

## TENNIS UPDATE

- MARC POWELL -

### JUNIOR PERFORMANCE

#### Mini Tennis

Numbers are increasing all the time and at present we've got around 50 kids in the scheme, but it's not only the quantity but the quality that's very good. The Mini Tennis Green Regional Championships, held in Nottingham, involved five players from Dallington. Three out of four boys and two out of four girls were in the Northants team, and overall the county finished first!

Zaaki Khawaya, (seven years old), won the 1994 age group invitational competition at Kings Park on Sunday, 16th June.

#### National Club League Junior

Very good performance this year. In the boys, U11, U13, U15 and U17 all qualified from the county stage through to the regional stage.

#### National Club League Senior

Unfortunately the Men's team didn't progress past county stage and the Ladies have faced strong competition and have been relegated to National Division 2.

#### School Work

I am at Spratton three days a week

coaching 6-10 year olds. It is going well and Dallington has attracted pupils from the school to junior club night. Vicky Wild is coaching at Wellingborough for four hours on a Wednesday, which is predominately mini tennis work.

#### Road to Wimbledon (U14 club stage)

This event has been staged at four clubs in the county, Oundle, Corby, County and Dallington. We had eight girls and 16 boys in U14 competition. Winner and runner-up go through to the next stage (county stage at King's Park on 22nd, 23rd June).

#### Boys

Winner - Ollie Hedley Whyte

Runner-up - Nick Greenhalgh

#### Girls

They didn't play a final but the two finalists were Charlotte Gibbons and Vicky Page.

#### Men's Night

We're getting good numbers, but as well as that the better players are starting to turn out. Therefore there's a new format this season whereby Marc Powell makes sure the best players (A-C team) always play with similar standard men, rather than mix and match.

## MEMBERS' CORNER

Changes to the committee at the AGM - we said farewell to David Fairbairn, who had served on the committee for 17 years as Treasurer and more recently as Secretary, Richard Mant, who looked after the bar so well, Celia Boueke and Rachel Hardie. We welcomed Silvana Cook (Secretary), Di Murkin and Christoph Boueke.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Fiona and Phil Cronin on the safe arrival of Rory - the youngest tennis groupie to be seen at Dallington in support of 'mum'. Fiona has been selected to represent Northants Ladies Vets at Eastbourne in August and will team up with Ann Barr, Margaret Bradshaw and Mandy Gillam under Chrissie Sierwald's guidance as Team Captain. We wish them every success this year.

To Paul and Sarah Hampden-Smith on the arrival of Ben.

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### WINTER KNOCK OUT

LADIES

MENS B

MENS A

#### WINNER

Charlotte Gibbons

Tom Breckwoldt

Simon Stuart

#### RUNNER-UP

Vicky Page

Dale Lewis

David Barrick

### EASTER TOURNAMENT

BOYS U-14 SINGLES

BOYS U-12 SINGLES

GIRLS U-14 SINGLES

GIRLS U-12 SINGLES

BOYS U-14 DOUBLES

BOYS U-12 DOUBLES

#### WINNER

Ollie Hedley Whyte

Ben Calnan

Jodie Williams

Jodie Williams

Chris Loche

Mark Judd

Andy Hayward

I. F. Pemberton

#### RUNNER-UP

Callum Andrews

Alex Henderson

Lilly Hearn

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Andrew Hayward

Ollie Hedley Whyte

Marcus Sharpe

Luke Hayes

There was no girls doubles this year.



## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

We are always short of active committee members, especially on the social scene!

Please call me on 01733 845402 during the day if you feel you could participate.

Peter Winslow

## TOP JUNIORS

### DALLINGTON'S TOP PERFORMANCE JUNIORS AT RICKMANSWORTH

After the success of the first trip to the Totteridge Tennis Tournament in October, I took 16 of Dallington's performance squad players to the Rickmansworth Tournament over the Easter break.

Despite having a problem with the minibus on the first day everyone managed to start their matches on time.

The standard of the tournament was very high but we produced some very good performances. Simon Stuart fought a close match with the number one seed (a 2.1 rating) in the quarter finals of the under 21s, eventually losing 6-7 6-2 6-7 (12-10) - very good considering that Simon has been suffering from a back injury for the past three months.

Charles Swallow came runner up in the under 12's, John Westcott was also runner up in the plate after narrowly losing to a 2.3 (7-5 in the third set) and many players had close matches with players rated much higher.

Overall, it was another good learning experience - both for myself as coach and also the players, who had the opportunity to compete against higher ranked players. It was great for team spirit and we all had lots of fun.

I was completely shattered by the end of the week - but it was well worth the effort.

Daimon Oliver

## CHAIRMAN'S VIEW

By the time you receive this Newsletter I hope that all works to the Club House and mini tennis court will have been completed. The Committee appreciates that the members have been inconvenienced over recent months by the ongoing works and the time taken to finish them. Unfortunately we did experience considerable delays in getting the LTA's rubber stamp to be applied to our funding application, which in turn delayed the start of building works and, of course, there have then been the usual builders' delays.

Further, as a lot of you will know, we have also suffered a series of break-ins which (mildly putting it!) have been messy and irritating. This has caused Roberta and Committee members (in particular Margaret Green) additional work in clearing up and liaising with the Police. It is very much hoped that these break-ins, which seem to have involved the same culprit each time, will now be at an end.

I now hope that these irritations are behind us so that members, and those involved in running the Club, will be able to enjoy their time at the Club much more than in the recent past.

