



Looking Forward

Welcome to the 2021/22 membership year. We are all looking forward to and hoping for an uninterrupted year of tennis and squash.

I hope that as many of you as possible will rejoin on 1st October. You will note that membership rates have been reduced by 20% for renewing members affected by 2020/21 lockdowns which means that this year's subscription is especially good value, back at the level of 2013/14. The Membership Application and Renewal form sets out the details (sent separately and also available on the Stormont website).

Thank you to all members for patiently bearing with the various restrictions on play that Covid has necessitated since March 2020. Happily, this summer's Middlesex tennis leagues were possible, albeit without the usual hospitalities which often make these matches so enjoyable. You will find reports of the Club teams' successes and tribulations on page 3. Congratulations to Mens 2, ably captained by "get a grip" Ian Lush who won promotion to Division 6. We look forward now to the Middlesex Winter tennis leagues where we field nine teams – three mens, three ladies, two mixed and a veterans mixed team. Similarly, the Middlesex Winter squash leagues should also resume after a lapse of 18 months. See inside for details of the Autumn junior and adult tennis and squash coaching planned by Paul Salter and Vickie Prow.

Membership numbers continued to increase during the Summer. Welcome to all those who joined. However, tennis court bookings reached a level where to preserve availability for existing members, the Committee decided in June that we needed to close our membership list for full Club membership until the new membership year. However, squash court usage remained and still is low, so we introduced a special offer for squash only joiners for the period July to September. I am delighted to say that 26 squash players took advantage of the offer. One feature is that they can join as full members from 1st October without paying a joining fee, and I hope as many as possible will do so. We need more players for our internal and external squash leagues.

The various projects I wrote about in the Spring Newsletter have progressed but at a disappointingly slow pace. Thus, as regards the acquisition of the St Luke's court, the broad framework was long ago negotiated with Anchor Hanover, the owner. We have now agreed the mechanism and terms for assuming the Section 106

obligations Haringey imposed on Anchor Hanover for the court. These require a degree of public access and use of the court. The proposed arrangements will give priority booking to our members but allow the public pay-to-play access to unbooked courts. To coin a phrase, the ball is now in the Council's court to respond to the proposals. Just as important for members, once the court is acquired, we will be able to proceed with

various planned improvements to it.

The second delayed project is the conversion of the Club from its current status as an unincorporated association into a company limited by guarantee. At the Club's online AGM in April, the in-principle proposals summarised in the Spring Newsletter were approved and strongly endorsed by those members who spoke at the meeting. Unfortunately, since then, the legal advisors working with us have become unresponsive – at least that is one way of putting it! Finding alternative advisors is proving difficult. It transpires that restructuring like this is a relatively esoteric area of law and few firms outside the largest have experience of it. Talking to other clubs who have made the transition, they have adopted a remarkably DIY approach, which we consider unwise. We will continue to pursue this initiative, which is not only good housekeeping, but the company will be important as the vehicle for acquiring St Luke's.

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 (07802 608580) or any committee member know.

Tony Hulse, Chairman, 30 August 2021



Finals day 2021



TENNIS

WHAT A GREAT FINALS DAY

Boy it was hot. Not a cloud in the sky all day. Nevertheless the quality of tennis was amazing. We found umpires and begged people to line judge. Thanks to all of them.



Izzy MacCallum and Abi Don kicked off proceedings. Long rallies and amazing consistency saw Izzy win to retain her title.



Nick Ruff had to wait for Alex Minogue-Stone to arrive but only a few minutes late. This was a very different match. Fierce serving, heavy top spins to the corners and wicked backhand slice. Alex won to retain his title.



Izzy's poor feet already had blister plasters on but a fresh pair of socks were delivered by a kind parent. She and Harriet Grynfelt shaped up against Hannah Isaacs and Sally James. Defence is great but attack is better. Victory to Hannah and Sally. Luckily Hannah's 20 month old son Hugo and husband Sam only arrived just before the end as little cries of Moma might have been a little distracting.



