

Club Newsletter Winter 2021

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2021 tournament results and official floodlight opening ceremony



Congratulations to the winners of this years mixed doubles tournament; Gill Drake and John Wiseman!

Gill and John came out on top of the round robin event held on 16th October.

The event also served (no pun intended) as the official opening for the clubs new floodlight system and Alan Dovaston came along from Sports England to see the completed project and to present the trophy to our winners!

Many thanks to the funding committee, particularly Colin Taylor, for their hard work raising money for the floodlight project, we should now be well placed to carry on playing through the winter without fear of losing too many balls in the dark!

It was great to see so many people come along to play in / help with the tournament, special mention to Ed Coady who came second in the men's section on his tournament debut!

Getting to know your Head Coach - Tom Geary



Tom, who grew up in Wylam, is qualified LTA Level 3 Tennis Coach with 15 years+ coaching experience.

Tom offers a range of one on one and group coaching sessions for players (adults and juniors) of all abilities.

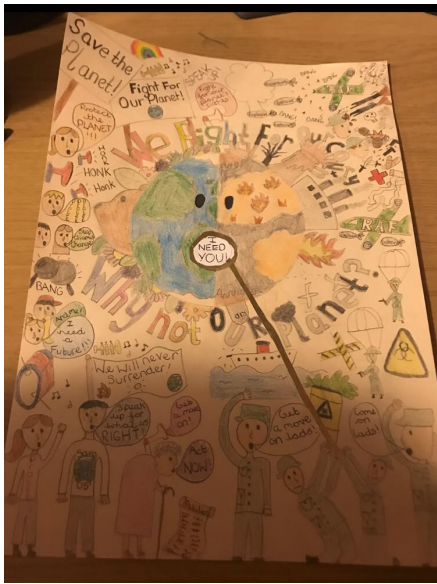
Coaching continues throughout the year so why not book a lesson now so you are ready to hit the ground running when the new season starts in April! To find out more about the classes at Wylam Tennis Club please contact Tom at tom.geary@gmx.com or on 07817 061898.



Art Competition

Art competition winners announced

Thanks to everyone who entered the club art competition earlier in the year and apologies for the big delay in announcing the winners:



Junior winner - Niamh (aged 12)



Young junior winner - Fionn (aged 6)



Adult winner - Jean

Congratulations to Fionn, Niamh and Jean, they will each receive a free membership for the 2022/23 season!





Christmas party and annual awards - save the date!

We plan to hold the club Christmas party on Friday 3rd December.

Further details will be announced shortly but please save the date for now.

The clubs annual awards will be presented at the dinner. As always these will be based on a vote by club members please send your nominations to wylamtennisclub@gmail.com for the following categories by the end of Monday 29th November:

- ⇒ Most improved woman
- ⇒ Most improved man
- ⇒ Contribution to the club

Best Junior awards will be decided by our Head Coach, Tom Geary.

