Linlithgow LTC

3 Callum CAVES Prestwick Tennis and Fitness

4 Szymon KIERWIAK

10U Girls Singles

1 Caitlin MCLOUGHLIN West Heath Tennis Centre

2 Kiera WINTLE Newlands LTC

3 Iju'Ama NISBET Craiglockhart Tennis Centre

4 Rosie MORRIS Blairgowrie LTC



10U Boys Singles  
1 Matthew RUTTER Exeter Tennis Centre  
2 Jamie CROLL Barnton Park LTC  
9U Mixed Singles  
1 Euan MACKENZIE Bridge Of Allan Sports Club  
2 Ewan SMITH  
8U Mixed Singles - Position 01-04  
1 Charlie ROBERTSON Montrose LTC  
2 Harry HOLMES David Lloyd Club Dundee  
3 Alexander ENGLISH Perth LTC  
4 Logan GILLESPIE Rubislaw Tennis Club  
8U Mixed Singles - Position 05-08  
1 Leo WILLIAMS Montrose LTC  
2 Katie KERR Kinnoull LTC  
3 Ben COOPER St Andrews LTC  
4 Poppy WEIR Wormit & Newport Tennis Club  
8U Mixed Singles - RATINGS ONLY  
1 Yassin SHAKER David Lloyd Club Newhaven (Edinburgh)  
2 Lilliana MCFARLANE Barnton Park LTC

**Rick Gardner LTA Licensed Referee**



# Tennis Scotland Progress Report 2013-14

The 2013/14 year has seen a lot of progress, particularly in the areas of Club networking, Education and Community tennis in Dundee. This progress has largely been due to foundations and relationships which have been developed over the past few years. Partnership working between Clubs, Local Authorities and Districts has continued to develop and is now stronger than ever.

## Facilities

- Anstruther TC's floodlighting project - complete
- Resurfacing and floodlighting of Dawson Park in Dundee - complete. Progress being made with plans to resurface Victoria and Baxter Park in 2015 with funding committed from Dundee City Council
- Burrelton Tennis Club resurfacing of 2 courts - complete
- Glenfarg Tennis Club built a new Clubhouse
- Visits with members of **sportscotland** Facilities Team - complete with Arbroath TC and Glenrothes TC
- Applications submitted to **sportscotland** and LTA for Indoor Tennis Centre at the University of St. Andrews
- Applications submitted to **sportscotland** for upgrading of blaes to all-weather courts at Arbroath TC and new build of all-weather courts at Blairgowrie TC
- Work to convert the Equestrian Hall into a four court Indoor Tennis Centre at Gleneagles is due to commence in November 2014 for an opening in February 2015

## Programmes

### Community

#### **Dundee**

- Tennis is now a priority sport for Dundee City Council
- Resurfacing of Dawson Park, Fairmuir Park and the Lynch - complete
- Looking to appoint two Park Tennis Coaches in December 2014 (to be advertised in November 2014) to start park programmes in March 2015. Park programmes will be linked to local Clubs, Schools, Universities and the College.
- Looking to launch a Tennis For Free programme in March 2015 at Dawson Park

### Club

#### **Clubmark / Tennis Mark**

The University of St. Andrews received Tennis Clubmark accreditation bringing the North total up to 23 Clubs. All Clubmark Clubs will receive a review in 2014/15 to align with Tennis Mark / Tennis Mark plus. Further details will be given at the Autumn Tennis Forum on 02.11.14.



## Development Groups

There are now four successful Tennis Development Groups in place in P&K, Dundee, NE Fife and Angus. The groups meet quarterly with a representative from most Clubs, some Tennis Tayside board members and some Local Authority personnel. The TDGs are a great way for the Clubs to share ideas of best practice as well as gaining advice relating to any challenges or areas of concern.

