

Twists and Turns

Welcome to the 2018/19 season. I hope all members enjoy some excellent tennis and squash.

You may have gathered from my Delphic comments in recent reports that the opportunity has arisen to secure our use of the St Luke's tennis court. We are very grateful to Hanover Housing Association, the owners, for letting us continue to use the court and the current arrangements have worked well during the planning and construction phase of Woodside Square. However, now that the development is completed the Club needs to ensure a more permanent solution for the longer term.

All of us recognise the limitations of the St Luke's court, in particular that it is several hundred yards from the clubhouse and has no toilet facilities. However, short of moving the whole club, which nobody wants, it is the best option to ensure that we can play three pair league tennis and it relieves pressure on court usage at Lanchester Road. Therefore, we want to grasp this opportunity and secure our position for future generations of members.

I will keep you informed on progress.

Members will also have noted the benefits of the recent repainting of the Lanchester Road tennis courts. The surface seems like new. Of course, it is not really but the paint includes a binder which should extend the life of the tarmac for several years. It should also keep the moss at bay for longer during the winter and moss is the major cause of slipperiness.

I am sad to report that Andras Pal, our dedicated squash coach for the last three years, has moved to Reading, too far for commuting to be practical. All of us who have been coached by Andras will miss his insight and patience and the men's first squash team will be the weaker without his reliable wins at No 3. I am delighted that Nat Hodge who has grown up at the Club and is now level 2 qualified as a coach will take over. Vickie Prow will continue to manage squash coaching at the club as she has done very effectively over the last five years.

Dinny Ravet continues to run tennis coaching. Dylan Gee helped us greatly over the last six months but his university commitments mean Dinny will be taking on more herself this term, though we are recruiting extra support.

The summer tournament was a great success with lots of twists and turns played out in exceptional warmth and sunshine. The finals were all hard-fought. Nick Ruff nearly broke Fabien Zinsner's hold on the men's trophies, battling him in the singles, doubles and mixed. Better luck next time, Nick. Wendy Levin also resumed her hold of the ladies' trophy, beating Zoe, her daughter, who was mischievously described as "outwending Wendy"; well not quite, or should I say, not yet. Full details of the results and lots of pictures. (*right*)

The Middlesex Tennis Leagues also saw some close contests, with promotion hanging in the balance for Mens 1 and 2 and Ladies 2 until the last. Congratulations to all three teams and their captains on managing strong campaigns and commiserations for just missing out (or in the case of Men's 2 that is the expectation when final results are posted). Further details inside. Middlesex Squash also sees us on the brink of promotion, sadly probably the wrong side. Simon Ruff's match reports are epics in the genre and should be required reading for anyone who likes zany humour.

As I say each year, Stormont is a private members' club so what we do is entirely with the interests of members in mind, having regard to the local community in which we operate and seek to cooperate. If there are improvements or changes you would like, please let me or any committee member know.

Finally, I would like to offer thanks to all committee members on your behalf for the time and effort they put into the club's affairs.

Tony Hulse, Chairman

TENNIS FINALS 2018



Fabien Zinsner beat Nick Ruff with some often ferocious power 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (5)

Wendy Levin vs Zoe Levin was a mother and daughter epic with many rallies over 20 strokes and one rally of 45 strokes. No wonder it took 2 hours and 28 minutes.

At one stage Zoe out-Wendied Wendy by brilliantly getting every ball back in the court and making her opponent run and run and run from side to side. Wendy won in three 6-2, 4-6, 7-5



Sally James and Hannah Isaacs beat Wendy and Zoe Levin 6-0, 7-6 (5)



Fabien and Matt Zinsner beat Nick Ruff and Tim Clarke 6-1, 6-2

Sally James and Fabien Zinsner beat Dinny Ravet and Nick Ruff 6-0, 6-7, 6-2



TENNIS

MIDDLESEX SUMMER TENNIS MATCHES

LADIES' FIRST TEAM

Kept the demon of relegation at bay

Abi, Sue Goddard, Sally, Wendy, Dinny and Hannah had great support from Barbara, Cheryl, Gina, Susie and Waed. We started the season badly and didn't always do as well as we would have liked to against weaker teams but happily kept the demon of relegation at bay and came 5th with 84 points.

Dinny Ravet, First Team Captain

LADIES' SECOND TEAM

One of the most successful seasons in recent years

Finishing third in Division 3, only two points behind Conway in second place, counts as one of our most successful seasons in recent years. We won six of our seven matches, losing only to Muswell Hill Methodists who topped the table. Much of our success can be attributed to the large group of players we were able to draw on. The results are a credit to everyone involved: Cheryl, Gina, Barbara, Susie, Norma, Kate, Abi, Patricia, Sarah, Lou, Ping, and Jane A. Thanks to Janete for making herself available at the last minute for the match against MHMethodists. Finally, my personal thanks to Susie for taking over the captaincy early in the season when I was out of action.

Jeni Walwin, Second Team Captain

LADIES' THIRD TEAM

Bizarre results!

Janes Ackroyd and Drinkwater, Susan, Polly, Amira, Sheena, Kremena, Emily, Patricia, Angela and Jenny Taylor all played for us.

