



TAIN TENNIS CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

July 2023

Welcome to our new look club newsletter, huge thanks to all those who collaborated to compile it, those Wimbledon colours define us.

Playing Matters

The first Highlands tennis tournament of the summer holidays is the Tain Open, which runs from 3rd to 8th July. Entries are now open. There are events for both junior and adult players and it would be great to see lots of club members taking part.

A Play Your Way to Wimbledon competition was held in Tain on 1 May 2023. This was well attended with 8 boys taking part, Ryan Sutherland being the overall winner. In winning the competition, Ryan has qualified for the County final. Well done Ryan and to everyone who took part.

Scott has 7 junior teams entered in the 2023 Galbraith League, which commenced in April and runs through to September. Tain also has a team in the Men's Double and in the Women's Doubles.

Firth Cup - John is collecting names for this fun tournament. Closing date for entries is 2nd July. The event takes place on 23rd July.

Membership

Our membership figures are creeping upwards, great to see so many renewals and some new faces. Our Junior section is particularly strong with around fifty youngsters being coached regularly by Scott, Marcus and their young helpers. Membership offers a generous discount on coaching prices. We are working on encouraging more teenagers and young adults to join with a special focus on encouraging girls to play. If you have any ideas please email us on the address below.

To join just go to our website : [Clubspark.lta.org.uk/TainTC/Membership](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TainTC/Membership)

Coaching

Scott is running a Summer coaching camp- 10th- 14th July from 9:30am. More details (including booking information) can be found at the link below.

clubspark.lta.org.uk/SFTennisCoaching/coaching/camps

The Club is looking to encourage more girls to play tennis and will be running coaching sessions for girls after the summer holidays, dates and time to be confirmed. The sessions will be free of charge initially and open to all ages.

Operation of the club

The legal status of the club is still being considered and the committee hopes to discuss the options in more detail at the next meeting.

Safeguarding / Welfare

Matt Hulbert (Lead Welfare Office, Tennis Scotland) visited the Club on 5 May 2023. He has sent a report to the Club and stated that all was in order with a few recommendations. Any concerns regarding safeguarding can be directed to our Welfare Officer Jane Mason (Tel 01862 892862) or contact the LTA directly. Information regarding this can be found in the clubhouse or on our website.

Maintenance Matters

Thank you to Russell for arranging to have the courts jet-washed. The club are pleased to confirm that the fence has now been fixed and the windbreak fitted.

Social function

The club held a prize giving and quiz following a meal at Tain Golf Club on 17 February 2023. John gave an account of all the prize winners and their games and Bruce, as outgoing President, presented the trophies and introduced Dave as our new President. Joanie was confirmed as an Honorary Member of the club. Martin organised the quiz and then entertained us with a selection of tunes on his keyboard. The raffle raised £213 and the coin/whisky game raised £100, all going towards club funds. The next social evening is penciled in for Saturday November 21st.

Volunteers

Our club couldn't exist without the help of volunteers, our committee works hard to bring tennis to Tain and the surrounding area and to encourage visitors to use the courts. There's always lots to be done and we would appreciate your help in so many ways.

Maintenance/painting of the clubhouse, clearing up the edges of the courts, fundraising support, helping at competitions the list goes on, just drop us an email or any member of the committee if you can help out.

Dates for your diary

5th - 8th July : Tain Open, there will be hot food, snacks and baking served everyday to help raise funds for the club. There will also be a raffle (donations welcome).

Club Championship - adults and invited juniors can enter singles and doubles in mens. Ladies and mixed categories. Get in touch with John or someone at the committee before July 2nd to enter.

Sunday 23rd July, 'Firths Cup' - a fun tournament welcoming clubs from the Moray Firth, let John know by 2nd July if you'd like to play.

Sunday 17th September - Club Championship Finals day

Saturday 21st November - Prize giving and family social evening, more details to follow

Club Committee

The club held its AGM on 25 January 2023. Outgoing President Bruce Rose, gave an encouraging report. The club thanks Bruce and the other outgoing Office Bearers and Committee members for all their work and support.

The club welcomed this year's Office Bearers, Committee and Reps, who are-

President - Dave Ross

Secretary - Jane Mason

Membership Secretary - Margaret Macleod

Treasurer - Dave Ross

Welfare Office - Jane Mason

Highland Tennis Rep - Dave Ross

Head Coach: Scott Fraser

Committee - Katrina Corbett, Caroline Dunsmuir, Alix Roberts, Sandra Sutherland, Roy Munro, Emma Deeth, Gordon Brown, John Waring, Scott Fraser (Junior Rep)

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