## Education

### Teacher Training

70 new equipment packs were given out to North Schools during the 2013/14 academic year (to schools that had not previously had teachers trained to deliver tennis). The following courses were delivered:

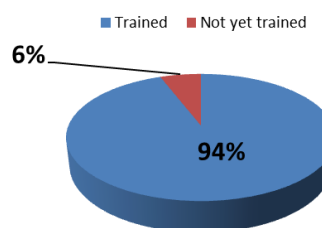
#### Primary School Teacher Training Courses

- Primary Teacher Training Courses: Perth, Dundee and Arbroath
- Cardio Tennis Courses for Secondary School teachers: Perth, Dundee and Arbroath
- Inclusive Teacher Training Courses: Glenrothes

The tables and graphs below outline the progress made with regards to Teacher Training courses:

Local Authority	No. of Schools Trained	% of Schools Trained 2014 (2013)
Aberdeen	35 out of 49	71% (67%)
Aberdeenshire	88 out of 153	58% (37%)
Angus	51 out of 55	93% (85%)
Dundee	36 out of 38	95% (86%)
Highland	99 out of 180	55% (38%)
Moray	29 out of 45	64% (64%)
North East Fife	68 out of 70	97% (94%)
Perth and Kinross	70 out of 76	92% (82%)
<b>Overall</b>	<b>476 out of 666</b>	<b>71% (65%)</b>

**Tayside Primary Schools trained to deliver tennis - Oct 2014**



#### Primary School Teacher Training Courses

#### Secondary School Teacher Training Courses

Local Authority	No. of Schools Trained	% of Schools Trained 2014 (2013)
Aberdeen	6 out of 12	50% (50%)
Aberdeenshire	5 out of 17	29% (29%)
Angus	6 out of 8	75% (75%)
Dundee	6 out of 9	66% (66%)
Highland	10 out of 31	32% (32%)
Moray	8 out of 8	100% (100%)
North East Fife	5 out of 5	100% (100%)
Perth and Kinross	8 out of 11	73% (73%)
<b>Overall</b>	<b>54 out of 101</b>	<b>53% (53%)</b>



Local Authority	No. of Schools Trained	% of Schools Trained 2014 (2013)
Aberdeen	8 out of 12	66% (0%)
Aberdeenshire	1 out of 17	6% (0%)
Angus	5 out of 8	63% (0%)
Dundee	7 out of 9	78% (0%)
Highland	3 out of 31	10% (0%)
Moray	1 out of 8	13% (0%)
North East Fife	0 out of 5	0% (0%)
Perth and Kinross	2 out of 11	18% (0%)
<b>Overall</b>	<b>27 out of 101</b>	<b>27% (13%)</b>

### Cardio Tennis Teacher Training Courses

The priorities are to strengthen the pathways from Schools to Clubs and to encourage teachers to make better use of the resources. The Local Authority Areas highlighted in red above will be prioritised for further teacher training opportunities during the 2014/15 academic year.

### Hheaps

1539 children in P4/5 received tennis through 178 sessions funded through the Hheaps initiative by the Food Standards Agency. These sessions linked to 13 different Places to Play across five Local Authority areas.

### School Competition

618 children from 80 schools competed in local P3/4 competition, which was delivered in conjunction with 15 Places to Play across six Local Authority areas. These figures are up from 452 P3/4 children from 63 schools across five LA areas in 2013.

156 children from 31 schools took part in P5/6 competition in North East Fife, delivered by seven Clubs and coordinated through the North East Fife Tennis Development Group. This figure is also up from 140 children in NE Fife in 2013.

Dundee Secondary School children will be given the opportunity to compete against other local Schools on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 using sponge balls on mini tennis courts.

### Further Education

Dundee and SRUC Colleges were given support and a small amount of funding for the 2013/14 academic year. Teacher training courses were delivered in both Colleges along with a Tennis Leaders' course. Students undertook placements in local schools to help primary school teachers to deliver tennis. Both Colleges were also given a small amount of funding to appoint a student tennis ambassador to help develop tennis opportunities for students.

SRUC has since started up Cardio Tennis sessions for staff and students as well as a new sponge ball tennis club along with some internal sponge ball competitions. They are looking to start up a



student tennis club during the 2014/15 academic year as well as developing links with St. Andrews University and other local Colleges.

Perth and Angus Colleges have both been contacted with information about the support available to them in 2014/15.

