Coaching changes and more ...

How good it was to see Dylan Gee, our new tennis coach, join Club Night on 21 March to introduce himself and meet members. I am delighted how well he fitted in. He is a ranked player but very good at controlling his power so that all of us can enjoy our tennis with him and learn from his skill. Dylan will be working with Dinny coaching juniors on Thursdays and Fridays and is also available for private coaching. Dylan's contact details are in his piece on page 4

As I said in my email to all members in mid March, we were sorry that Lucy Dean decided that she had to leave us. She has the opportunity to develop her own tennis school in Barnet and that is not compatible with work at Stormont. Many of us have benefitted from her coaching over the last three years. We wish her well with her new venture. The suddenness of Lucy's departure makes us all the more grateful that Dinny has stepped in to fill the gap and that Dylan has been able to join us at short notice.

Our squash coaching team is strong. Vickie Prow has been organising and delivering that for over four years and she has a great group of coaches supporting her. We are especially grateful to Andras Pal for the time and effort he puts into the Club coaching the juniors, leading squash clubnight on Wednesdays and playing (very successfully) for the 1st team.

Congratulations to the 1st and 2nd men's and 1st mixed tennis teams on their promotion in the winter leagues. Both men's results were nail-biting affairs, clinched only in the last match. Both owe much to the leadership of their respective captains, Fabien Zinsner for the firsts and Ian Lush for the seconds, but the consistent teams supporting them were very important too. You can read more in Ian and Fabien's match reports on page 3, together with the reports from the five other teams we run in the

winter leagues. We will try running a third men's team in the winter leagues for the first time next year. There is clearly demand from the men for more competitive matches;

unfortunately, there is insufficient court time in

Dylan Gee and Tony Hulse retreat from the March snows

the summer when teams consist of six players.

The squash teams have also had good winter seasons albeit for different reasons. The first, led by Simon Ruff, has sadly just missed out again on promotion from the highly competitive Div 5. The seconds under my command - if that is the word - have enjoyed a congenial season against friendly opponents of extraordinary skill considering that we are in the bottom division. Our challenge has been to keep out of the "relegation zone". There is nothing below us but we have our pride. Both teams are looking for new blood so all budding players please step forward. Simon and I will be delighted to welcome you.

I have written several times about our development plans for the club. The core element of maintaining our facilities continues as usual and we have to thank Dinny for the work she puts into managing this. Squash players have benefitted from the replastering and repainting of the courts last year and we will have the walls washed shortly to remove the black marks which have since built up. The main tennis courts will be repainted with a binder over the summer holiday. This should give the current surface an extra lease of life whilst we consider the best options for future surfaces. We will also have the Clubhouse floor resurfaced after Easter as part of sprucing up the Clubhouse. There is much detailed work in progress

The larger initiatives - the development plan for squash and working with Hanover Housing on the St Luke's court - have not progressed as far as hoped. Elements are not within our control but you can be assured that we will continue to push forward what we can.

My thanks to all committee members for the work they do on members' behalf. Please come along to the AGM on 18th April at 8pm and make your views known on what you think should be our priorities. I am sure I will see many of you at the Wimbledon draw on 22nd April. Details are set out in the diary (left). And, finally, my best wishes for a very good summer season of tennis and squash.

Tony Hulse Chairman

Stormont Calendar 2018

- APRIL 16 MONDAY After school lessons began
- **APRIL 18 WEDNESDAY 8pm AGM**
- **APRIL 21 SATURDAY Junior Tennis matches begin**
- APRIL 21 SATURDAY 10-2pm Ask Sal tennis and squash clothes and tennis shoes for sale at Stormont
- **APRIL 21 SATURDAY Junior Tennis matches begin**
- **APRIL 22 SUNDAY 1pm Stormonts Wimbledon Ballot**
- APRIL 22 SUNDAY 1.30-3pm Junior Parents and Children Squash **Tournament**
- **APRIL 22 SUNDAY 3-6pm Handicap Squash Tournament**
- MAY 7 BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 1pm David Dorton Doubles Tournament - bring something to share for tea
- **MAY 7 Entries for Stormont Closed Tennis Tournaments close**
- JULY 13 FRIDAY 4.30-7.30pm Junior BBQ
- **JULY 22 SUNDAY 1pm Stormont Closed Tennis Finals**
- AUGUST 25 SATURDAY Entries close for 55 and over Over Round **Robin Tournament**
- OCTOBER 21 SUNDAY Finals of 55 and over Over Round Robin **Tournament**

