**Tennis Section Report 2024/5**

**Tennis Committee:**

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Prior to the club AGM we would like to provide you with a reflection of the year and plans for the future via this report -

Let us start by expressing my extreme gratitude to all those who continue to volunteer their time to tennis section matters including the committee members, team captains and all other members who contribute to the successful running of the club.

Particular mention and thank you to both Colin MacMillan and Ross Ferguson who are stepped down from the tennis committee. Both have had huge contributions to the club over the years.

We are always very keen to have new blood on the committee and we **would encourage everyone who could offer any of their time to be on the tennis committee (or help the club in other ways) to contact us as we would love to hear from you (contact russellallan@doctors.org.uk)**.

Over time we have become a more integrated club with tennis section working progressively

closer with committee of management for specific issues.

On the tennis side much has been achieved over the last 12 months -

**Club Championship Winners**

Ladies’ Singles Champion – Callie Longhurst

Men’s Singles Champion – Jack Hartman

Ladies’ Double Champions – Kate Petchey and Katie Littlefield

Men’s Doubles Champions – James Drummond and Jack Hartman

Mixed doubles Champions – Jack Hartman and Tricia Courtney

Ladies; Vets Doubles Champions – Alice Lennon and Sarah Morris

Men’s; Vets Doubles Champions – Scott Martin and Sorin Andrei

Men’s Vets Singles Champions - Steven Reynolds

Mixed doubles plate – Caroline Beaton and Gordon Pettigrew

A massive thanks to Gordon Pettigrew and Ross Ferguson for organizing and refereeing the championship!

**Junior Champions -**

U18 Boys Singles James Mills

U18 Girls Singles Eleanor Winter

U14 Boys Singles Niall Henderson

U14 Girls Singles Katie Longhurst

U12 Boys Singles Niall Henderson

U12 Girls Singles Callie Longhurst

U10 GS – Anna McDonald

U10 BS – Max Miller

U9S – Max Miller

U8S – Myles Henderson

U18 Boys Doubles Rhuiardh Cameron-Laing and James Mills

U14 Girls Doubles Caitlin Cameron-Laing and Callie Longhurst

U14 Boys Doubles Jamie Rodger & Niall Henderson

U12 Boys Doubles Charlie MacKenzie & Leo Weir

U10D Anna McDonald and Florence Duthie

**Other intraclub competitions**

Lady and Men’s box leagues continue to run. Numbers are down a little (probably due to the

weather recently) but everyone is encouraged to join up if interested. We are always looking for more ways to develop this competition and freshen it up so grateful for any ideas. If you have any questions or are keen to be involved, please contact Gordon Pettigrew on Gordon.pettigrew1@gmail

**Interclub Competitions**

We had a successful season for the Adults, entering more teams than the previous years with 14 teams in the open, 5 over 60s teams and 6 over 40s in the leagues as well as cup competitions. Individuals also fared well in open competition.

Notable performances

M55 Won the Spring knockouts. Division wins for W3. M4, W60-1 (summer) M60-1(summer and winter), all M40’s teams, W40-2, M60-2 (winter), Monday Floodlight -2 and 2nd position and promotion for M3, W60-2, M spring singles 2

Jack and Ryan won the MD35+ in the West of Scotland Open

It was great to see strong participation from our mini and junior members in both the West of Scotland Youth Summer and Winter leagues 2024.  Woodend had 8 and 10 teams in those leagues respectively ranging from our 8u red ball team up to our 18u with c.35 players in each league.

All our players did Woodend proud, with notable results from the Summer league being the 12u girls, 12u boys and 10u mixed teams all topping their respective divisions.

We are always keen to include as many of our members as possible who are interested in playing competitively. Anyone whose child has not yet taken part and is keen to do so please do speak to any of the tennis committee members or to one of the coaches and they will help point you in the right direction.  In particular, we are keen to hear from any girls who are keen to get involved and boost the numbers there as we had significantly less girls than boys across our teams.  Any adults who have not expressed interest for next season should contact Helen McGarrity or Gordon Pettigrew so that they can be included.

Big shout out and thanks to all the team captains, parent captains who help organise the fixtures and give this opportunity to our adults and juniors to play competitively.  The teams wouldn’t work without those volunteers!

**Club involvement**

**Several members of the tennis committee have stepped back and we really need more members to help with the running of the tennis section. These are some examples of what the TC oversee and to see continued success at the club please consider volunteering a little bit of your time.**

- Enter teams for all summer then winter competitions.

- Ensure all teams have a captain in place.

- Court booking for all matches + other club events.

- Organising and running box leagues.

- Safeguarding – Welfare officer (requires specific training course to be done)

- Planning of tennis events – Gala Day etc

- Organizing and running club championship

- Risk assessment of events

- Court maintenance

- Gathering feedback from members and acting on these

- Incidence reporting and reviewing

- New members introduction

- Much more…

There is a Watsapp group of members who do a little bit of tidying up at the club both inside and out. If you would like to be added to the group please ask Alix. Also feel free to pull any weeds and tidy up independently if you notice something out of place.

**Safeguarding**

Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility. Please be aware of our policies displayed on notice board and website. Any concerns should be reported immediately to club safeguarding officer -

**russellallan@doctors.org.uk / 07876751519.**

Our safeguarding policies are on the club website and the notice board at the club entrance.

Russell has been the welfare officer for 6 years and would be grateful for a successor. Requirement includes attendance at a training workshop which Russell can help you get a place on.

**Court maintenance**

Despite the recent weather the courts are in a generally good state of repair. Courts are cleaned and inspected 3 times/year under our maintenance contract. We had a sand top up in the Autumn and the long awaited backboards are now installed. The nets require some general Maintenance and Cleaning and we are looking to the best way to do this.

**Coach Summary**

The new coaching team has been in place for almost a year now, with their contract being extended for a further year. Classes remain very popular and are benefitting from increased coach/player ratios. The number of Adult group lessons being offered have significantly increased, catering for all levels from beginners to first team players. They have reached their financial target of £2500 for the year and this will increase to £4500 for the coming year. Coupled with the new income from juniors doing coaching this will exceed the previous coaching contribution. The coaching team will be taking the additional duties of running of the mini, junior and intermediate club champs from next year. Anyone wanting to be added to the mailing list for coaching can sign-up from the coaching tab on the website.

**Thanks**

Lastly a huge thank you again to everyone who volunteers their time to the club to keep the tennis section going from strength to strength.