### Higher Education

St. Andrews University received a grant from the Tennis Foundation for their continued development. St. Andrews University now has over 300 students in the tennis club and Mike Aitken has started a Scottish Students Sport (SSS) Tennis Group who are looking to develop local tennis competitive opportunities for students who do not make BUCS teams. The Group now has a Facebook Group with over 100 people and a meeting representative from most Universities in Scotland as well as some Colleges. A successful timed mixed doubles event was delivered in October 2014 in St. Andrews with almost 70 players, many who had never played a competitive event before, and a touch tennis event is due to take place in Edinburgh in November 2014.

Abertay University in Dundee also successfully applied for funding from the Tennis Foundation to introduce tennis opportunities to their students.

## **Competitions**

- 2012: 4 County Tour events took place
- 2013: 4 County Tour events took place
- 2014: 8 (planned) County Tour events

2013/14 saw the addition of a number of new competitions to the calendar. Montrose Tennis Club delivered a successful Grade 4 event for the first time at the end of June with 68 players competing and the Tennis Tayside competition was reverted back to a Grade 3 event with an increased number of entries.

Erin completed TTP and Results Manager trainings with a number of North Clubs, prioritising the Clubmark Clubs and TDGs.

## **Tennis Leaders**

A very successful, full to capacity, Tennis Leaders course was delivered in Perth, tutored by Nicola Whiteford and Douglas Gibson. Dundee Active Schools also delivered a Tennis Leaders' course as part of their Sports Leaders week in October 2014.



## Promotion

- North of Scotland Tennis Facebook page up to 406 likes (from 237 Likes in January 2014)  
Many posts are now reaching over 1,000 people, with a few recent posts in October reaching a weekly total 3,641 people: <https://www.facebook.com/northofscotlandtennis>
- Launch of the North of Scotland Tennis Twitter page (currently at 101 Followers):  
[@nofstennis](https://twitter.com/nofstennis)
- Addition of video footage through social media
- Continued work with Tayside Clubs to improve promotion via social media
- North of Scotland Newsletter upgraded from Word document to e-newsletter. This now allows us to track the number of people who open and click through links so that we can hopefully better tailor the newsletter to your interests and needs

I love the new Tennis Tayside website and the increased use of social media by Tennis Tayside and many Clubs.

## Conclusion

Overall 2013/14 has been a successful year, developing stronger foundations that will hopefully cultivate into lots of additional tennis opportunities and good news stories for the year ahead. I would like to personally thank all the Coaches and Volunteers who I have had the pleasure of working with throughout the year. It is the people involved in the sport day in day out who really make things happen and it is a delight to see Club membership numbers and programmes growing from strength to strength. Please keep providing feedback through the Local Tennis Development Groups, via email or phone regarding the support that you or your Club need to further develop and we will do our best to accommodate any requests.

Keep up the great work!

***Kirsty McRae***

North of Scotland

Tennis Development Manager



## **North East Fife Report**

Tennis in N.E.Fife is flourishing. Pittenweem, after renewing its courts last year, has increased its membership, coaching and social tennis opportunities. Cardio tennis has proved particularly popular. Anstruther now has floodlights in use and has introduced social play for juniors on Monday evenings. Members of Pittenweem Tennis Club have been invited to join in the social tennis sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, so that they may also benefit from the floodlights.

Tayport Tennis Club now provides extensive coaching for adults and juniors and membership has increased.

Falkland has increased its junior membership considerably with the frequent coaching opportunities offered by their new head coach, Robin Nisbet, who is now also in charge of the N.E.Fife development squads, after Steven Birrell's move to Aberdeen.

Glenrothes Tennis Club continues to enter social tournaments whenever possible and both juniors and adults came 2nd in the N.E.Fife Social League. The club has been entering a team in The Tayside Tennis Indoor Winter league for the last 2 years, and now hopes to enter a team in the Henderson Vase next summer. The club is now part of Gilvenbank Community Sport Hub, along with Glenrothes Cricket Club and Glenrothes Athletic Football Club. It is hoped to build 3 tennis courts initially at Gilvenbank Park and to share a clubhouse with the other 2 clubs.

St. Andrews University Tennis Club continues to do well under the guidance of their Tennis Director Mike Aitken, Scotland's Tennis Coach of the Year.

Mike encourages large numbers of students to play tennis, but also allows members of local clubs to join in social play and participate in the various leagues he has organised. The club hopes to have indoor courts in the near future.

