

Financial Focus

June 1st has arrived to herald the new summer season, and a request from Peter Winslow for my contribution to the Summer 2005 edition of Dallington Match. The sky is grey outside, and drizzle is in the air, and our thoughts turn to tennis (watching the French Open on TV indoors, I mean!)

Subscription income has been good to date, but it appears there are quite a lot of outstanding subscriptions that will not be renewed this year, so we will need new members to replace them. We need the same level of income as last year to enable us to resurface Court 2 and refurbish Court 4 in the autumn, which will cost us a minimum of £15,300.

No major exceptional items of expenditure have occurred so far, and the vandals have turned their attention to burning down newly completed houses in our vicinity, rather than a boring break-in at the clubhouse!

Ray and I have tested a powered rotary brush that appears to be able to extract the dead moss from the courts, which has been causing so many problems. Ray has decided in his inimitable way that it will work better pulled backwards, rather than pushed forwards as it is intended to be used! The cost will be within the £550 annual equipment budget that is funded from the LTA Revenue Funding Contributions, so I am hoping to get approval from the committee for the purchase in the near future.

Roger Pinnock

Club News

It's great to see the dry sunny nights coming back again. Since the last edition we have held the open season party, which was poorly attended. However those that did had a fab time. The Ladies day time tournament was a great success with over 16 pairs entering. Many thanks to Caroline, Roberta and Nicky for helping the event to run so smoothly.

Great success was achieved in the Northampton winter leagues with Ladies A & B both top of their respective leagues. National Club League results for both Juniors and Ladies have been turbulent, however many thanks for the captains and organisers for getting the players to the destinations.

There are a couple of events still to come this summer. The Club championships should now be in full swing (updates on club website), John Henry junior

tournament starts end July, and the Kia / Daily Express NCL dealer day July 23rd is going to be used as an Open Day. Any members coming to this event please make an effort to bring a friend.

Good luck to all players in the Summer teams representing Dallington LTC and those in the Mellor Cup & Stevens shield.

Any ideas for fund raising or running events please give me a call Alex Dunn 07739426683.

Easter Camp and Summer Camps

During the Easter holidays 35 children of all ages took part in the Easter Camp, the weather was good and fun was had by all that took part.



Over 20 juniors took part in the fun coaching sessions, organised by James Haley and the rest of the coaches working at Dallington.

The Summer Camps enrolment forms for 2005 are in the club house. 1st week is 1st Aug - 5th Aug, 2nd week is 22nd - 26th Aug. Please contact James Haley on 07747785344 for further details.



Mini Tennis

from Lead Coach, James Haley

It's been a busy year so far, now two thirds of the way through our mini grand slam event. There are several Dallington players performing very well not only at DLTC but at other tournaments held at clubs throughout Northamptonshire.

This year we seem to be excelling in Mini tournaments, with Rachel Kings (mini green county champion) Eden Cornwell (mini green runner up), Ellie Burns (mini red county champion), Tom Punch (mini green winner at Duston LTC), Nicolas Cowen (mini Orange County LTC).

Membership Cards

Last year individual membership cards were left in a box in the clubhouse for members to collect from June onwards. At the time of the AGM there were still a large number that had never been collected! This year's committee approved my proposal that a membership card be produced without any of the annual information on it, and issued in future to new members only. This will save the Club about £250 per annum, which the committee felt was a useful saving.

Apologies to the small band of existing members that have already queried when they will be getting their 2005 Membership Card!

Roger Pinnock

Mini Events

Good Weekend for Dallington Kids

On Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th March 2005, girls and boys from Dallington took part in the Mini Red and Mini Green County Tournament held at Kings Park.

On Sunday 3rd April 2005, the first of the Mini Tournaments took part at Dallington.

Mini Green

In the Mini Green Tournament the progress of the children in the third round of the event was clearly visible since they first started back in May.

In this event, 6 boys and 6 girls took part; they were split into two groups and played in a round robin format. The winner of the boys group was Shakeel Manji who played Casey Wiles in the final and the winner of the girls group was Rachel Kings and runner up was Abigail Amos.



In another group the children in were split into two mixed groups with the top two players going through to the semi-finals. Rachel Kings was the clear winner of Group A only dropping 2 games in 5 matches.



In Group B the draw was tighter with Shakeel Manji winning all of his matches and Eden Cornwell only dropping one match against Shakeel, their score ending 4-3 to Shakeel.

Rachel played Eden in the semi-final; the match was a good battle with Rachel winning 4-2. Shakeel played Alice and won comfortably 4-1.



The final was played to a very high standard of tennis, the games were all fought to numerous deuce/advantage. Rachel was the overall winner beating Shakeel 4-0.

On Sunday

Eden Cornwell and Rachel Kings both won their groups and had to play each other in the final. The winning trophy went to Rachel Kings and runner up trophy to Eden Cornwell, a first and second for Dallington.



On Monday

Kings Park held an Ariel Under 10's competition. Rachel Kings and Shakeel Manji both took part. With only 3 girls entered, the matches were played as a round robin and Rachel Kings won both her matches. The points for this go forward to the next heat.

Also on Monday Market Harborough were holding a Mini Green Tournament. Eden Cornwell played in the Mini Green mixed tournament and won all her matches and secured another first place for Dallington.

Mini Orange

The Mini Orange event saw 8 children taking part; the overall winner of the event was Joseph Clare.



The third round of the Mini Tournaments took place at Dallington on Sunday 26th June 2005, the day started out dull but as the tennis got underway the sun came out and the event went on well into the evening.

The Mini Orange event was played in a round-robin format with the two winners from each group playing in the Final. Ellie Burns won all her matches and had to play Lindon Ilfe in the final, the play was excellent with Ellie winning 10-8.



Well Done Ellie!

On Saturday Ellie Burns won all her matches and took the Mini Red title and trophy.



Corby

Rachel Kings and Eden Cornwell took part in the Mini Green Tournament held at Corby Indoor Tennis Centre on Wednesday 30th March.



With five girls entered the girls both played four matches. Both girls played some excellent tennis, Eden won 3 of her 4 matches only losing to Rachel, and Rachel won all of her matches. Another first and second for Dallington.

Nottingham

On Thursday 31st March, Eden Cornwell took part in a Mini Green tournament at West Bridgeford Tennis Club in Nottingham. The event was divided into two groups.

Eden won all of her group matches and went on to play a 10-year old girl from Derby. Eden lost in the final 5-7, 5-7, finishing the day as runner up.

