

# **DALGETY BAY SQUASH & TENNIS CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2011**

### **2011-12 Membership Renewals (1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012)**

The Club has not increased membership fees for the last 4 years and, in light of the current financial climate, is again giving members the opportunity to pay the same fees as last year. Membership fees for 2011-2012 are being increased slightly as per the rates below but anyone paying their fees in full on or before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011 will be charged at last year's rates.

	<b><u>Paying by</u></b> <b><u>30/04/11</u></b>	<b><u>2011-12</u></b> <b><u>Rates</u></b>
Adult Squash or Tennis	£140	£150
Adult Squash & Tennis	£190	£200
Family Squash or Tennis	£290	£315
Junior Tennis	£35	£40
Youth Squash or Tennis	£55	£60
Youth Squash & Tennis	£96	£100
Student/Senior Squash or Tennis	£70	£80
Student/Senior Squash & Tennis	£125	£130

We have introduced a reduced membership rate for senior members (over 60 years old and permanently retired) which is the same as the student rate.

Two membership forms are attached – one for those paying in full on or before 30<sup>th</sup> April and one for those who do not. You MUST complete one of these forms and return it either by hand, post or email to Eric McCabe, together with payment or a completed Direct Debit mandate. Any members who have not provided a completed membership form will not be issued with a keyfob and will therefore not be able to get into the Club.

#### **Replacing Standing Orders with Direct Debits**

The administration of the Standing Orders has become increasingly difficult and time-consuming, with the Club losing money due to the inefficient way that the banks process Standing Orders. This year we are replacing Standing Orders with Direct Debits which will allow members to continue spreading the cost of their membership throughout the year if they choose.

Members who currently have Standing Orders which continue beyond the end of March 2011 should cancel these through their bank with immediate effect.

Direct Debit payments will normally be collected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month but the first payment will not be taken until after the 15<sup>th</sup> April. Your first payment will include an amendment for any subscriptions already paid in advance and we will confirm what your payments will be before they are taken. Transactions will appear on your bank statement as 'PSL re Dalgety Bay Squash&Tennis'. If paying by Direct Debit you must complete all parts of the attached Direct Debit mandate except the Reference Number.

#### **Improving security**

Over the last year we have had recurring problems with the lock on the Club's main gate and have taken the decision to replace it with a much more secure electromagnetic locking system. Members will be issued with keyfobs which will release the lock on the gate when passed in front of a proximity reader beside the gate and these same keyfobs will also open the outer door of the

squash building. The gate will also have a much stronger self-closing spring so that it closes itself behind you. This system will make the Club more secure and will also make it much easier for members to get in and out of the Club.

Installation will be carried out in April and the new locks will be active from 1<sup>st</sup> May. Keyfobs can be collected at the Club on any of the following dates during April at:

10.00am – 12.00am on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> or Sat 30<sup>th</sup>  
7.00pm – 9.00pm on Tue 19<sup>th</sup>, Sun 24<sup>th</sup>, Tue 26<sup>th</sup>

You will only be able to collect keys if you have already provided your completed membership form or bring it with you when collecting keys. Members will be required to pay a £5 refundable deposit for each keyfob. Once the new system is in operation you can dispose of your existing gate keys.

### **Improving communication with Members**

We aim to significantly improve our communication with members and the first step is to make sure that we have up to date contact details for all members. Email will be our primary method of contacting members so if you have an email address it is important that you include it clearly on your membership form. Those without email addresses will receive communications by post.