**Ann Hill**



## League Secretaries' Reports

Last winter's Winter Indoor League was my first in terms of administering and my congratulations go not only to the winners but also to the team captains who had to put up with the multiple re-scheduling which occurred due to my mistakes in the initial stages. Hopefully this year's WL will be smoother.

There were a lot of close matches and equal points across both the other two Leagues and more than the usual number of calculations looking at the percentage of total sets won over the total number of sets played had to be done. There were three such situations in the Ladies but a huge eleven in the HV! The reason for having to do this manually is because the software we use on the TT website can only take into account for ranking purposes the points won and then total sets won. With only one exception – HV Div 5 – the manual calculations confirmed the website position. In the exception St Andrews 3 overtook Montrose 4 with 68.80% won to 68.57% - such a slim margin - and are the winners of that Division.

Obviously there was a lot of close competition but none more so than in HV Div 4 which had three clubs vying for the winner's slot. With Falkland 2 being one of them a prorating up of the set scores of all the clubs that had played at Falkland had to be done and then the percentage calculation. Amazingly again the rank order done on the website is the final order with Games Club 2 coming out as the winner.

Congratulations to all who played and particularly to those who won.

### **M J Bull**

For the 2014 season Junior leagues, we introduced smaller divisions with teams playing both home and away fixtures. This was done to try and minimise too many one-sided matches that often happened in the larger divisions. It also increased the number of matches played. I believe it has been a success and intend to continue with this smaller division format for the foreseeable future. Kinnoull1 were worthy champions of the Superleague, winning all but one of their matches and pipping a strong Montrose1 team by one point with Broughty Ferry 1 in third a further four points behind.

St Andrews 1 were top in Division1 winning the title with seven wins and one loss from their eight matches and they will be joined in the top division next season by Broughty Ferry2. The Anstruther team had to withdraw from the Division1 at the start of the season which reduced this league to five teams.

Division2 was dominated by Montrose 2 and Scone with 18 points and 14 points respectively.

St Andrews 2 were clear winners in Division 3 and Lundin Sports just beat Montrose3 in to third place on set difference.

The new Division 4 was won by Wormit and Newport (WANT) with 16 points, the same score as West End but their better set difference gave them the title.

The George Stewart award for the best overall player in the leagues this season has been won by Scott Hamilton of Broughty Ferry 1 who was unbeaten in his singles.

On a positive note the number of conceded matches in 2014 was again reduced from previous seasons which meant far more tennis was played. Many thanks to all the clubs, parents and players for putting the effort in to field teams through the season.



In 2014 we had 29 teams competing in 138 competitive matches - each team played an average 9.5 matches, in the 2010 season 36 teams playing about 160 matches - 2012 was a low with 26 and I believe 30 to 36 teams is the range we can expect over coming years. Table below summarises team participation over last 5 years

#### Tennis Tayside

##### Junior Teams

	Superleague	Div1	Div2	Div3	Div4	Total
2010	10	10	10	6		36
2011	10	10	10	7		37
2012	9	8	9			26
2013	9	10	9			28
2104	6	5	6	6	6	29

Some of the teams in 2010 that did not play in 2014 were Dunkeld, Arbroath3, West End2, Crieff2, Anstruther, Wormit4, Falkland2 and Kinross. It would be great if in 2015 we could get teams from clubs that had no junior representation in 2014 such as Kinross, Anstruther, Dunkeld and Glenfarg. Despite not having quite as many teams playing I do believe Tennis Tayside junior leagues are actually doing well in comparison to other districts.

Some quick analysis of the junior leagues in West of Scotland shows that their junior teams play far fewer matches than Tayside teams. I've analysed their 14U and 16U Boys and Girls leagues which are the equivalent to our 16U mixed league - their 77 teams play on average just 4.2 matches in a season. Less than half what Tayside Junior teams (9.5) play.

In the East of Scotland 14U and 16U Boys and Girls leagues there were 39 teams playing just 75 matches in total, 3.8 matches per team on average. And if we look at the Junior Leagues in North East we see even less junior team tennis being played. 48 matches played in their equivalent junior leagues (at 13U and 16U level) versus our 138 matches.

As ever I am open to any suggestions of improvements we can make to the leagues so please do get in touch with any ideas you might have.