AGM Wednesday 18 April 8.00pm

details on page 2 free drink before

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Stormont Lawn Tennis & Squash Rackets Club will take place on Wednesday 18 April 2018 at 8.00pm in the Stormont Clubroom.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes from previous Annual General Meeting to be read and approved
- **3** To consider, and to adopt, the Annual Report
- 4 To consider, and to adopt, the Financial Report
- 5 Election of Officers and Committee Members for the coming year
- **6** To determine the subscription rates, entrance fees, guest fees and categories of membership for the year
- 1 October 2018 30 September 2019
- **7** To approve the standard terms of the banking facilities used by the Club
- **8** To authorise the Committee, if it thinks appropriate after due investigation, to rename the Club "Stormont Tennis & Squash Club"
- 9 Any other business and any other points which members would like the Committee to consider during the following year

Nominations for the Committee to be sent in writing before the date of the AGM to

the Secretary, c/o Stormont LT & SR Club,

13 Lanchester Road, Highgate, London N6 4SU

or tony@hulse.cc

Wimbledon Ballot: Sunday 22 April at 1pm in the Club House

Stormont has been allocated 39 pairs of tickets for our Wimbledon ballot. Thank you to all the members who opted in and to Dinny for chasing us up.

Our ballot will be held on **Sunday 22 April at 1pm in the Club House.** With this many tickets, every family has a reasonable chance of winning a pair this year, so do come along. Full details are online at www.wimbledon.com. Wimbledon runs from 2 July to 15 July.

The main ballot conditions are as follows:

- You must be a British Tennis member and aged 11 or over to enter the ballot. Your British Tennis membership details (including email addresses) need to be up to date
- You must have opted in to the 2018 Wimbledon Ballot by 23 February 2018
- You or your delegate must attend the ballot in person and your delegate must be able to select tickets on your behalf
- Only one pair of tickets will be allocated per family

As in previous years, winners will be drawn by lot which entitles you to select your tickets from those available. Thus the first winner can select his or her preferred court and date from all the tickets (we do not know the seat numbers); the last winner (no 39) will have no choice (other than to refuse the ticket). We will draw some reserves in case there are a number of refusals.

We will input the winners' ticket allocations to the LTA website immediately following the ballot. The LTA will contact winners by email as per their British Tennis membership details and allow them 14 days to claim the actual tickets allocated and to pay for them online. Please accept and pay or reject them immediately so that if you do not want them they can be offered to the reserves before the 25 May deadline.

There will also be a telephone purchase facility (0208 487 7000). The LTA will post out the tickets.

If you do not claim your tickets by 6 May, they will be reallocated to reserves. Reserves may win a ticket any time up to 25 May as a result of the LTA reallocation process so watch out for emails or online at www.LTA.org.uk/ballotlookup.

Please ensure that your LTA contact details are up to date. Log into your member's area and tick on 'Details' to edit your profile.



The St Luke's padlocks need to be treated gently.

Make sure the numbers are lined up on the slight metal ridge.

The brick is there to encourage the bolt to close because it's very stiff!!

TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

Monday May 7 starting at 1pm David Dorton Tournament is a

fun Doubles Day. David Dorton was a keen gardener so prizes are plants. Turn up and depending on how many come, you play with the same or different opponents and play loads of tennis. Bring something yummy to share for afternoon tea.

Stormont Closed Tennis

Tournament is our club Knockout Championship Tournament (you must be a member of Stormont). Ladies and Mens Singles, Ladies and Mens Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Entry forms are on the notice board downstairs between the squash courts. Once the draws are up you arrange and book courts for your matches and bring balls. Winners go through. Finals on Sunday July 22 with umpires and ball kids. Start at 1pm followed by a delicious BBQ.

Reminder:

British Tennis Membership

Join British Tennis for free at lta.org.uk/membership. Put that you are a member of Stormont which is in Middlesex. Our Wimbledon ticket allocation and your entry into our ballot depend on the number of Stormont B.T. members we have.

As B.T. members you are asked every year if you want to opt in for Wimbledon tickets. Please do so immediately.

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Bridge at Stormont

Bridge is continuing 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.

TENNIS

STORMONT WINTER FLOODLIT TEAMS

LADIES' 1 – Oscillate between 1 and 2

They have been in 1 and are tumbling ignominiously back to 2.

Players for Ladies 1:

Sally James, Dinny Ravet, Sue Goddard, Hannah Isaacs, Wendy Levin, Jeni Walwin and Barbara.

Sadly Lucy didn't manage to play for us at all this winter and is now off to pastures new.