Clubhouse plans

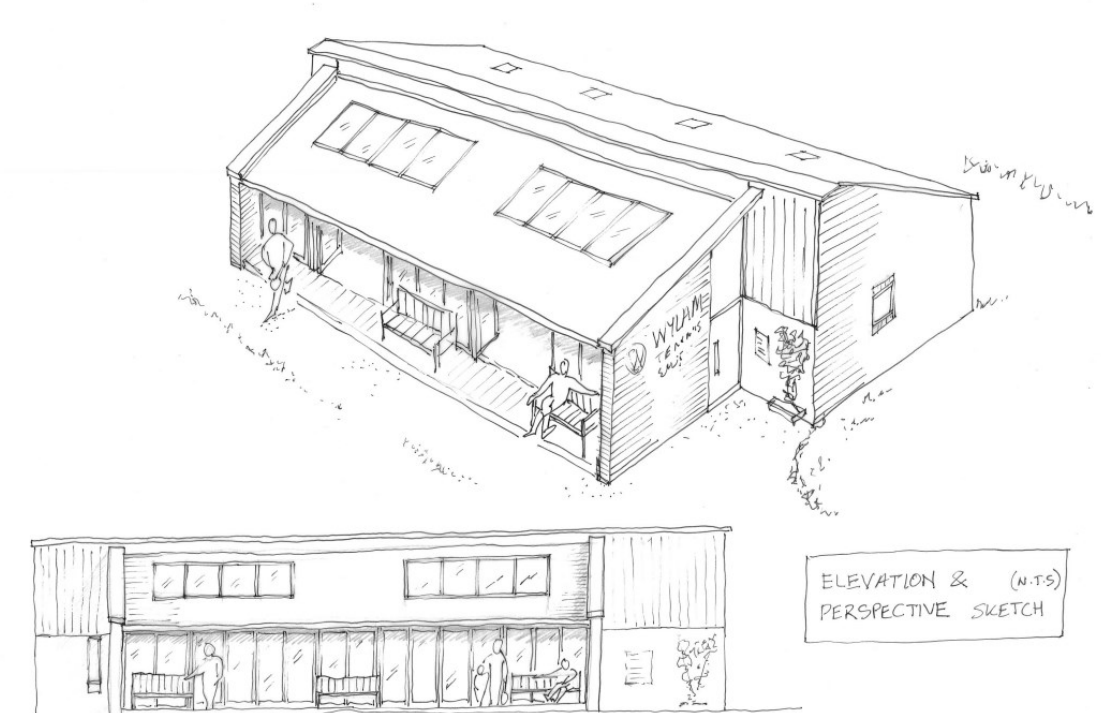
In the last few years the club has made some significant improvements to our facilities in the form of the court resurfacing and the floodlight project. In the last few months the funding committee have been considering ways in which we could improve the clubhouse. With the help of Jane Milner a number of options have been discussed ranging from an internal freshen up to a much more significant redevelopment. The scale of the project will ultimately depend on access to funding whilst the committee recently undertook a survey to identify which improvements our members would like to see (the results of which will be discussed at the next committee meeting).

There are a number of important updates which need to be made to the services at the clubhouse (particularly to the electrics and the plumbing) and it is likely that the first phase on the work will concentrate on those improvements which can then be built upon if and when funding is secured for a more significant redevelopment.

The sketch below shows one potential option should the club be able to raise sufficient funds. Please note that all work to date is conceptual only.

If you have views on how we can make the most of the clubhouse, would be able to spare some time to help the funding committee or if you would be able to offer up your time and skills to help with the work then please contact a member of the committee.

A further update on plans will be provided at the Annual General Meeting (more on this later in the newsletter).





The committee

The club is run entirely by volunteers, from making funding applications and organising tournaments to cutting the grass and organising the league fixtures; so we rely on help from our members.

The committee have lots of exciting plans for 2022 but are always looking for people to help organise events, input into newsletters or arrange social events. If you can spare a couple of hours why not come along to the next committee meeting or contact James on 07974 077846.

Winter league update

We have entered two teams in the Winter League this year. If you fancy testing yourself in some matches please contact the team captains (Julia Cooper / James Mackay and Liz Flynn / Dan George). Best of luck to all our players!

Many green fingers make light work...

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help cut the grass this year. Having a large number of volunteers spread the work meaning no one had to cut the grass more than twice. Thanks to Chris, Colin, Dan, Jamie, John, Jane, Julia, Paul, Liz and James for stepping up!

Dates for your diary

The committee have been busy planning upcoming events. More details on the events below will be sent in due course but in the meantime why not put these dates in your diary!



3rd December (6pm) Christmas party & annual awards

10 January (8pm) Committee Meeting - Boathouse

7th February (8pm) AGM - Boathouse

2nd April (10am) Club clean up morning

3rd April (2pm) Start of season tournament

Website update

We are in the process of building a new website using the LTA's clubspark system.

Our existing website which was generously developed for free by www.stcs.co.uk has served us well over a number of years but the committee have agreed that the time is right to move to the clubspark system which has been specifically developed to meet the needs of clubs like us.

The change will mean that we will be contacting members in the new year to get them set up on the new system which will become the new place to book courts, manage your membership and to find out about events.

If you have an interest in web design / management and would like to help with the new system please contact James on 07974 077846.



Questions, ideas, suggestions? Please get in touch!