**Dan Cookson**



## Ladies' Leagues

Division 1		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts	%age won
1	Kinnoull 1	10	8	1	1	104 - 44		17	
2	Arbroath 1	10	7	0	3	98 - 67		14	59.46
3	St Andrews 1	10	5	2	3	95 - 76		12	55.56
4	Falkland 1	10	4	1	5	65 - 76		9	
5	Craigmuir 1	9	3	0	6	56 - 77	1	5	
6	Montrose 1	10	1	0	9	45 - 120		2	
Division 2		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts	
1	Scone 1	10	9	0	1	116 - 63		18	
2	Kinross	10	7	1	2	93 - 63		15	
3	Games Club 1	10	6	0	4	95 - 74		12	
4	St Andrews 2	10	5	0	5	93 - 86		10	
5	Broughty Ferry 1	10	2	1	7	79 - 95		5	
6	Duffus 1	10	0	0	10	32 - 127	1	0	
Division 3		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts	
1	Lundin Sports	10	5	3	2	97 - 81		13	
2	WANT 1	10	6	0	4	103 - 71		12	
3	West End	10	5	1	4	90 - 86		11	
4	Anstruther	10	5	0	5	84 - 72		10	
5	Broughty Ferry 2	10	4	1	5	86 - 90		9	
6	Kinnoull 2	10	2	1	7	49 - 109	1	4	
Division 4		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts	
1	Montrose 2	10	9	0	1	135 - 35		18	79.41
2	Perth 1	10	9	0	1	116 - 39		18	74.84
3	Scone 2	10	4	0	6	65 - 106		8	
4	St Andrews 3	10	3	1	6	65 - 103		7	
5	Craigmuir 2	9	1	2	6	46 - 81	1	4	
6	Arbroath 2	9	1	1	7	45 - 108		3	
Division 5		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts	
1	David Lloyd	10	7	2	1	102 - 45		16	69.39
2	WANT 2	10	7	2	1	115 - 58		16	66.47
3	Falkland 2	10	6	1	3	88 - 59		13	
4	Montrose 3	10	4	2	4	93 - 80		10	
5	Glenfarg	10	2	0	8	41 - 112	1	3	
6	WANT 3	10	0	1	9	38 - 123		1	



Division 6		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts	
1	Games Club 2	7	7	0	0	82 - 26		14	
2	Maulesbank	7	5	1	1	49 - 41		11	
3	Lundin Sports 2	7	4	0	2	84 - 34		8	71.19
4	Perth 2	7	4	0	3	69 - 57		8	54.76
5	Tayport	7	4	0	3	62 - 62		8	50.00
6	St Andrews 4	7	3	0	4	44 - 58	1	5	
7	Arbroath 3	7	2	1	4	37 - 63		5	
8	WANT 4	7	1	0	6	34 - 72	1	1	
9	Duffus 2	7	0	0	7	33 - 73	1	0	

### Henderson Vases Mixed Doubles' Leagues

Division 1		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts	% sets won
1	Kinnoull 1	8	7	1	0	102 - 24		15	
2	Games Club 1	8	6	1	1	82 - 38		13	
3	Arbroath 1	8	5	2	1	71 - 58		12	
4	Craigmuir 1	8	4	2	2	74 - 63		10	
5	Broughty Ferry 1	8	3	0	5	57 - 62		6	
6	Scone 1	8	3	0	5	54 - 82		6	
7	Kinross 1	8	2	1	5	51 - 82		5	
8	Falkland 1	8	1	1	6	36 - 76		3	
9	St Andrews 1	8	0	2	6	48 - 90		2	
Division 2		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts	
1	Montrose 1	8	7	0	1	105 - 36		14	74.47
2	Perth 1	8	7	0	1	95 - 47		14	66.90
3	Kinnoull 2	8	6	0	2	90 - 52		12	
4	Blairgowrie	8	6	0	2	88 - 51		12	
5	Lundin Sports 1	8	4	0	4	60 - 79		8	
6	Duffus 1	8	2	1	5	59 - 82		5	
7	Scone 2	8	2	0	6	49 - 95		4	
8	Tayport	8	1	1	6	56 - 88		3	
9	West End 1	8	0	0	8	36 - 108		0	
Division 3		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts	
1	WANT 1	7	6	0	1	79 - 45		12	
2	Montrose 2	7	4	1	2	80 - 40		9	66.67
3	Arbroath 2	7	3	3	1	68 - 49		9	58.12
4	Anstruther	7	4	0	3	60 - 60		8	
5	Broughty Ferry 2	7	2	1	4	60 - 64		5	48.39
6	St Andrews 2	7	2	1	4	56 - 68		5	45.16
7	Craigmuir 2	7	2	0	5	37 - 73		4	
8	Montrose 3	7	2	0	5	38 - 79		4	



