

Smashing Summer Season

Welcome to the 2016/17 season. I hope you have a great season of tennis and squash. We have lots of sport ahead, including potentially another squash team in the Middlesex leagues. It is many years since we last had two squash teams there.

We had a good summer season. Congratulations to Men's 1 tennis on "smashing" their way back to Division 2 and to Men's 2, Ladies' 2 and 3 who all fought strong campaigns even if they missed out in each case by a few points on promotion. The Men's squash team also achieved promotion in the summer leagues, its second in succession. Such successes reflect the commitment of the teams and their captains.

Finals day was very enjoyable again this year with Fabien Zinsner taking the triple crown (mens singles and doubles and mixed doubles) as well as Wendy Levin retrieving her title from Hannah Rustin in the ladies singles. Kevin James's barbecue was a triumph too, complemented by the culinary skills of many of the members attending. Many thanks to Dinny Ravet for organising the tournament.

Membership numbers were up again this year by 5% to around 400, about half of them children and young people, which reflects Stormont's commitment to families and younger players and coaching. Dinny Ravet and Lucy Dean have continued our strong tradition of tennis coaching, as have Vickie Prow and her team of squash coaches. Their pieces later in this newsletter include details of their plans for the forthcoming autumn term; do contact them to participate.

Members will be pleased to hear that we have maintained our subscription unchanged from last year. We hope this encourages as many as possible to renew. Remember that there is a 10% discount for renewals received before 1 October. Details are set out on the membership application and renewal form which accompanies this newsletter.

We will continue to invest in the Club's facilities. The men's changing room has been redecorated and we will continue to spruce up elsewhere. We are keeping a watchful eye on the squash court walls where the paint has begun flaking again, disappointingly soon after the patching and painting 18 months ago. Dinny doubles as our Club Manager organising such improvements and members should not hesitate to talk to her, any Committee member or me about improvements they think we should be making.

One area where we have not made the progress we intended is in implementing a computerised membership and court booking system. We will continue to work on this but in the meantime the approach will be manual as before.

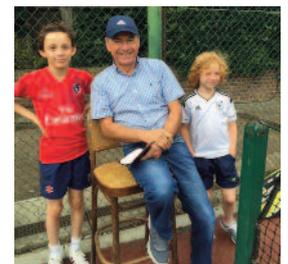
As ever I would like to thank all committee members on your behalf for the time and effort they put into the Club's affairs. Particular thanks and welcomes to Bernard Lo who has now taken up the reins as our honorary treasurer and to Howard Barrett; they both joined the committee at the AGM this year. There remain vacancies for an honorary membership secretary and committee secretary. Please contact me or any committee member if you would like to get involved.

Tony Hulse, Chairman

TENNIS FINALS 2016



*Wendy Levin beat Hannah Rustin.
Fabien Zinsner beat Ben Wiltshire.
Wendy Levin and Hannah Rustin beat Dinny Ravet and Sally James.
Fabien and Matt Zinsner beat Ben Wiltshire and Ollie Clifford.
Sally James and Fabien Zinsner beat Hannah Rustin and Ben Wiltshire.
Thanks to all the ball boys and umpires.*



TENNIS

STORMONT TENNIS TEAMS

No tie breaks thus stopping at 6 all saved time but still many matches were unfinished and inputting results is a nightmare. Huge thanks to all the team captains.

Peter Ware and Patricia Prichard handed on the batons to Ian Lush and Jeni Walwin.

LADIES' FIRST TEAM

Ladies 1 Tennis Team in Division 1

How many ladies does it take to field a first team for seven matches?

This year we needed to use 15 different players.

Sadly Lucy was only able to play in one match.

Regulars Sally James, Dinny Ravet, Hannah Rustin, Gina Titheridge, Wendy Levin and Norma Clarke were helped out by Barbara Kalirai, Zoe Levin, Patricia Prichard, Jeni Walwin, Sarah Leaman, Lou Edwards, Abi Don and Jane Ackroyd.

That's a lot of help, thank you all. We probably need a bigger first team squad.

The opposition varied dramatically and sometimes they fielded their strongest teams against us. Boo hoo. We were in danger of going down however closing out sets is imperative and made all the difference at the end of the season.