One team dropped out so we sadly only had six matches to play.

Bizarrely we got some of our best results against the teams that came top.

We came sixth but only two points below those in fifth and hope to stay in Division 5.

Sheena MacCallum, Third Team Captain

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

Near Miss!

The Mens 1 had a really good summer season beating all the best teams with more or less margin, and we only managed to lose two matches narrowly – against the two bottom teams!!!

So we are finishing 3rd in Division 3, only three sets shy of the dearly awaited promotion slot following last year's relegation.

One of the main improvements over the last few years is that we had a strong and consistent third pair with Andrew and Olli playing all season. Both kept gathering points, as did Tim, Nick, Matthieu and Ben as usual at first and second pairs.

Unfortunately, we missed some key players for some important matches and that probably made the difference to our promotion (some due to theatre nights out or swimming lessons badly arranged).

Many thanks also to the ad hoc support of Antonis, David, Everton and the De Leuw Père et Fils enjoying the opportunity to battle with us in the last match on grass. Overall a positive season!

Fabien Zinsner, First Team Captain

MEN'S SECONDS SUMMER SEASON

Won five of our seven matches

Stormont Men's Seconds won five of our seven matches, gaining over 100 points and only losing badly once when we coincided with an England World Cup match. 16 players turned out, including debutants Thom and Ben S, and Gabriel, Keith, Olli and Marc won all their sets. Other players (in order of matches played) were me, Alex, Everton, Edmund, Bernard, Eric, Mark C, Antonis, Peter S and Peter W. As things stand we are second but likely to finish third if the team below us ever play their last match, so well done and thank you to all and to Dinny for the support.

Ian Lush, Second Team Captain



FLOODLIT LEAGUES

We have entered a third mens team this year which will be captained by Greg Nowitz to give more enthusiastic men the chance to play in matches. So three ladies teams, three mens teams, two mixed teams and one mixed vets team. That's many matches to fit in.

Would anyone interested in playing in the 3rd men's team please send an email to Greg at this email address saying – I want to play.
Gregnowitz@hotmail.com

Tennis Singles ladder will be up and running soon. Please contact Dinny if you want to join in



Junior Tennis Teams

Having talented athletes at Stormont is a blessing and a curse as frequently juniors are unable to play in tennis matches as they are committed to other sports teams. Athletics, chess, cricket, football, netball and swimming are some that clash with tennis matches. We nearly always managed to field a team and we kept on fighting till the end.

10 and Under Mixed

Elliot Hague, Uday Sharma played two and came 5th.

12 and Under Boys

Cy Cooper, Marco Glaser, William Gordon, Joseph Hind, Agastya Mehta and Fred Sterrett played three and came 4th.

14 and Under Boys

Jamie Binnes, Freddie Bonfield, Theo Browne, William Fraiss, Joel Moore, Isaac Morris, Josh Muirhead, Olli O'Brien and Conor Vaughan played all four matches and came 4th.

14 and Under Girls

Isabel Hughes, Amani Kohler, Lizzie Reed, Anya and Yahvi Shah played all five and came 6th.

TENNIS CLUBTIMES

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

If you are not a member of British Tennis please join now, Lite membership is free as a member of Stormont. Please opt-in for Wimbledon tickets for Stormont and therefore for all our members, not just yourselves. Please do this immediately you get an email from British Tennis asking you to. This saves Dinny from doing lots of nagging.
<https://www.lta.org.uk/member/>

TENNIS

Junior Group Tennis Lessons at Stormont Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday	15.50-16.35	Mini green and yellow 10-13	£96 for 12 week term
Tuesday	16.35-17.25	Yellow improvers 11-15	£96 for 12 week term
Tuesday	17.25-18.20	Yellow ball improvers 13-18	£130 for 12 week term
Wednesday	15.50-16.30	Mini red 5-7 beginners	£96 for 12 week term
Wednesday	16.30-17.15	Mini red 5-7 already played	£96 for 12 week term
Wednesday	17.15-18.00	Yellow ball improvers 11-15	£96 for 12 week term
Thursday	16.00-16.45	Mini red 5-7	£96 for 12 week term
Thursday	16.40-17.15	Mini orange 8-9	£96 for 12 week term
Thursday	17.15-18.00	Green and Yellow	£96 for 12 week term
Friday	15.50-16.30	Mini green 10-11	£96 for 12 week term
Friday	16.30-17.15	Mini orange and green 8-11	£96 for 12 week term
Friday	17.15-18.00	Yellow ball girls 11-18	£96 for 12 week term
Friday	18.00-19.00	Yellow ball intermediate 11-18	£130 for 12 week term

Please note we have now put the younger children first every day of the week.
All children must be members of Stormont to take part in these lessons.
Renewal is due on 1 October 2018 and forms will be sent out with the newsletters mid September.
10% off if you renew before 1 October 2018

Please rsvp to confirm and book by contacting Dinny at dinnyravet@gmail.com or 07961 434889

Stormont Tennis and Squash Club, 13 Lanchester Road, London N6 4SU
www.stormontltsrc.com

SQUASH

STORMONT SQUASH TEAM COMPETES COMPETENTLY

I dread to think how many litres of sweat have been shed on court by the Stormont team during this fiercely competitive summer of squash in Middlesex Division 4 – still, the Stormont squash players are a healthy bunch and we always have a jug of water or two and a defibrillator on hand! The result of our heroic efforts is that Stormont is tantalisingly close to the promotion realm of the division, but we'll have to wait for the dust to settle before knowing if we'll make it into Division 3 next summer.