Alex regripped his racket and was joined by Callum Conway-Shaw to take on Gabriel de Leuw and Tim Clarke. This match went the distance in a sizzling three setter with some dazzling net play. Alex and Callum clinched it.



Paul Salter turned up immaculate in his white tracksuit top just in time to play in the mixed. He and Sally James were the hot favourites but Thom Gould and Dinny Ravet fought valiantly and retrieved brilliantly. Thom's smash that hit the top of the net and trickled over was the luckiest shot of the match.

Sadly Paul's tweeny failed to make it back in court.

The crowd opinioned that it was a very entertaining match – a 6-4 6-2 win to Sally and Paul – not bad given that when we were 0-3 down we feared double bagels.

Kevin ran the bar brilliantly and he and Sally kindly provided some free sausages on Covid safe forks.

Umpires Dinny, Wendy, Jon, Keith and line judges too many to name roasted in the sun with suncream, hats, umbrellas and towels and teatowels over legs to prevent burning.

A marvellous Covid-safe event.
Dinny Ravet



TENNIS



The 2021 Tennis Finalists receiving their trophies

TENNIS TEAMS

With three Ladies and three Mens tennis teams lots of players have had a chance to play in matches against other clubs.

Playing in matches is very different to Clubtime tennis or playing with friends.

You have to discover opponents weaknesses and use your strengths against them.

It's all too easy to let a lead slip away against determined opposition.

You must fight till the very end to get points for Stormont.

We sometimes played in dreadful conditions to get matches played.

The higher teams try not to use another team's players more than once unless absolutely necessary as that would burn them out for the lower team; and we mostly managed.

Thanks to everyone who played, particularly those who stepped in at the last minute.

LADIES FIRST TEAM IN DIVISION 1

We started the season badly and we feared relegation but looking at the final results it shows that we played the three best teams first. Sadly Sue pulled her hamstring so only played in the first three. We dug in and fought here, there and everywhere.

Thank you to the 12 players who played for us. Dinny and Sally played in all seven, Barbara and Wendy played in six, Abi in four. Cheryl, Hannah and Harriet played in two and Gina, Ping and Waed played in one match.

We ended the season happily in fourth position with 98 points just three points behind the third and only seven points behind the second team.

Dinny Ravet Ladies First Team Captain

LADIES SECOND TEAM

This was the first season for the Ladies Second Team in Division 2 and it delivered plenty of good tennis across the six matches. We managed three wins, one draw and two respectable losses so we ended the season in third place which is a great credit to everyone in the squad. Thank you to all the players who contributed to this excellent result: Cheryl, Harriet, Ping, Norma, Polly, Patricia, Izzy, Waed, Gina, Susie, Sarah, Jenny T and Susan C.

Jeni Walwin Ladies Second Team Captain

LADIES THIRD TEAM

We had some very good matches winning four out of our seven matches in Division 5 but unfortunately the matches we lost gave too many points to our opponents and we will be relegated to division 6. Great contributions from all – many thanks to Jenny T, Jane A, Jane D, Amira, Janete, Izzy, Susan, Patricia, Katherine, Armelle, Polly, Gina and Carol.

Sheena MacCallum Ladies Third Team Captain

MEN'S FIRST TEAM IN DIVISION 2

With Matthieu, Ben and Ollie having moved away and with Fabien working in Inverness, Tim having had a shoulder operation and Paul suffering from injuries Stormont Men's 1 had lost a lot of their strength. In our first match we only lost 8-16 but turns out Highgate Cricket 2 will also be relegated. In subsequent matches the best points we managed were 5. However I am proud to say we always managed to field a team. They valiantly went out like lambs to the slaughter. Was it fun? Maybe but, I fear, not always, especially on wet, drizzly and indeed raining, cold days. We used second team players but only burnt out Mark Campbell for them which allowed them to keep fielding good players.

