



Newsletter

Q1 2009

WELCOME TO 2009 SEASON

Chairman's Foreword by Lyn Jamison

As Portadown Tennis club enters its sixth year, we look forward to better weather after what has been a long cold and wet winter. The courts have just undergone a rejuvenation programme, a normal process for carpeted courts such as ours, just over halfway through what is normally a ten year lifespan. By the time you read this newsletter the courts should

be restored to their former pristine condition. Our last coach Brett Cochrane left the club in November past to embark on a new life down under in Adelaide, his home city and we are pleased to welcome Cyril McClune as our new coach. Cyril has many years experience coaching at Banbridge Tennis club. As coaches are in short supply, we are fortunate to be able to avail of Cyril's services, as he combines his



work in Banbridge. In conclusion I would wish all the members of PTC an enjoyable and successful tennis year ahead.

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2009?

COURT REJUVENATION

After six years of play and exposure to all weathers the courts are compacted and contaminated resulting in poor drainage and ponding in wet weather. An inspection by Dr. Ian McClements (STRI) was carried out in October and Rejuvenation was recommended. This involves the complete removal of existing sand from the Courts and replacement with new sand. Subject to favourable weather conditions the Contractor should have the work completed by mid March. In addition, further to recurrent flooding, extra drainage facilities had to be installed on courts 3 & 4. Following rejuvenation the courts should provide another five to seven years of play before replacement is necessary. We are

fortunate that Craigavon Borough Council have agreed to part fund this project.

IT'S GOODBYE TO BRETT

Brett Cochrane, our Australian coach, decided that the Irish weather was too cold to continue his coaching activities in Portadown. He, Roisin and family left for a new life in Adelaide Australia in December 2008. The club would like to congratulate them on the birth of Conall Patrick on 24thFeb. and wishes them well in their future life down under.

NEW COACH

The club would like to welcome Cyril McClune as our new club coach. Cyril has been coaching at Banbridge Tennis club for a number of years and we trust that the club will benefit from his experience. At present Cyril is at the club on Fridays for Junior club night from 4pm followed by an adult beginners class in the evening. If any members of the club, senior or junior, would like individual or group coaching please contact Cyril on 07902533435 or 02838881709.

CLUB NIGHT

Club nights take place every Tuesday from 7pm. Players from all abilities are welcome to join this social play. The format is doubles play in short games of a set. If it is your first time at club night, please ask for Dereck Black who will be glad to introduce you.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As happens every year we have carefully reviewed the fees in a bid to balance the future of the club and the value for money we offer members. This year we have to account for substantial court maintenance costs as well as increased Tennis Ireland affiliation fees and as a result a fee increase was necessary.

On a more positive note, we are introducing special incentives to help reduce and spread costs to our members:



SPECIAL INCENTIVES

- Pay over 4 months at no extra cost by using the standing order form enclosed with your renewal pack
- receive a voucher towards the annual June BBQ which will be sent with every renewal.

COACHING PROGRAMME

At present, our new coach, Cyril McClune is at the club on Fridays for Junior club night and junior teams training from 4.00 to 6.00pm. This is then followed by an adult beginners class on Friday evenings.

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2009 EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 13 th	Annual Quiz Night
MARCH 14 th	Big Ulster Tournament
APRIL 6 th	Team Information Meeting Junior Easter Camps(TBC)
MAY 9 th	Open Day
JUNE	Annual Club BBQ
JULY/AUG	Junior Summer Camps
AUGUST	Junior Co. Armagh Championship
SEPTEMBER 5 th	Club Junior Tournament Finals
OCT/NOV	Social Outing evening
DECEMBER 28 th	Boxing Day "Mulled Wine" & Round Robin

TEAM TENNIS PROGRAMME

SENIORS

April to June	Spring league , A & B mixed teams
July to Sept.	Summer League, A & B mixed teams
Oct/Nov.	Autumn League A team ladies, A & B teams men
Nov/Dec	Floodlit League, A Team mixed
Jan/March	Winter League, A Team mixed
March/April	Singles League Men, A Team

JUNIORS

This year we have 4 teams entered into the Belfast & District League.

- Under 18 Boys - Division 1
- Under 18 Boys - Division 4
- Under 18 Girls - Division 2
- Under 14 Boys - Division 5

Players able to play in teams should see Coach Cyril at Junior Club Night on Fridays between 4.00 and 6.00pm.

TEAM INFORMATION MEETING

Tues. 6th April 2009 -7pm Clubhouse

Check our website for up to date information

www.portadowntennisclub.com