There have been euphoric victories, tragic defeats and many adventures to distant rival squash clubs, and I'd like to thank everyone who's played for and supported the team, helping to make the role of captain a pleasure rather than a chore. Key players are Ruffs x two, Fabien, Puneet, Louis and Stu, with much-appreciated guest appearances from Tony, Nat, Andras, Alfie and Mike.

We're hoping to run two squash teams in the winter, and whilst I like to think the first team isn't overly-competitive, the second team is definitely "social" first and foremost, so if you've ever contemplated playing a bit of squash, why not come down on a Wednesday evening from 7.45pm for club night, join the squash ladder and perhaps take part in some team games?

Simon Ruff, First Team Captain

DINNY'S ADULT TENNIS COACHING GROUPS

Beginners and Improvers Drop-in Groups

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

Dinny restrings rackets and demos rackets

Contact Dinny Ravet

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London N10 3BN

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FOR ALL YOUR TENNIS COACHING NEEDS

COST

Individual lessons £32 an hour

One hour drop in £8

One and a quarter hours £10

One and a half hours £12



STORMONTIANS



For the Stormont End
squash team
- enlist today! -



Left, Dinny's hi-tech water cooling system!

Pay your Stormont subscription by 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

Stormont First Squash Team



Activate your England Squash Accounts

Remember to activate your England Squash membership (go to www.englishsquash.com to so).

It is required to play in team matches and vital to secure benefits such as public liability and personal accident insurance, SquashLevels membership and exclusive member video content. Remember also to sign up for ES membership when you complete your Stormont Membership Application and Renewal form; the cost is heavily subsidised by the Club.

Ladies only Squash Coaching Every Weds

From 5th Sept 18 @ 10am

www.stormonttsrc.com

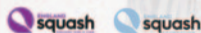
Stormont Squash Club
13 Lanchester Road,
London N6 4SU

For players of all levels - ideal for beginners. 1st two sessions free!!!

Booking essential. Contact: Vickie Prow
Email: northlondonsquashcoaching@gmail.com
Telephone: 07796181286
www.stormonttsrc.com

Come and try one of the world's healthiest sports. Have lots of fun, learn new skills, and get fit! All equipment provided.

#SquashGirlsCan



Saturday Fun Squash Play Sessions

Ladies 10.00-11.00 and Juniors 11.00-12.00.
£2 Members £4 Non-Members

Girls only Squash Coaching Every Weds

Starting Weds 5th Sept 18 @ 4.45pm

Stormont Squash Club
13 Lanchester Road,
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For players of all levels 7-17yrs. 1st two sessions free!!!

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SQUASH CLUB NIGHT Wednesdays 8pm Join us then

SQUASH COACHING @ STORMONT

The Play Squash Team has had another piping hot summer and many of our players were thankful to get out of the sun and on to the cooler squash courts during the summer holidays. There were eight days of camp, which kept our players in check and busy training for the forthcoming season. Thanks to Guido, Nat and Andras for running these camps.

This term we say farewell to Andras. Andras recently moved to Reading and the journey to Stormont has become a little too much and too far, but never fear he still might turn up when he's not coaching at Reading to cover the odd session here and there. On that note we're delighted to advise that Nat Hodge will now be our junior coach on Wednesday and Friday. Nat recently completed his Level 2 ES Coaching Qualification and been absolutely great with the juniors. Nat will also be looking to reinstate the junior and ladies free play/club session on a Saturday so watch this space for more information.

Stormont now has 15 junior players who are now part of the Middlesex Squad who will be representing their county at intercounty matches. Congratulations specifically to Noe Ceasar who has been selected to be part of the High Performance Squad training regularly with the county coaches. We look forward to seeing some exciting results to report later in the year.

Our coaching program starts from 5th September and we would like to see more ladies and girls join our Wednesday sessions. It is Women's Squash Week during 22nd - 30th September and we want to encourage all women playing squash at week to make lots of noise about it and share your pictures with us.

Looking forward to seeing you on court soon.

Vickie Prow

Play Squash!

Driving Participation in Squash

at

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Adult and Junior Squash Coaching September – December 18

Juniors (Term Time) – 14 weeks

Starting w/c 3rd September to 15th December 2018
no coaching during half term (22nd – 28th October)

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

Fees: £84 members/£98 non members per term. First 2 sessions free for new junior participants & fees calculated pro-rata on joining.

Adults (2 x 7 week blocks)

5th September – 17th October 2018 &
31st October – 12th December 2018
no coaching during half term (28th May – 3rd June)

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

£49 for 7 weeks or £8/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, Nat Hodge, Julian Prow, and Vickie Prow.

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.