### **Committee Members & contact details:**

President:	Alastair Grant	01383 825352	
Vice President:	Pete Jones	01383 724941	petejones3103@btinternet.com
Treasurer:	Bob Cooper	01383 822056	
Secretary:	Tom Gilmour	01383 824137	tom.gilmour1@btopenworld.com
Membership Sec.:	Eric McCabe	01383 820642	dbstc@hotmail.co.uk
Members:	Gill McAllister	01383 825098	
	Anne Dumper	01383 823291	
	Tommy Tait	01383 825106	
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Junior Members:	Liam Jukes		
	Catherine Holland		
<u>Squash</u>			
Court bookings:	Pete Jones	01383 724941	petejones3103@btinternet.com
Mini leagues:	Dave Edwards	07773 357679	david.edwards@bbcap.co.uk
Coaching:	Graham Kirk	07725 916568	

### **President's Report:**

2010 has been another good year for the Club. The squash section has the strongest membership numbers for some time and the ladies tennis team were promoted. On the social side, the tennis and squash club nights were well attended and the Race Night was a great success. We are currently arranging another one for late May and will confirm the date shortly.

The squash teams continued to dominate the leagues whilst the men's tennis teams enjoyed most of the matches but were not able to achieve the success of the ladies' team who after some years of development, won promotion for the first time and hopefully will continue that run of success this season.

With regard to the Junior Tennis Section, we have to thank Tom Gilmour again for all the time and effort he puts into coaching and team organisation as this continues to encourage many children not only to try tennis but to further their interest in the sport.

We are always trying to maintain and improve the club premises and facilities and last year embarked on providing a new clubhouse which I think represents one of the biggest projects we have undertaken for a number of years. The clubhouse is nearing completion and for this, we have to thank Tommy Tait, Eric McCabe, Bob McAllister and Bob Cooper for all the hard and skilled work and efforts they have put in, to enable this magnificent building to be completed.

Over the next year we plan more work in the squash building and will continue to complete the interior of the clubhouse as well as the ground works outside.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the commitment, support and initiative of last year's Committee who all made valuable contributions to the running of the club. I hope we will all enjoy our Club and our squash and tennis in 2011.

## Squash

### Team News

All Lothian league teams are well positioned and competing for top 4 places with two of the teams having a real chance of promotion.

### Fife League

The Fife team are currently 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fife League with only two games of the season remaining. This year is proving to be more challenging as we are being pushed all the way by Kirkcaldy. Fingers crossed for a good run to the end of the season.

### Competitions

Entry forms for the club competitions are currently on the notice board. Anyone who wishes to enter should put their name and contact details on the appropriate entry forms. The draw will take place on **13 March 2011** with the sheets going up on the notice board on the **14 March**. Time is short, we aim to have the **finals on Sunday 24 April 2011** (this will be confirmed once all entries are in) so would appreciate if all games are played promptly. For those who enter, good luck.

### Summer Team Squash

Is anyone interested in playing in an internal team squash summer league between May and August? If so, please [contact Pete Jones](#).

### Mini-Leagues

Why not join the Mini-Leagues? It is a great way to meet new people, improve your play and encourage you to play at least once a week. The winter league will finish mid March; however a summer league will be run until August. The new winter league will start in September. Watch the club notice board for details.

It has been noticed that some leagues have not been active at all over the winter, if you do not want to play in the leagues please let Dave know and he will remove you from the leagues. Alternatively score your name off the leagues. Thank you. [Contact Dave Edwards.](#)

### **Club Nights**

Club nights on both Sunday evening (from 6.30 p.m.) and Tuesday evening (from 8.00 – 10.00) continue to be well attended. Everyone is welcome irrespective of standard of play. The fee for club nights is £2 in order to contribute to the cost of the lights.

**Light Meter Charges** - these remain at £1.00 for 20 minutes.

### **Junior Coaching**

Coaching is held on Sunday morning from 10 – 11 a.m. Anyone interested in Junior or Adult coaching should [contact Graham Kirk.](#)

## **Tennis**

### **Social Tennis**

Club nights are held on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 p.m. onwards. We would also like to play on Sunday afternoons (2 p.m.) and would encourage as many members as possible to come to ensure a good attendance. Social tennis is for fun and enjoyment and all standards. We welcome anyone interested in coming along. Just turn up and play, you do not need to bring a partner. We can also play tennis outdoors in the winter and for club nights members are asked to contribute £1 towards the cost of the lights.

### **American tournaments**

We intend to hold regular American style tournaments again this year, for both adults and juniors and dates will be advertised in due course.