Thanks to all 17 Stormonties who played for the firsts. Nick Ruff played in six, Antonis played in five, Alex M-S, Gabriel and James played in four, an always injured Andrew played in three, Callum, Dan Taylor, Fabien, Mark Campbell and Tim played in two and Ash, Everton, Jem, Marc de Leuw, Ollie and Thom played in one. Hopefully our players will keep improving and we will do better in the floodlit and next year's summer leagues.

TH comment: Many thanks to Dinny for stepping in and managing the team – great work

MEN'S THIRD TEAM

Stormont Men's Thirds made their debut into the Middlesex Summer League East Division 10 this year. We enjoyed nine matches and a number of practice sessions through the season. Thanks for all the understanding, patience and support, as we juggled 21 different players into the various slots. This included six Stormont debuts and we welcomed back a number of players who have not participated in the league matches for some time. Despite the restrictions on hospitality, our ambition was to follow a social format, with enjoyable tennis our top priority. A special thanks to Dinny and those players who filled in at the last moment when we found ourselves short. We end the season in a relaxed fifth spot, with four victories enjoyed.

Team members: Alex, Ash, Bernard, Chris, Colin, Dan, David L, David P, Eric, Greg N, Greg R, Howard, Ian, John, Josh, Marc I, Mark C, Peter W, Sam, Stuart, Theo.

Greg Nowitz Men's Third Team Captain

MEN'S SECOND TEAM

A topsy-turvy summer season for the Men's Seconds came to a very satisfactory conclusion with promotion from Division 7. We started with two heavy defeats leaving us bottom on just 14 points, then turned things around completely with five consecutive victories, including two by 20-4, and a vital final match whitewash against a weak Winchmore Hill team. Having finished before our main rivals, we waited whilst they completed their fixtures, and promotion in second place resulted after Barnet surprisingly failed to gain the 11 points they needed in their last match, whilst Pavilion also fell short. Huge thanks to my squad, Alex L, Antonis, Ash, Callum, Colin, Everton, Josh, Keith, Marc d L, Mark C, Peter S, Thom, Tim (and me!), and particular congratulations to Thom, Keith and Josh, second, fifth and sixth in the divisional rankings.

Ian Lush Men's Second Team Captain

TENNIS CLUBTIMES
Wednesday 6-9pm and Sunday 10-1pm

TENNIS

AN EXCITING COMPETITION

After the lockdowns were finally over this year, things started to get back to normal and one of those have been team matches against other clubs.

I have been teaching a group of boys, all under 14 members, for a couple of years now, all of whom are proficient and competent enough to play matches. I therefore entered them into the Middlesex league representing Stormont.

I wanted to give all the boys at least one match (as there are 10 to pick from but only a max of six can be picked to play each match. After a slow start (losing to Coolhurst 8-4) we got stronger and stronger, winning our other four matches against Temple Fortune, Brondesbury, Farm Walk and Wood Vale.

I gave the boys an incentive that if we happened to win the league I would buy them all pizza.

The league ended on a knife-edge. Coolhurst who beat us in the first match went on to win four of their matches and so matches were tied.

We tied with them on rubbers to 46 -14. Our points were also the same, 46.

Sets for and against ended up being 50-22 for Coolhurst with a 69.4% win ratio and 49-20 for us at a 71% win ratio.

Games for and against were 322-215 for Coolhurst at 60.0% and for us 266-172 at 60.7%

We should have won the league by the narrowest of margins, unfortunately there seems to be some sort of confusion within the Middlesex LTA league department as they have Coolhurst on top???

I have appealed this and will await their decision.

Statistically we are the Champs, but the Pizzas are on hold boys!!

Well done and a shout out to all who played.

Max Carolan-Boss, Toby Hughes, Anton Vlassev, Marco Glaser, Rafael Hidalgo, Alec Roberts, Cody Sweet-Purcell, Pablo Hidalgo and Agastya Metha.