Dinny Ravet, Ladies 1 Captain

LADIES' SECOND TEAM – Hard fought matches

This was not our finest season. It began with some hard fought matches and it looked as though we might just accumulate enough points to remain in Division 3, where we have managed to hold our position for a number of seasons in succession. However, in the last few matches our luck was down, and we will be joining the teams in Division 4 next winter. This is especially disappointing as we had contributions from so many good players including: Cheryl, Barbara, Norma, Abi, Lou, Patricia, Sarah and Waed.

Jeni Walwin, Second Team Captain

MEN'S FIRST TEAM - Saved by the Fuse!!!

We made it, promoted back to Division 2! It looks easy on paper now – we won 66% of our sets, 56% of our games, and were six points ahead of our rival for the no two slot – but the position was in doubt right to the end.

In retrospect, it all turned on the very first match of the Winter Season. That was against Muswell Hill Methodists at their ground, the same team that we overtook in the final round.

The first leg of that match started with Nick and Tim losing their two sets, Matt and I winning ours. The third set looked very grim with the Methodists storming ahead on both courts, and a complete whitewash in prospect.

However, at 5-1 down for both pairs, an acrid smell filled the air, the floodlights went pop and blackness engulfed us all!!! To everyones consternation, sparks and smoke issued alarmingly from the electrical cabinet in the clubhouse, extinguishing any possibility of further light, play or food

We faced the delicate decision of whether to reorganise the match or to share the points. Who said that matches can only be won on the tennis court? Staring at a heavy loss on the scorecard, we frowned earnestly and offered a draw. To our delight, the Methodists kindly accepted.

So, that fateful decision could well be the margin that powered us to promotion.

Thanks to all the other players, Andrew, Antonis, Benny and Ollie who joined the quest through snow, wind and cold.

Fabien Zinsner, First Team Captain

Men's first team – jumping for joy!

LADIES' THIRD TEAM -

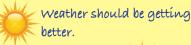
Amazing Competition

The 3rd team faced some amazing competition in Division 4 and learnt lots – concluding perhaps that we should be in Division 5 where we will be returning! Great tennis and strong performances from Jenny T, Jane A, Angela, Susan, Amira, Polly, Ping and Carol.

Many thanks to all players

Sheena Maccallum, Third Team Captain

SUMMERTIME IS THE WARMEST TIME TO PLAY TENNIS



Come out and play tennis.



Lots of different tennis lesson groups and club times to have fun in.

Bring a friend and exercise in the outdoors. Non members welcome up to three times.





Keep improving and play with all the family and friends.

MIXED VETS - Battled valiantly

Mixed Vets have had different players entering the fray and have battled valiantly but are bottom of their division. There are still more matches to play.

Players for Mixed Vets Team:
Patricia, Angela, Dinny, Sue Goddard, Ping, Susan Carter
Ian, Tony, Greg, Mark Campbell, Keith, Bernard, Howard.

Dinny Ravet, Mixed Vets Captain

MEN'S SECOND TEAM – Dizzy heights

Having missed out on promotion by one point last winter, we were determined to make it happen this time around. A solid start to the season was undermined when Keith suffered a nasty fall at the beginning of a match in November meaning four winnable sets were defaulted, but we took maximum points from the next match, managed a respectable three sets against tabletopping Conway III and went into our last fixture needing a minimum of three sets to secure that prized second place. In the end we prevailed comfortably, a 13-3 victory taking us well clear of the chasing pack and meaning we will achieve the dizzy heights (for us at least) of Division 5 next winter.

Thanks to all who played and the many more who offered – so many in fact that we will have a third Men's team next winter. Players were (in order of number of matches played) Keith, Antonis, Ian, Ed, Olli, Everton, Marc de Leuw, Tim, David L, Alex, Tony and Bernard.

lan Lush, Men's Second Team Captain

MIXED 1 – Top position of Division 2

Despite the snow and freezing evenings the Mixed 1 team has played all its matches and is currently number one of Division 2. Other clubs still have matches to play but we are far enough ahead ,with at least nine points clear, to guarantee top position and promotion.

The team has been Fabien, Sally, Matthieu, Hannah and Ben with help from Sue Goddard, Dinny Ravet and Abi Don. Thank you all for playing so well and securing a place in the First Division next winter.

Sally James, Mixed 1 Captain

MIXED 2 – Fell from Division 2

But having come fifth should stay in Division 3.

Players for Mixed 2: Abi, Sue Goddard, Hannah Isaacs, Barbara, Dinny and Jenny Taylor were partnered by Antonis, Mark Campbell, Olli Clifford, Bernard Lo, Greg Nowitz, Nick Ruff and Andrew Shindler.

