

Newsletter - September 2010

Latest on the Summer Raffle:

The countdown to the summer raffle has started with the draw on Finals Day, Saturday 11th September. So far the details are as follows: **Days to go 12; Money raised £475; Potential £2,000**

Plenty to go at, so can everyone try to sell as many as they can. If you have sold tickets, let either Tony Cole or Mike Buck have your stubs and ticket money. A graph showing the progress of the collection is on the notice board of the clubhouse and will be updated regularly.

If you return money and stubs please remember that you can still sell tickets up to the 11th September.

So far Roe Bissett is leading the pack of tickets sold, closely followed by Mike Buck with Alice Garlick close behind. We will need some help breaking up and folding stubs; see Roe, Tony or Alice. The raffle prizes include:

Meal for 2 at the Hardwick; Tea for 2 at the Angel Hotel; 2 leisure passes to the Celtic Manor.

Alice Garlick and her team have done a great job in acquiring these worthy prizes.

Tournament Update :

Finals day of Saturday 11th not to be missed!!!

The tournament is now coming to its conclusion with an air of excitement. Let's make sure we have a big crowd along to support all the players and enjoy the usual excellent lunch. I would particularly like to see some of our up and coming junior stars at the finals. At some stage you are going to have to knock the oldies off the top branches.

Lunch on the 11th September finals day

Chris Scott is organising the lunch. It will be a "Scrumptious Ploughman's" followed, during the tennis, by tea or coffee and "Luscious Cakes". Chris would like to know how many to cater for, so if you would like lunch please put your name on the list in the Clubhouse. If you can help with the catering please let Chris know.

Tournament fees

There are still some tournament fees yet to be paid. Can these be paid as soon as possible so we can pay Robert for his sterling efforts in putting together this first ever "compass draw tournament". A list of names yet to pay the tournament fee is on the notice board with a procedure is in place to collect the money.

New members: This year we will start pro-rating fees from 1st September so if a new member joins during September 2010 the fees for the remainder of the season, to 30th April 2011, will be:

Category	Membership	Joining fee.
Family	£174	£ 30
Adult full	£87	£ 25
Junior/Student	£34	£ 12
Special Needs	£34	£ 12
Mini	£20	£ 10
Country	£37	£ 12

Senior Matches: Summer matches are now over and congratulations to all teams and thanks to the captains. Results were pretty good overall. In the Cymru Kitchens the Ladies' B Team will get a promotion next year having come top of their division. Winter matches start at the beginning of October.

If you are interested in having a go at playing matches please contact Alice Garlick; dagarlick@madasafish.com.

Members please note:

Visitors:

All members that they are allowed to sign in visitors on a maximum of 3 occasions. The member is responsible for collecting the visitor's fee of £3.0 per visit and signing for insurance purposes the visitors' book.

Club housekeeping:

The leaves have started to fall already and it is important that the courts are kept clear. The Club owns a large vacuum that is easy to use but we need helpers to add their names to a rota for leaf clearing.

If you can help please email drobinson4@sky.com or email info@abergavennytennis.co.uk.

Your help will be appreciated.

Floodlight and court relaying project:

The contract for relaying the 3 tarmac courts has now been awarded to Fosse Contracts LTD. and the contract for the floodlights has been awarded to Exclusive Leisure.

Thanks to the work of Tony Cole, Dave Robinson, Bob Lawton, Mike Buck, led by Jason Smith the cost of the project will be under the original budget of £116k. Even so the Club has taken on an interest free loan of £30k and has to fund £42k, so raising additional funds through the raffle and increasing our membership numbers is key.

The project work could start during the **first week of September** and take 7 weeks. We will need some good weather during October to paint the new courts. If not, the courts may have to be lined and left black until the spring.

To meet the lack of court usage, during September and October, we will be operating with 2 carpeted floodlit courts. We have arranged for most of the coaching to use the leisure centre. The exception to this is when we feel it is better that parents need to be in attendance for a junior session and therefore we will maintain a coaching presence on some evenings at the club. A full schedule of court availability will be placed on the notice board and the website and updated regularly. In some instances (see below) ATC will pay for court hire at the leisure centre on return of a receipt to Tony Cole.

Below is a summary schedule of evening court reservations. (Check the notice board for detailed timings)

Use of courts at the club will be limited to 1 hr sessions and preferably mix-in if players are waiting.

Day	Venue of reserved courts		Comments
	Club	Leisure Centre	
Mondays	None*	Coaching 5-9pm	*Available to club members
Tuesdays	Mix-in	None	
Wednesdays	Coaching	None*	*Courts available - refunds to members
Thursdays	None*	Coaching 5-8pm	*Available to club members
Fridays	Juniors*	None	*One court after 7pm for members' use
Saturdays	Matches in am*	None	*Available to club members pm
Sundays	Mix-in am, matches pm*	None	*Available to club members afterwards



ATC Junior Tournament Report:

Abergavenny Tennis Clubs' annual Junior Championships ended in style with an end of season finale and BBQ. 40 juniors were in action during the week and Steven Terry from [the Hardwick Restaurant](#) presented the trophies and medals to our 2010 finalists. (Steve, pictured above, with the players.)

Competition	Winner	Runner-up
8&U Boys Singles	Cai Morton-Smith	Rhys Jones
8&U Girls Singles	Megan Tyler	Beth Eccles
9&U Mixed Singles	Elliot Simmonds	Bethany Jones
10&U Boys Singles	Herbie McKenna	Alex Grayer
12&U Boys Singles	Tom Davies	James Morris
16&U Boys Singles	Jonathan Morgan	Callum Simmonds
16&U Girls Singles	Mair Floyd-Bosley	Lucy Jones
18&U Boys Singles	Sean Jones	Jonathan Morgan

Many thanks and congratulations to all who took part and made the week such a success. The club also expresses its thanks to all the Mums and Dads (especially Julia) for keeping everyone fed and watered throughout the week, raising even more money from the junior section towards our floodlight fund.

Junior Tournament Success:

Congratulations to junior members who have been competing hard across the UK this summer. The strength of our junior programme is seen by the venues they now travel to when playing in County and National competitions. E.g. Torbay, Solihull, Edgbaston, Plymouth, Bristol, Swansea, Malvern, Bath etc.. Highlights included Daniel Taylor reaching the Plate final in Hereford, Oliver Stansfield 3rd in several high profile events, Gareth Rees reached the last 16 of both the 12&U and 14&U events at the Welsh Junior Championships, Tom Davies reaching the final of the Almondsbury Open and Herbie McKenna-Morgan (seen above) became 10&U Champion at the Hereford & Worcestershire County Closed tournament. Well done to all competitors!