Tennis Programme for Adults & Kids



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ROAD TO WIMBLEDON

Another competition I was able to hold this year, was the annual Road to Wimbledon event

This again is an under 14 competition, that is open to all from 11-14

The club winners (plus sometimes runners up) are put through to a regional competition event, with those winning through that, playing at Wimbledon in the National Finals. We held our event on the 6th of June with round robin matches, a semi-final and a final.

Thank you to all the boys who participated on the day, there were some good matches to watch, and all were played competitively and with fair sportsmanship.

The Eventual Winner was Alec Roberts who defeated Rafael Hidalgo in a first to 10 champ tie-break third set, on a sudden death point 10-9

Both boys eventually went on to play in the Regional finals, but unfortunately didn't manage to progress further to get to play at Wimbledon, however I'm sure the experience was not wasted, and this will spur them and the other boys on to keep competing.

Paul Salter, Head Coach

Stormont Tennis Coaching Programme

JUNIORS

Children's Classes to resume on the 7th September - 23rd October (7 week term up to half term holiday)

Half Term camp 25, 26, 27, 28 October

Classes to then resume for 6 weeks on the 2nd November - 11 December (spare week for rain cancellations if needed 14-18th December)

ADULTS

Adult classes on Saturday mornings 10-11, 11-12 to resume on the 4th September with usual weekly booking procedure.

All details are on the website www.tptennis.net



Juniors

Course	Day	Time	Weeks
Teddy Tennis (Under 4s)		teddytennis.com	
Mini Red / Orange Transition (6-8 yrs)	Tuesday	3:45pm - 4:30pm	Per term
Mini Red Ball (5-6 yrs)	Friday	3:45pm - 4:30pm	Per term
Mini Orange (8-9 yrs)	Thursday	4pm - 4:45pm	Per term
Mini Transition (9-11 yrs)	Wednesday	4pm - 5pm	Per term
Mini Transition 2 (10-12 yrs)	Thursday	4:45pm - 5:30pm	Per term
Mini Green (10-12 yrs)	Tuesday	4:30pm - 5:15pm	Per term
Mini Transition (10-12 yrs)	Thursday	4:45pm - 5:30pm	Per term
Mini Green / Full Ball Transition (12-14 yrs)	Tuesday	5:15pm - 6:15pm	Per term
Yellow Ball 1 (15+ yrs)	Wednesday	5pm - 6pm	Per term
Yellow Ball 2 (13+ yrs)	Thursday	5:30pm - 6:15pm	Per term
12&U Boys Team Training	Friday	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Per term
Girls Teen Training	Friday	5:30pm - 6:30pm	Per term
16&U Boys Team Training	Saturday	4pm - 5pm	Per term

Number of weeks vary per term. Please check on the bookings page for this. All junior classes to be booked online @tptennis.net

Adults

Course	Day	Time	Weeks
Reliable Ralliers	Saturday	11am - 12pm	Ongoing
The Four Fundamentals	Saturday	1pm - 2pm	Ongoing

SQUASH

We are looking forward to the new squash season 21/22 without COVID restrictions. It was a tough 20/21 for our players with lots of court/club closures, and the lack of competitive play, but we will be back with style and passion this term, with lots of opportunities to play squash and take part in our coaching programme.

We will start our junior coaching programme from 6th September and are planning adult/ladies sessions to start soon. We will also be celebrating Women's squash week during 19th – 26th

September with a series of free events. Watch this space for more information.



On 3rd October Nat Hodge will be hosting the Stormont Junior Closed tournament. This tournament is for all junior players who play squash at Stormont. Please contact Nat as soon as possible to book your place.

The Middlesex Junior Squash tournament will take place on 4th and 5th September at Cumberland and we have 11 Stormont players taking part: Keya and Zen Shah, Tom and James Orton, Conor and Joseph Rennard, Jenson and Caleb Schafer, Alex and Oliver Herskovits and Noe Ceaser. We wish them the best of luck.