And those vital extra, fought for points, saved us from relegation.

Wonderfully we ended up comfortably fifth with 75 points

Dinny Ravet, First Team Captain

LADIES' SECOND TEAM

This was a good season, with the team finishing third in Division 3, only five points off promotion.

After an uncertain start against Wood Vale there followed some excellent games, many hard fought, and ending with a win against Coolhurst V at the top of the division. Consistently strong performances from the regular second team members and much appreciated one-off contributions from several third team players suggest we can look forward with confidence to the Winter Season. The following players all contributed to this successful result: Barbara, Sarah, Patricia, Abi, Kate, Norma, Susie, Wendy, Kremena, Ping, Jenny T, Jane D, and Angela.

Jeni Walwin, Second Team Captain

LADIES' THIRD TEAM

The 3rd team had an excellent set of summer matches. Allowing for some rule uncertainty, we only lost one match and the standard was really good. Magnificent support from stalwarts and newcomers – Jenny T, Kremena, Sarah, Angela, Jane D, Amira, Jane A, Carol, Abi, Zoe, Susan and Joanna. We remain comfortably in Division 5.

Sheena MacCallum, Third Team Captain

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

Smashing victory!

After being relegated last year, Stormont Men's 1 squared their shoulders and smashed their way back to Division 2.

With an impressive 26 points margin over the next team, we were clear Champions and the trophy will be coming soon to our beloved clubhouse.

Our success owes much to the consistent availability of the core team of Tim, Ben, Ollie, Nick and Matt. Four of us finished top in the player statistical analysis!

Thanks also to all the other players who contributed on an ad hoc basis, Alfie, Ed, Antonis, Keith and James.

An extraordinary feat was that the team bagged absolutely maximum points in Home matches apart from Tim and Nick who caused much laughter over the final set of the season at St Lukes by only drawing 6-6! Seriously, a great achievement and congratulations to all the players.

Let's keep up the winning spirit.

Fabien Zinsner, First Team Captain

MEN'S SECOND TEAM

So near, and yet so far – Men's Seconds Summer Season...

My first season as captain of Stormont Men's Seconds very nearly ended in promotion, but in the end we fell just five points short, following narrow defeats against our two main rivals in the final matches. Despite this there was much to be proud of, and we look forward to the winter floodlit league to build on this.

A huge thank you to everyone who played, and I can't help but mention that four of our team were in the top ten of the 85 players in the division, with a particular shout out to Keith R, who was ranked first – followed by Everton (5th), Ed (6th) and yes, me, in 9th place! That comes of making a wise choice of partner – thanks Ed! The rest of our 13-man squad was Antonis, David, Eric, Howard, Marc de Leuw, Mark Campbell, Peter Spens, Peter Ware and Simon, all of whom played their best and I hope enjoyed themselves in the process.

Finally thanks to my predecessor, Peter W, for his wise counsel when he handed over to me, and as ever to Dinny for all that she does for the club, and for humouring some of my more eccentric suggested pairings.

Ian Lush, Second Team Captain



Your friendly neighbourhood club!



Highlights from 2016 and Finals Day

Tennis Clubtimes Wednesday 6-9pm and Sunday 10-1pm continue throughout the year

TENNIS

JUNIOR TENNIS TEAMS

10 and under

Jem Florin-Sefton, Aditya Subrahmanian, Agastya Mehta, Cy Cooper, Louis Mills, Thomas Halton, Nathan Roberts and Owen McGinley showed their metal by fighting for every set. They came fifth in Division 2 group B.

12 and under

Jamie Binns, Theo Browne, William Frais, Alex Herskovits, Adam Murgatroyd, Oliver O'Brien, Joshua Muirhead, Jake Shindler, Evan Symonds and Conor Vaughan battled away. They came third in Div 2 group B.

14 and under

Alex Clarke, Gabriel de Leuw, Jake Shindler, Joel Murphy, Joel Moore, Oliver Herskovits, Shay Kohler, Eusebi Vickers, Julius O'Brien and Raphi Birch had some scarily long games. They came fifth in Division 2 group C.