Andrew Rudkin

## DALLINGTON LEADS THE WAY...



Two lads enjoying the new Mini tennis court

The LTA has a mission to attract new young players to tennis, and Dallington LTC is aiming to do just that. As one of nine mini tennis accredited clubs in the county we are the first to build a Kids Zone.

### So, what's a Kids Zone?

It's a purpose-built brightly painted Mini tennis court to provide a safe learning environment where young members can get fit, be active, chill out, learn tennis, be social and have fun.

I hope you did not miss the Grand Opening on 4th July, in conjunction with our own American Independence evening with barbecue and fireworks.

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## Financial Focus

Since the Winter 2001 Newsletter, my role as treasurer seems to have been superseded by a new role as construction project manager, but more about that under LTA Club Vision! From a financial point of view, Roberta has eased my workload considerably, for which I am very grateful. Subscriptions have been coming in well and receipts are slightly higher than at this time last year, which is encouraging. Expenses will be high this year because of the architects, legal and valuation fees of over £2,000, which the Club has had to pay to satisfy the LTA funding requirements!

Other expenditure has been kept to a minimum with the exception of ground maintenance, where a £500 bill for rebuilding one of the mowers and a £1000 bill for felling a dead tree that was in danger of demolishing a pensioner's bungalow, have been incurred during the last few months.

A further expense, in terms of lost revenue of approximately £500, has resulted from the recent periods of burglaries at the Club, which, hopefully, have now come to an end. Management of coaching costs will also be considerably higher than last year, but these will now be offset to some extent by the first instalment of £2,500 from the LTA revenue funding, which will be available shortly. Hopefully the improved facilities and new mini tennis court will attract more new members over the next few months, as our income generation will need to improve considerably next year.

Roger Pinnock

## CLUB NEWS

January 2002: I started in the new post of Club Manager who " ... will assist with the administration of Club affairs and liaise with all those involved" (Andrew Rudkin: Dallington Match winter 2001)

Although relatively quiet at the club, there was a lot to do behind the scenes and I was soon shown the 'ropes' by Committee members.

### Six months on, our achievements include:

- The rejuvenation of Court 3 with new floodlights
- Formation of a new committee at the AGM - some new faces
- Rusty Racquets - new course for those parents who haven't taken up a racquet for years
- Huge facelift to the changing/toilet facilities. Don't

forget to bring your shower gel/shampoo etc ...

- Helen's Saturday group - new development course for selected juniors
- Regular coaches' meetings to discuss all aspects of tennis programmes and schedules
- Welcome package for all new members
- Successes in all areas of junior tennis from minis to NjCL
- Kids Zone - have a look at the revolutionary new court for mini tennis
- Increased mail-out for tournaments at Dallington
- 'New' Ladies fleeces (champagne £20, navy £24) **ON SALE NOW!**

## LTA CLUB VISION

After many frustrating months of legal negotiations, we finally secured the LTA funding for the capital project in May.

Because of the extreme delay, we took the decision to finance the refurbishment and replacement floodlighting for court 3 from our own funds, and also to start work on the Clubhouse alterations and mini tennis court in anticipation of the funds being available by the time payments to contractors were due! Fortunately this gamble paid off, and, although the Clubhouse and mini tennis court work has taken a long time, both are now virtually finished rather than just about to start,

which could have been the case if we had waited for the money to be in the bank! Thank you all for your patience (from your self-appointed project manager) I hope the new facilities will be enjoyed and cared for by all members.

The remaining refurbishment and new floodlighting for court 2 will now be done in August/September so that the court is ready for the winter season. It will be wonderful to actually be able to see the ball in the winter Vets matches this year!

## Helen Richardson

Helen has just taken the final exams of her English degree at University College Northampton and is awaiting the results. In July she is going to do a course in Teaching English as a Foreign Language in Plymouth and in

September will start her Postgraduate Certificate in Education at Birmingham University. Unfortunately this means she will be leaving the club at the beginning of September. Her ability as a player and a coach will be greatly missed, but she will no

doubt transfer her enthusiasm, sense of fun and ability to motivate children in the classroom and become an excellent teacher.

We thank her for all she has done for the club and wish her every success in the future.

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Roger Pinnock

## STUDENT NEWS

### Caroline Green

- Studying at Bristol Uni - MSc Chemistry
- University Ladies Tennis Captain
- Working for Securicor at Wimbledon as security officer at the competitors' entrance the only drawback is having to drive across London for a 7am start!

### Helena Green

- Completed 2nd year at Exeter Uni, BSc Geography
- University Ladies Tennis Captain
- Summer job at the Wimbledon Champs - may be sighted in Debuture's Restaurant
- Claim to fame - holder of the strawberry eating competition at Wimbledon
- Plays for Ladies 'A' and NCL

### Lois Powell

- Travelling, now in Sydney, Australia

### Robyn Everson-Watts

- Plays for NCL
- Studying at Sutton
- Taking six months 'gap' at David Lloyd, Adelaide, Australia

### Sam Sierwald

- Completed 1st year Nottingham Uni, BA Modern Languages
- Tennis Assistant, Nottingham
- Currently undertaking DCA course at Kings Park - working at Dallington to fulfil course requirements
- Summer in Russia
- University exchange next year in Brisbane, Australia

### Alex Halsey

- Completed 2nd year Loughborough Uni
- Plays Men's 'A'

### Simon Stuart

- Two years 'gap' coaching at Rushmere
- Plays Men's 'A'
- Place at Loughborough Uni - 2003