RETURN OF THE BACK (wall boast)

Well, Tony tried to tell you so (Yes, he did)

But in case you didn't know

As the racket sports they go

Squash at last can join the flow

'Cos I knew it from the start

Covid, when you broke my heart

That we had to squash again

And show Middlesex Division 4 that we'd win

This of course is a roundabout way of saying that team squash is going to resume this winter and Stormont will be entering a team. It's been great to see some new joiners pounding the old timbers, along with many of the old guard dusting off their rackets. We're always pleased to welcome new or returning players to the sport at Stormont.



Simon Ruff,
1st Squash Team Captain



Meenal Devani accepting her prize for winning the last handicap squash tournament.



2021 STORMONT JUNIOR CLOSED
SQUASH TOURNAMENT OCT 3RD, 2021

EVENTS
U15, U16, U17, U18, U19
(AGE AT TIME OF COMPETITION)

ENTRY CLOSING DATE
SEPTEMBER 20TH

ENTRY FEE
£7 (£8 FOR NON-MEMBERS WHO PLAY AT STORMONT)

ENTRY INCLUDES
MINIMUM 3 MATCHES
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Junior Squash Coaching
6th Sept – 18th December 21

14 Week Programme (Term Time)

no coaching during half term (25th – 31st October)

Junior Squash Coaching			(non member fee)
Tuesday	5-6pm	Beginners & Junior Squash Stars**	£115 (£150)
Tuesday	6-7.30pm	Advanced Academy	£190
Wednesday	4.30 – 5.30pm	Beginners & Junior Squash Stars**	£115 (£150)
Wednesday	5.30 – 6.30pm	Development/Intermediate	£115 (£150)
Wednesday	6.30 – 7.30pm	Intermediate Advanced	£115 (£150)
Friday	4.30 – 5.30pm	Beginners & Development	£115 (£150)
Friday	5.30 – 6.30pm	Development/Intermediate	£115 (£150)
Friday	6.30 – 7.30pm	Intermediate/Advanced	£115 (£150)
Saturday	10 – 11am	Beginners & Junior Squash Stars**	£115 (£150)
Saturday	11am – 12pm	Intermediate	£115 (£150)

Groups are organised by ability and not age and will be restricted a maximum of 4 players per court. Sessions spaced and organised in accordance with England Squash COVID19 guidance. Max of 8:1 per coach.

Junior Squash Stars**: £30 for Dunlop squash kit and 2 free sessions
With England Squash & Middlesex County Coaches
Tawanda Mawushe, Brendon Mounter and Vickie Prow

Booking is essential for all group coaching and can be made at any time.
Contact: Vickie Prow 07796181286 or email: northlondonsquashcoaching@gmail.com.

First session is free for new junior participants (excl Junior Squash Stars) & fees calculated pro-rata on joining.

Payment should be made for all term sessions in advance by BACs to
Sort code: 30-96-26, Acct: 22867560.

Equipment including rackets and goggles is available for new players, but players are encouraged to have their own after 6 weeks. Players must wear clothing suitable for sport and clean indoor non marking trainers.



RENEW NOW
 We were full with a waiting list 20-21
 Renew NOW and before
 1 October
 and get 10% off
 and ensure you are a member of lovely Stormont for 21-22



Stormont Tennis and Squash Club LIST OF OFFICIALS

COMMITTEE

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SUB COMMITTEES

Maintenance, Covid
 Maintenance, Covid
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 Maintenance
 Covid

TEAM CAPTAINS

Squash – Simon Ruff
 Mens Tennis First – Fabien Zinsner
 Mens Tennis Second – Ian Lush
 Mens Tennis Third – Greg Nowitz
 Ladies Tennis First – Dinny Ravet
 Ladies Tennis Second – Jeni Walwin
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All committee members and captains can be contacted via info@stormonttsrc.com