Division 4		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Prorata	Pts	
1	Games Club 2	8	7	0	1	91 - 35	96 - 36	14	72.73
2	Falkland 2	8	7	0	1	80 - 34	85 - 41	14	67.46
3	Kinross 2	8	7	0	1	88 - 40	90 - 44	14	67.16
4	Broughty Ferry 3	8	4	0	4	70 - 44		8	
5	Lundin Sports 2	8	4	0	4	43 - 76		8	
6	Perth 2	8	3	0	5	42 - 58		6	
7	WANT 2	8	3	0	5	42 - 78	<b>Conc</b>	6	
8	Arbroath 3	8	0	0	8	24 - 84	1	0	
9	Craigmuir 3	8	1	0	7	24 - 45	3	0	
Division 5		Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts	
1	St Andrews 3	8	5	2	1	86 - 39		12	68.80
2	Montrose 4	8	6	0	2	96 - 44		12	68.57
3	Lundin Sports 3	8	4	1	3	52 - 54		9	
4	Duffus 2	8	4	0	4	48 - 72		8	
5	Games Club 3	8	4	1	3	51 - 41	2	7	
6	West End 2	8	4	0	4	63 - 57	1	7	
7	Glenfarg	8	3	0	5	56 - 72		6	
8	Scone 3	8	3	0	5	45 - 59	1	5	
9	David Lloyd	8	1	0	7	30 - 89	1	1	

## Men's Leagues

Division 1	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Notes	Pts
Kinnoull 1	10	10	0	0	126 - 25		20
Broughty Ferry 1	10	6	0	4	91 - 70		12
Games Club 1	10	5	1	4	82 - 83		11
Montrose 1	10	2	2	6	70 - 103	40.5%	6
Craigmuir 1	10	3	0	7	62 - 94	39.7%	6
Arbroath	10	2	1	7	57 - 113		5



Division 2	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A		Pts
St Andrews 1	10	9	1	0	132 - 48		19
Duffus 1	10	7	1	2	116 - 62		15
Perth 1	10	6	0	4	97 - 80		12
Scone 1	10	3	0	7	79 - 101		6
WANT 1	10	3	0	7	64 - 111		6
Lundin Sports	10	1	0	9	47 - 133		2

Division 3	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
Kinnoull 2	10	8	0	2	117 - 55		16
West End 1	10	7	0	3	97 - 71		14
Falkland 1	10	6	1	3	82 - 68		13
Kinross	10	4	1	5	72 - 100		9
Craigmuir 2	10	2	0	8	67 - 99		4
Broughty Ferry 2	10	2	0	8	65 - 107		4

Division 4	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
Tayport	10	10	0	0	139 - 39		20
Montrose 2	10	7	0	3	113 - 62		14
WANT 2	10	5	0	5	77 - 94		10
Games Club 2	10	5	0	5	84 - 76	1	9
Perth 2	10	3	0	7	82 - 86		6
Glenfarg 1	10	0	0	10	25 - 154		0



Division 5	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
Duffus 2	10	8	1	1	118 - 55		17
David Lloyd	10	7	2	1	126 - 54		16
St Andrews 2	10	6	1	3	111 - 59		13
Montrose 3	10	3	0	7	59 - 113		6
Broughty Ferry 3	10	2	0	8	46 - 77	3	1

Division 6	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
WANT 3	10	8	0	2	105 - 66		16
Falkland 2	10	6	0	4	86 - 64		12
Scone 2	10	4	0	6	81 - 91		8
West End 2	10	2	0	8	54 - 106		4
Glenfarg 2	10	2	0	8	50 - 123		4