16 and under

Sameer Aiyar-Majeed, Gabriel de Leuw, Robert Buxton, Louis DesForges, Alex Clarke and Ben Simanowitz played all five matches and came third in Division 2 group B.

Well done to all the team players and their marvellous parents who drove the children to matches and stayed at Stormont with them. They provided food and oversaw matches, sometimes for hours and hours and hours in rain and in sunshine!

Dinny Ravet



LUCY'S AUTUMN COACHING SCHEDULE

JUNIOR COACHING

Mon 12th Sept to Fri 25th Nov (Half Term – 24/10 to 28/10)

DAY	TIME	SESSION	COST (10 WKS)
MONDAY	16:00-17:15	U9 ADVANCED	£105.00
MONDAY	17:00-18:15	U14 ADVANCED	£105.00
TUESDAY*	16:45-17:30	TOTS (3-4 YRS)	£39.00
TUESDAY*	17:30-18:15	MISS HITS (5-7 YRS GIRLS)	£39.00
WEDNESDAY	16:00-16:45	MINI RED (5-7 YRS)	£65.00
WEDNESDAY	17:15-18:00	YELLOW BALL	£65.00
THURSDAY	16:00-16:45	MINI RED (5-7 YRS)	£65.00
THURSDAY	16:45-17:30	MINI ORANGE (8-9 YRS)	£65.00
THURSDAY	17:30-18:15	MINI GREEN (10-11 YRS)	£65.00
FRIDAY	15:50-16:35	MINI GREEN (10-11 YRS)	£65.00
FRIDAY	16:35-17:15	MINI ORANGE (8-9 YRS)	£65.00
FRIDAY	17:15-18:00	YELLOW BALL (GIRLS ONLY)	£65.00
FRIDAY	18:00-18:45	YELLOW BALL	£65.00
FRIDAY	18:45-20:00	U14 ADVANCED	£105.00

*These are 6 week courses starting in November.

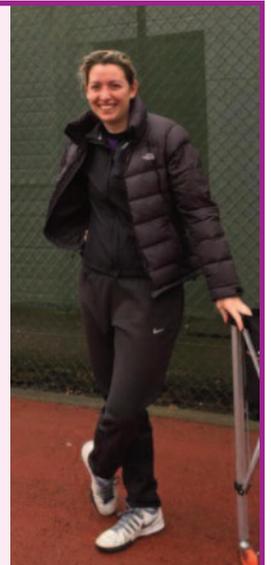
ADULT COACHING

Starting week commencing 12th Sept

DAY	TIME	SESSION	COST
TUESDAY	10.00-11.00	TENNIS XPRESS (BEGINNERS & RUSTY PLAYERS)	£8
TUESDAY	11.00-12.00	IMPROVERS	£8
WEDNESDAY	10.00-11.30	IMPROVERS	£12

Sessions are on a drop in basis, apart from the Tennis Xpress Course which runs every 6 weeks.

If you would like more information or to book please email me at lucy.o.dean@gmail.com or call on 07846 872043. Individual coaching is also available.



Wimbledon tickets

For all members, including Squash players joining British Tennis as a member of Stormont is free.

Go to lta.org.uk/membership.

Every year you will get an email asking you to opt-in for Wimbledon Tickets for the next Wimbledon.

Please reply immediately to this email and opt in for Stormont's allocation of tickets to Wimbledon which increases the percentage of our members who get tickets.

Come to our Ballot at the end of April and you too may win the chance to buy tickets.

Pay your Stormont subscription before 1 October and take 10% off your subscription.

Further details are on the membership application/renewal form and on the Stormont website www.stormontltsrc.com

DINNY'S ADULT TENNIS COACHING GROUPS

Beginners and Improvers Drop-in Groups

Monday 10.00 – 11.30am***
Wednesday 10 – 11.30am***

Improvers and Rusty Players Drop-in Groups

Friday 9 – 10.15am
Saturday 10 – 11.00am

Invitation Groups

Tuesday 1.30 – 3.00pm
Tuesday 7.30 – 9.00pm***
Saturday 11 – 12 noon
Friday 10.15 – 11.45 Knowledgeable and wily doubles players