Dinny Ravet, Mixed 2 Captain

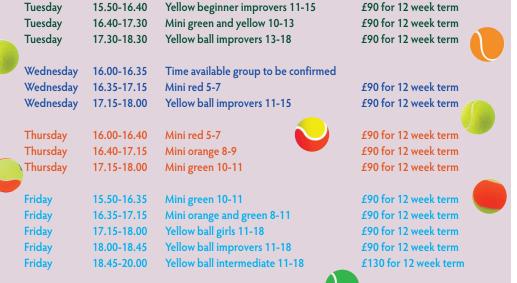
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TENNIS



Junior Group Tennis Lessons at Stormont Summer Term 2018





contact Dinny Ravet Mobile 07961434889 dinnyravet@gmail.com





www.stormontltsrc.com

For more information please contact the coaches individually -Dinny 07961 434889 or dinnyravet@gmail.com

All juniors aged 8 years and older must be a member of the club to participate – details can be found at www.stormontltsrc.com

DINNY'S ADULT TENNIS COACHING GROUPS

Beginners and Improvers Drop-in Groups Monday 10 - 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 Saturday 11 – 12 noon

Friday 10.15 - 11.45am Knowledgeable

and wily doubles players

*** term-time only

COST **Contact Dinny Ravet** 29 Fortismere Avenue Individual lessons £30 an bour London N10 3BN One hour drop in £8 mobile: 07961 434889 One and a quarter bours £10 One and a half hours £12 dinnyravet@gmail.com

Dinny restrings rackets and demos rackets

FOR ALL YOUR TENNIS COACHING **NEEDS**





DYLAN GEE

I am a level 3 tennis coach and have worked with all age groups from juniors to seniors, including coaching internationally in Germany and Qatar.

I played two years of collegiate tennis in the States, then played professional tennis for just over a year, gaining ATP singles and doubles points. Currently I'm playing university tennis for UEL and studying sports and exercise science. I have a keen passion for tennis and fitness and would love to help you guys improve.

I look forward to meeting you all and contributing to Stormont.

I will be working with Dinny coaching the juniors but am delighted to offer private coaching. Do get in touch on 07599 450028

SQUASH

STORMONT 1ST SQUASH TEAM WINTER SEASON

After a strong start to the season, Stormont's finest treaders of the board suffered a few unfortunate defeats and the dream of promotion into Division 4 eluded us. Ruffs and Andras secured 29 match victories, it's fair to say everyone else conscripted into the team had a tougher time! But thanks to Fabien and Nat for playing at 4 and 5, and to Puneet, Tony, Zen, Stuart, David and Zach for stepping in when required. We're in Division 4 already in the summer and looking forward to some challenging matches ahead.

Simon Ruff, First Team Captain



STORMONT BADGERS



STORMONT 2ND SQUASH TEAM

A tough season again for the second team in Division 6. The standard is remarkably high for the bottom division. We have been competitive throughout but have only managed four victories from 14 matches. Puneet Mehta and David Breslin have done a great job at 1 and 2 bearing the brunt of our opponents' talent; Zen Bawani and Wendy Levin have had reasonable success at 4 and 5; and I have had a few epic victories but more often been pipped at the post. We have missed Stuart Miller for the second half, out for injury, but my thanks to Zach Moss and Sunil Sagger for stepping in when needed.

My thanks to everyone for their support and consistency turning out, at times putting team before family and friends at times.

There is plenty of room for more players. Volunteers, please come forward!"

Tony Hulse, Second Team Captain

STORMONT SQUASH MEMBERS please ensure you join England Squash at www.englandsquash.com/membership. It costs nothing as a Stormont member and you need to be members to play in tournaments and matches



END OF WINTER SEASON SQUASH TOURNAMENTS

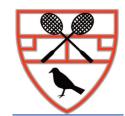
On Sunday 22nd April (the day of the Wimbledon ticket ballot) we are very excited to be hosting a Parent & Child Squash Tournament (the Scruff Cup) from 1.30-3pm. This will be organised by Dinny, please come along or contact her in advance for more details.

At 3pm on the same day we will hold the traditional end-of-winter-season Nick Hanika Handicap cup – all are welcome to participate.



SQUASH CLUB TIME WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Stormont Club Night



Wednesdays from 7.40pm until everyone's too tired to continue. Open to members and non-members. Free lights – just bring your racket

JUNIOR SQUASH

Another exciting and busy term for Stormont Junior Squash. With the support of Middlesex Junior Squash and working with the Haringey Sports Development Trust, Stormont hosted a primary schools festival at the club. The festival involves inviting Y5 & Y6 students from local schools to receive free coaching from our resident squash coaches followed by a mini tournament or match play. Each student leaves with new skills and an introduction to squash. A number of these participants have now signed up for our regular junior sessions and we hope they will move on to play more.