#### MEN'S 4-PLAYER LEAGUE RESULTS

Club	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Cncd	Pts
Arbroath	10	9	0	1	41 - 12	1	17
St Andrews	10	7	0	3	38 - 24	1	13
Kinross	10	6	0	4	32 - 24		12
Anstruther	10	5	0	5	34 - 30	1	9
Games Club	10	1	0	9	10 - 44	2	0
David Lloyd	10	2	0	8	12 - 16	5	-1



## JUNIOR 16&U MIXED LEAGUE RESULTS

Superleague	Pld	W	D	L	Sets F:A	Pts	concessions
Kinnoull 1	10	9	0	1	97 - 23	18	
Montrose 1	10	8	1	1	95 - 25	17	
Broughty Ferry 1	10	6	1	3	87 - 33	13	
Duffus 1	10	3	1	6	43 - 77	7	
Perth 1	10	2	1	7	30 - 90	5	
Kinnoull 2	10	0	0	10	8 - 112	0	

Junior Div 1	Pld	W	T	L	Scores	Pts	concessions
St Andrews 1	8	7	0	1	69 - 27	14	
Broughty Ferry 2	8	5	1	2	59 - 36	11	
Arbroath 1	8	2	1	5	41 - 55	5	
Blairgowrie	8	3	0	5	35 - 60	4	-2
Crieff	8	2	0	6	35 - 61	3	-1

Junior Div 2	Pld	W	T	L	Scores	Pts	concessions
Montrose 2	10	9	0	1	104 - 16	18	
Scone	10	7	0	3	73 - 41	14	
Kinnoull 3	10	5	1	4	63 - 51	11	
Broughty Ferry 3	10	5	0	5	48 - 72	8	-2
Perth 2	10	3	1	6	51 - 69	7	
Perth 3	10	0	0	10	15 - 105	0	

Junior Div 3	Pld	W	T	L	Scores	Pts	concessions
St Andrews 2	10	9	0	1	100 - 14	18	
Lundin Sports	10	6	0	4	75 - 45	12	
Montrose 3	10	6	0	4	70 - 50	12	
David Lloyd	10	4	0	6	41 - 79	8	
Duffus 2	10	4	0	6	49 - 65	7	-1
Arbroath 2	10	1	0	9	19 - 101	2	



Junior Div 4	Pld	W	T	L	Scores	Pts	concessions
WANT	10	7	2	1	78 - 29	16	
West End	10	7	2	1	74 - 34	16	
St Andrews 3	10	6	2	2	83 - 35	14	
Falkland	10	5	0	5	64 - 53	10	
Montrose 4	10	2	0	8	35 - 85	3	-1
Games Club	10	0	0	10	11 - 109	-5	-5

### WINTER INDOOR LEAGUE 2013 - 2014 FINAL PLACINGS

Div A	Club	Pld	W	T	L	Conc	Pts
1	Broughty Ferry 1	5	4	0	1		8
2	Duffus	5	3	1	1		7
3	Craigmuir	5	3	0	2		6
4	Montrose 1	5	2	1	2		5
5	West End	5	2	0	3		4
6	Anstruther 1	5	0	0	5		0

Div B	Club	Pld	W	T	L	Conc	Pts
1	St Andrews	5	4	0	1		8
2	Broughty Ferry 2	5	4	0	1	1	7
3	Scone	5	3	0	2		6
4	Lundin Sports 1	5	2	1	2		5
5	Tayport	5	0	2	3		2
6	Montrose 2	5	0	1	4		1

Div C	Club	Pld	W	T	L	Conc	Pts
1	WANT	4	4	0	0		8
2	Falkland	5	4	0	1		8
3	Anstruther 2	4	3	0	1		6
4	David Lloyd	5	1	1	3	1	2
5	Lundin Sports 2	5	1	1	3	1	2
6	Glenrothes	5	0	0	5		0

Juniors	Club	Pld	W	T	L	Conc	Pts
1	Broughty Ferry	5	3	1	1		7
2	Montrose	4	3	0	1		6
3	Scone	4	2	0	2		4
4	St Andrews	2	1	1	0		3
5	West End	3	1	0	2		2
6	Anstruther	1	0	0	1	1	0
7	Duffus	3	0	0	3		0