### **Tennis Teams**

We have 2 men's teams (Div. 4B & 6B) and one ladies team (Div 6B), also teams in men's Veterans, Winter Leagues, Club singles and Pringle Cup. For juniors we have an U/18 boys' team in the East of Scotland Leagues. League matches start on 18<sup>th</sup> April. Anyone interested in playing for any team should [contact Tom Gilmour.](#)

To allow junior teams to take part in matches, we require volunteers to assist with the co-ordination/transport and would urge parents/guardians to help. Please [contact Tom Gilmour.](#)

### **Club Championships (Finals Day will be on Sunday 11 September 2011)**

The following events will be held - Men's Singles, Ladies' Singles, Men's Doubles, Ladies' Doubles, Mixed Doubles, U/11 mixed event, U/14 Boys and Girls, U/18 Boys and Girls.

1. Anyone wishing to enter should [contact Tom Gilmour by 30<sup>th</sup> April.](#)  
The draw will be posted in the clubhouse shortly thereafter.

2. All adult quarter and semi-finals will be played in the 3 weeks prior to Finals Day.
3. All adult matches before that stage must be played by the start of the summer holidays.
4. Junior matches will be in the form of a tournament, incl. semi-finals, but finals will be held on Finals Day.

**LAST YEAR MATCHES WERE NOT PLAYED ON TIME - THIS YEAR PLAYERS WILL BE SCRATCHED IF THEY DO NOT PLAY ON TIME.**

**Coaching:**

This is available for all ages and abilities on an individual or group basis. Coaching classes are busy, but there is room for more, either adults or juniors.

The junior coaching times at the club are:	Saturdays	9.15 – 10.00	P1/2
		10.00 – 10.45	P3/4
		10.45 – 11.30	P5/7
	Tuesdays	4.35 – 5.20	P4/6
	Thursdays	4.35 – 5.20	P7/S4

We are also holding coaching sessions during the first week of the Easter holidays.

Cost is £2.50 per day with equipment provided. For all coaching [contact Tom Gilmour.](#)

**Wimbledon Tickets**

We have been allocated a limited number of tickets and details are as follows:-

<u>Centre Court</u>	<u>No. 1 Court</u>	<u>No. 2 Court</u>
Wed 22 June - 2 @ £54	Mon 20 June - 2 @ £38	Wed 22 June - 4 @ £42
Sat 25 June - 2 @ £68	Thur 23 June - 2 @ £48	
Mon 27 June - 2 @ £78		

Anyone interested should [contact Bob Cooper.](#)

## General

**Open Day - Sunday 19 June 2011 (1 pm to 4 pm)**

Everyone is welcome to attend our Club Open Day. Members, guests and visitors can come along for free coaching, games and play session. This is suitable for all ages and abilities, both children and adults. It is good fun and there are various prizes to be won.

**Tennis Court Priority**

All members are asked to note priority for playing tennis:

1. All matches / tournaments / coaching
2. Adults
3. During busy periods, when others are waiting, adults should play for not more than 1 hour and juniors/youths should play for not more than half an hour.

## **Guests**

Members are reminded that if they have friends/family visiting from outwith the area, a guest fee of £2 is payable and should be put in an envelope (add name of member/guest) and put in the letter box to the right of the inside door in the squash club building.

## **Shoe Tags**

Squash Youths and Tennis Juniors/Youths are reminded that shoe tags should be displayed at all times while at the Club – e.g. on shoes, bags or keyrings. Anyone without a shoe tag will not be permitted to play. Any junior or youth member found playing with non-members may have their membership taken away. Anyone requiring a shoe tag should [contact Eric McCabe](#).

## **Lights**

Squash members are asked to ensure that all internal lights are switched off if they are last to leave.

## **Club Gate**

Until the new self closer is installed all members are asked to ensure that they close the gate behind them when leaving the Club grounds.

This Newsletter and all membership documents will shortly be available on our website - [www.dbstclub.co.uk](http://www.dbstclub.co.uk)