



Newsletter  
May 2010

### Volunteers Needed!!

While your Committee and coaches do a lot of the core work with running the Club, much more can be achieved through the help of additional volunteers. So whether it's helping out at Club events, maintenance of the Clubhouse and grounds, helping out at Club events or a piece of work that you could do which would really improve the Club, just have a word with a Committee member who will be happy to discuss further.

### Dunbar Achieve Great Start in League Matches

Congratulations to the Dunbar Mens' team in their first three matches in East of Scotland League Division 9, achieving an 8-4 win against Grange 12-0 win against Merchiston and 10-2 against Lomond..

### Want to Play for a Dunbar Adult Team?

Come along to practice – sessions held every Sunday morning at 10.00am.

### Junior Squad

Well done also to Matthew Barnott (Captain), Louis Vaughn, Wills Younger and Nathan Cox of the Dunbar U14s Boys Squad playing against an older St Serf's team on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and going down fighting at 5-1.

### Weekly Playing Schedule

Don't forget there's tennis organized most days of the week on the courts - see [http://www.dunbartennisclub.co.uk/weekly\\_schedule.php](http://www.dunbartennisclub.co.uk/weekly_schedule.php) for more.

## UPDATES

### Repainting Our Courts – Success in Fund Raising

Members will have noticed that the surface of all courts has started to wear out. Your Committee has been working to raise funding for the £14,000 cost of the repainting and surface rebinding project.

We are delighted to announce that East Lothian Council have granted £4,000, and Tennis Scotland, £1,000 towards the project cost. We warmly thank both organisations for their support in this endeavour. We have also approached Awards for All (National Lottery funding) who are at present considering our application for a grant of £8,000. If this application is successful, the balance of funding required, about £1,000, will be provided by the Club. We can then go ahead.

Our target is to repaint the courts this year, and depending on the timing of financing and contractor availability, our aim is to have the work completed before the East Lothian Open tournament being held in July.

The result will be safe play on a high quality surface at Dunbar for many more years to come.

The Committee will keep you in touch with progress.

### Success - Application for Clubmark Award

Following a lot of hard work from Hugh and Molly Masters, and a recent assessment visit by Peter Gordon of Tennis Scotland your Committee is delighted to announce that we have been rated as having a 'green light' for LTA Clubmark status. We will receive the official letter of Clubmark accreditation soon.

This is a real achievement for the Club shared by few others in Scotland (first in East Lothian) and means that we are getting a lot of things right with the basics of providing a high quality tennis club as set out by the Lawn Tennis Association. It also puts us in an excellent position for seeking funding for major projects such as floodlights and effective windbreaks.

### Dunbar Enters Teams in ESLTA and EL Leagues

This year the Club has entered a Mens' Team for the East of Scotland League and mixed teams for East Lothian Divisions 1 and 2. See panel opposite for results to date and how to join a team.

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### Tennis Coaching

There is a major investment in coaching for our members this year at very reasonable rates. The next blocks start as follows:

Junior: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May for 6 weeks (£22.50 members, £27.50 non-members).

Adult: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May for 5 weeks (£25.00 members, £30.00 non-members).  
Classes planned for Midday and 4pm.

More detail on website. To book your place, contact [tennis-coaching@hotmail.com](mailto:tennis-coaching@hotmail.com) or to enquire call **01368 865399**.

### Adults Special Offer - Bring A Friend to Coaching and you'll both feel the benefit!

Know someone who's never joined the Club before but who would be interested in trying out / renewing their interest in tennis? Bring them along to coaching in the Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May coaching block and you'll both receive one third off your coaching fees for that block.



## Newsletter May 2010

The Newsletter provides updates to all our members on what's going on at the Club and the development work being undertaken on your behalf by your Committee. We aim to issue further Newsletters as the season progresses.

### Coaching Summer Camps

We're running two 5 day summer camps – wc 26<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> August!  
Always great fun and well evaluated!  
Limited places – booking now open!

### New! Tennis Ladder

The Club has now set up a Tennis Ladder for players of all standards which you can access through the Club website. There will be prizes awarded at the end of each month for those on the highest rungs and those playing the most matches and taking part is a great way to improve your game. Why not give it a go!  
Join quickly and easily on-line at:



## THE 2010 SEASON BEGINS!

On behalf of the Committee I would like to welcome all members to the 2010 season. The Club has once again passed the 100 members mark – this time in only the first month with many of them new. Yet to renew membership? Renewing is easy – simply click on the Club's website at <http://www.dunbartennisclub.co.uk/join.htm>, fill in the forms and send with a cheque to Steph Collishaw, Membership Secretary, or pop along to a Club evening and hand over to a Committee member. Membership fees this year remain extremely reasonable at only **£15** for Juniors and **£60** for adults. We hope to see you on the courts soon!

### Aims & Objectives for 2010

- Repainting all six courts.
- Achieving Clubmark status this year.
- Club action plan and Club strategy to be prepared.
- Greater competitive play within the club, including the introduction of adult and junior ladders.
- Club representation in the East Lothian (mixed) and East of Scotland (mens) and (junior Under 14s)
- Achieve greater participation in tennis through schools and other local groups.
- Improve communication with members.

### Your New Committee

William Barnott (President)	Wendy Nicolson (General Secretary),
Steph Collishaw (Membership Secretary)	Shelley Lockhart (Treasurer)
Shona Ronan Committee Member	Bruce Nicolson Committee Member.

The Committee usually meets on the last Tuesday of every month.

Club Roles: Hugh Masters (Head Coach) Fiona Masters & Shona Ronan (Child Protection).

Any questions feel free to use the contact details below or pop it in our new suggestion box located in the Clubhouse.

**Fees for 2010** Fees for 2010 remain the same as 2009 to encourage new and continued membership.

Junior Membership £15, Adult Membership £60 (£8 of each adult and junior membership fee goes to the LTA as an affiliated club).

## Club Wimbledon Ticket Ballot Results

One of the benefits of Club membership is to have a chance to draw a pair of Wimbledon tickets in the Club's ballot process. This year, two lucky members are each taking a companion to see a day's play in the Centre and No. 1 courts at Wimbledon's second week. For those who were not successful this time in the ballot, there is always next year! <http://www.dunbartennisclub.co.uk/contact.html>