More primary school festivals are planned for next term.

Highgate Primary School Students at Stormont Primary Schools Festival

Our half term and holiday camps seem as popular as ever with new participants using it as an

opportunity to try squash for the first time and our regular players to enhance their skills, or just to catch up and play with their friends. Over Christmas a number of juniors took part in the tournament at Oakleigh Park, many walking away with titles and prizes.

February 18 Half Term Camp

Stormont juniors continue to be involved in more activities and have played in tournaments at Radlett (and winning), Oakleigh Park and Connaught. Well done to all those that took part. Watch this space (*see above*) for more details on the results of the Parent and Junior Squash Tournament (the Scruff Cup) to be held at the club on 22nd April (1.30-3pm).

Easter/Next Term

As ever it doesn't stop and we have a full program of squash activities for our junior at Stormont and neighbouring clubs. This gives our players more opportunity to play a broader spectrum of players, meet new people and enhance their skills. Our regular after school activities start again after Easter.







Fees:

at

Stormont Lawn Tennis and Squash Rackets Club



13 Lanchester Road, London N6 4SU www.stormontltsrc.com

Adult and Junior Squash Coaching April - July 18

Juniors (Term Time)

Starting w/c 16th April to 15th July 2018 no coaching during half term (28th May – 3rd June)

Wednesdays: 4.45 - 5.45pm beginners 7 yrs +

5.45 – 6.45pm beginners/intermediate 10 yrs +players

6.45 - 7.45pm Intermediate players

Thursdays: 4.30 – 5.30pm beginners/new players 7-11 yrs

5.15 – 6.15pm beginners/intermediate 11+ yrs

6 - 7pm intermediate players 11+ yrs

Fridays: 4.15 – 5.15pm beginners 7+ yrs

5.15 - 6.15pm beginners/intermediate 11+ yrs

6 - 7pm intermediate/advanced 11+ yrs

£72 members/£84 non members per term. First 2 sessions free for new

junior participants & fees calculated pro-rata on joining.

Oriving Particination in Souash

Adults (2 x 6 week blocks)

Starting w/c 16^{th} April to 15^{th} July 2018 no coaching during half term (28^{th} May - 3^{rd} June)

Wednesdays: 10 - 11am Women only. 1st 2 sessions free to new participants.

£42 for 6 weeks or £7/session

Payment should be made for all term sessions in advance by BACs to Sort code: 30-96-26, Acct: 22867560. Payment in cheque (payable to "Play Squash") or cash must be given to the coach. Equipment provided.

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

Contact: Vickie Prow 07796181286 or email: northlondonsquashcoaching@gmail.com.

With England Squash & Middlesex County Coaches Guido Cannistraci, Andras Pal, and Vickie Prow.

Play Squash & Patagonia Squash Training Academy





Easter Holiday Junior Squash Camps 2018 (7 – 17 yrs)



Beginner/Intermediate – ideal for new players to learn new skills and improve match play

Intermediate/Advanced – training and matches with some of the top county junior players

Date	Time	Venue	Levels	Price
4 th & 5 th April	10am – 3pm	Oakleigh Park Squash Club	Beginner/Intermediate	£25/day
5 th & 6 th April	10am – 3pm	Stormont Squash Club	Beginner/Intermediate	£25/day
9 th , 10 th & 11 th April	10am – 3pm	Stormont Squash Club	Beginner/Intermediate	£25/day
10 th , 11 th & 12 th April	9.45am - 12.45pm	Oakleigh Park Squash Club	Beginner/Intermediate	£5/day**
11 th , 12 th & 13 th April	10am – 1pm	Finchley Manor Squash Club	Intermediate/Advanced	£25/day or £70 for all 3
		with Lucas Cannistraci		

Bookings must be made in advance via BACs to 30-96-26 Acct: 22867560. Courses may be cancelled with 48 hour notice if insufficient bookings received.

Booking is essential: Contact Vickie Prow on 07796181286 or email: northlondonsquashcoaching@gmail.com. All equipment provided.

Venues: Oakleigh Park LTSC 100 Oakleigh Road North, N20 9EZ

Stormont LTSC 13 Lanchester Road, N6 4SU Finchley Manor Club Lyndhurst Gardens N3 1TD

** These courses are provided by Barnet Youth and must be booked via <u>www.barnetyouth.uk</u>. Book early!!