*** term-time only

Dinny restrings rackets and demos rackets



Contact Dinny Ravet
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COST
Individual lessons £30 an hour
One hour drop in £8
One and a quarter hours £10
One and a half hours £12

DINNY'S JUNIOR TENNIS GROUPS

After school on Tuesdays from 3.50–7.30

Ability and friendship groups. Starting on Tuesday 13

September

Contact Dinny 07961 434889 if you are not already in a group and/or if your friends are playing then and you want to join them

Contact Dinny 07961 434 889



SQUASH



STORMONT BADGERS PELT FOR PROMOTION

Stormont's finest athletes (and Pete) have secured promotion from Middlesex Division 5 after a vigorous summer campaign. Many of the players were dripping with both anticipation and sweat as it went right to the wire with a thrilling final match of the season, won in a fifth-game tie-break with the team score at 2-2. There's been hard-hitting, deception and violent swinging of squash rackets throughout the season – though this was mainly in the car

while driving to away games. Many thanks to Ruffs, "worth a try" Key, Alphonse VII, Puneet, The Miller, Andras, Fabien and Sunil. I am literally chomping at the bit to meet promising new squash players at Stormont, so please get in touch if you'd like to have a friendly hit and/or physically crippling "best of 17" match.

Simon Ruff, Stormont Squash Captain



SQUASH CLUB NIGHT Wednesdays 8pm Join us then

SQUASH COACHING @ STORMONT

The squash coaching provided by *Play Squash* at Stormont will be busier than ever this season with eight different junior sessions running from Wednesday – Friday each week at the beginning of term. The depth of our players grows each year. Well done to all the players who represented Middlesex in the Intercounties and Grand Prix matches and especially to Alex Carey who recently represented Barnet in the London Youth Games with them finishing sixth out of the 32 London Boroughs.

The Play Squash three new faces on the coaching team.

Andras Pal – level 2 coach who will be coaching our Wednesday junior sessions. He will also be coaching and playing for the Stormont senior team. Andras will be available for individual coaching. Please see the website for his profile and contact details.

Nathanial Hodge – level 1 coach and long term junior member who is

working with Tina at the Friday junior session

Blair Dray – level 1 coach who is working with Lucas at the Thursday junior sessions.

Our junior coaching program starts week commencing 5th September. Places are currently limited on some sessions so please ensure you book your place as soon as possible.

Vickie Prow



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Junior Squash Coaching September - Dec 2016

Wednesdays – Starting 7th September 16

4.45pm – 5.30pm Girls only

5.45pm – 6.30pm Mixed

(Free sessions for new participants only)

Thursdays – Starting 8th September 16

4.45pm–5:30pm (Beginners), 5.30pm-6.15pm (Intermediate),

6.15pm-7pm (Intermediate 13yrs+)

Fridays – Starting 9th September 16 – new timings

4.30pm – 5.15pm (Beginners 7-11yrs), 5.15pm-6pm (11yrs+)

6pm – 7pm (Intermediate and Advanced)

Fees for 13 week term (no sessions during half term)

(last session of term 9th Dec)

Wednesdays – £78 members/£93 non member

Thursdays/Friday (45 mins) - £78 member/£93 non member

Friday (1 hr) - £80 members/£95 non members

First 2 sessions free for new players & fees calculated pro-rata on joining

With Lucas Cannistraci, Tina Fuselli, Andras Pal, Steve Thompson & Vickie Prow Level 2 England Squash Qualified Coaches

Booking is essential for all coaching and can be made at any time.

Please contact Vickie Prow on 07796181286, email:

northlondonsquashcoaching@gmail.com to book and sure your place.

Individual coaching available on request.



St Luke's Tennis court needs to be kept tidy. Please take your rubbish and even other peoples rubbish away with you. It's so much nicer to be, and play, in a tidy place.

Bridge at Stormont

Bridge has continued throughout the year. We meet once a month, usually on the second Friday, at 8pm to play bridge in the Club room. Please contact Patricia or Jon on 0208 883 7567 or 07774 146644 for further information if you are interested in playing.

Remember to take the padlocks in with you whilst playing and ensure that you lock up when you go.

The bolt is stiff so please use the brick to close it.

Please tell Dinny or another committee member if anywhere in the club needs some t.l.c.