

Finals Day-Saturday Afternoon 5 September

This Saturday afternoon is Finals Day and all members and families are welcome to come along and socialise, watch tennis and support your club. Barbecue mid afternoon onwards.

Coaching on Sunday mornings

Coaching continues until the end of September with the usual time slots: 10.00 - 10.30: Junior beginners; 10.30 - 11.15 Juniors; 11.15-12.00 Older Juniors; 12.00-1.00: Adults. Last day = 27 Sept.

All members welcome. Thanks to our coaches Bruce and Wendy



PUSH FOR NEW COURT SURFACING

The Tennis Committee has been very active this year to investigate the options for rejuvenating the courts. We would like to have all-weather courts and floodlighting to extend the play to all year and allow members to play more. We have sought help from Tennis Scotland, the governing body for tennis in Scotland



We need to fundraise and promote our case for support. It will take a lot of effort but the Committee feel that after 3 summers of rain, we need to invest in the future of the club.



The 100 year old blaes no longer drains properly and ponds after heavy rain - sometimes for days.

CLUBMARK

As part of improving our club, we have signed up to Clubmark, the LTA's club accreditation programme, which gives us a framework to help us improve, grow and attract new members. As part of Clubmark, we need to log our activity. One part of this is to ask members and their children who come along to coaching to fill in a brief form as part of ensuring we can provide a good and safe service. Being part of Clubmark enables us to have a chance of funding and support from Tennis Scotland and the LTA

TENNIS COMMITTEE

Your tennis Committee has been active throughout the season. Thanks to:

Phil Carmichael - President
 Brian White - Vice President
 Dougie Lindsay - Secretary
 Fiona Carmichael - Membership Secretary
 Alistair Cant - Treasurer and Webmaster
 assisted by:

Judith Tewson / Teresa Sutherland - Boys team organisers (and Trainer, Neil Perkins)
 Paul Jenkins - Club championship / Girls events
 David Oates - Ladder co-ordinator
 Murray Cockburn - Courts convenor/Ranger
 On the web: www.merchistontennis.net

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP

Membership for people in affiliated clubs (like Merchiston) is free. See what being a member can bring in benefits - www2.lta.org.uk/Membership

MTBC GENERAL COMMITTEE

The combined Tennis & Bowling Club is run by the General Committee and several reps from the Tennis Section attend. Recently Alistair Cant gave a brief presentation to this Committee on our court plans