

Sutton Lawn Tennis Club

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Mary Mc Donnell (aka the red devil) & Maeve O Dea (aka the witch)!

MONSTER TENNIS

During the Halloween break a social tennis event for our under 10 juniors and older academy members was organised. The kids were asked to wear their Halloween costumes and prizes were given for the best outfits. The winners on the day were:



Boys u10 **Dylan O'Grady**

Girls u10 **Mia Gallagher**

Academy boys **Alex Smith**

Academy girls **Catelin McConnon**

There was plenty of tennis played with the older kids in round robin groups, and Lisa Mathews (the academy coach) took the academy kids with the help of Heather McMeel . The emphasis of the day was to have monster fun! The day was enjoyed by all with no one going home empty handed every child received a goody bag to start their Halloween collection off! Thanks also to all our older junior members who helped out on the day we couldn't have done it without you!

A players account of the day

'We had to dress up and I dressed up as Scooby Doo. We played about three singles matches and when we finished there was a prize giving for the best costume. Then we all got a goodie bag with lots of sweets in it. The whole place was decorated really well. We had a great day.' – Gavin Mc Donald – age 9

DLTC JUNIOR LEAGUE

17'S LEAGUE REVIEW

The boys U 17 Team - **Eoin Considine, Ed King, Adam and Simon Foy (sub Gavin Boyle)** led a great campaign in the Division 2 Section. They came through as winners of their section beating Carrickmines 2, Blackrock 1 Glasnevin 2 and Rathgar 1. They unfortunately lost the semi-finals of the League with a well contested match against Shankill on Halloween ! Very well done boys for representing your club so well and for your commitment to the team - we look forward to 2011's campaign!

The girls U17 team - **Jenny Wilson, Clodagh McHale, Dearbhla Mulligan, captained by Amy O'Dea** also had a good run but unfortunately were piped in a very tough division 2 section from qualifying. They played Clontarf 1, Glasnevin 2, Laytown/Bettystown 1 and Lansdowne 1. Again we look forward to 2011 campaign as all of these girls will be still U17 ! Very well done girls for representing your club so well and for your commitment to the team all were available for all matches makes the manager/captains job so easy!

14'S LEAGUE REVIEW

This was played between 12 September and 10 October 2010 with 3 home and 2 away matches on Sunday afternoons. The team, **Carla Scanlon, Rhona Digan, Aoife Turley, Lauren Keogh, Carla Kaveh and Emma Wilson**. A number of subs also helped out their team (**Kitty Lambert, Lucy L'Estrange, Riona McCarthy, Catherine Dillion, Alannah Maher, Nadia Salvetta and Isobel O'Flaherty**). Our thanks to the parents who managed the team – Maura Dillon and Karen Kaveh, and to all the other parents who drove the girls to and from their away matches. There were a number of very strong teams in our section. Clontarf, Glasnevin, Laytown/Bettystown, Malahide and Portmarnock. The overall winner was Clontarf. It was very enjoyable for all the girls.

- Nikki L'Estrange – Team Co-ordinator

Thanks and well done to all the players and subs of the under 14 boys junior tennis league team. **Oisin Logan, Conal Walsh, Cillan Dunne, Ryan Farrell, Cian O'Reilly, and Greg O'Kelly Subs David Ryan, Kevin McQuaid, Daniel Gordon, Luke Logan and Ciaran Walsh**. The team preformed strongly in a very competitive division 1 section. We look forward to an equally challenging campaign next year and to building on this year's fine performance. Thanks to Theresa Walsh who deputized as team-manager for a number of the league matches. Thanks to all the parents who helped out with transport, their support was much appreciated. – Catherine Logan/Team Manager.

Ladders

The mixed ladder is now posted and active in the Junior room.

The U 14, U16's and U18's ladders have been temporarily taken down. We have lots of other ideas of how to make these ladders more interesting for you to play and shortly a compass draw will be posted in the Junior room for **U14's boys and girls**. There will also be round robins for the schools tennis in the next few weeks and the **U12 Junior League teams** will be selected, so get practicing and challenging!

Anybody who wishes to be considered for selection for their club either for Junior League or inter club friendly events, please sign your name on the list in the Junior room.

LEINSTER MATCHPLAY QUALIFIERS SUTTON/CLONTARF HALLOWEEN BREAK 23rd- 30th October

For the first year Sutton/Clontarf hosted the Leinster tennis matchplay qualifiers over the midterm break. We had over 25 of our own junior's competing in the events which were for the U12, U14 and U16's - these are to provide match practice for junior outside of summer competitions. We had a great week in Sutton where there was a great buzz in the club all week with some great tennis, toasted sandwiches and card games! Many thanks to all the parents led by the junior tennis committee for running a much appreciated kitchen for the players and guests, not only did we raise much needed funds for our own junior tournaments and competitions, Sutton was showcased well. As a result we are hoping to host again next year over the October midterm. Congratulations to two of our own members **Rachel Lawless** U 16 and **Shane O'Dea** U 14 who qualified for the Leinster matchplay in early December. Rachel went on to qualify for the national matchplay and succeeded in getting to the final on 19th December. Rachel lost to a young munster girl Rachel Daly in a well contested final - 6/1,1/6,10/7. This is Rachel's first year under 16 - Congratulations Rachel keep up the great tennis!

SUTTON U16'S AND U18'S INVITATION EVENT JANUARY 2011

On January 5th on a freezing cold night an invitation tournament was organised for our older age group, 15 – 18 year olds members. We had 4 teams from Sutton, 2 teams from Glasnevin, 1 team from Castleknock and 1 team from Clontarf. A team was made up of 6, 3 girls and 3 boys, playing boys doubles, girls doubles and mixed doubles, 48 young lads and lassies in total! We had 8 teams playing in two sections Winner of section A was Clontarfs team on 45 points narrowly beating Sutton 4 on 44 points. Winner of section B was Castleknock on 51 points runner up Sutton 2 on 43 points. Castleknock was the outright winner of the event. Pizza and drinks were provided afterwards. A good night was had by all. Castleknock and Glasnevin were delighted with the night and they plan to organise a return in the near future. If you are interested in playing in a future invitation event please let the committee know. A special thanks to all the little elves who helped out in the kitchen that night. Your help and support was much appreciated.

Challenger of the Month & Most Improved Player of the Month

The Challenger of the month for November and December (amalgamated due to bad weather) is **Stephanie Crinnion**. Stephanie wins a free half hour of coaching with a coach of her choice sponsored by Pete Lowther.

There is also a second award for this period for the most improved player which was awarded to **Gavin McDonnell**. Again the prize is a free half hour of coaching with the coach of her choice sponsored by Pete Lowther.

Suggestion Box

There is now a suggestion box in the Junior room. If any child or indeed their parent has a suggestion, we would be delighted to have your idea posted in the suggestion box.

Junior Notice Board

Parents and juniors alike please keep checking the notice board in the junior room for information on all events and news. The new calendar for all junior open tournaments in 2011 has just gone up. Throughout the year entry forms for all open tournaments will be available in the junior room. Our own **SLTC Junior Calendar** is being worked on as we write and will be available to download off the club website www.suttonltc.com very shortly (copies will also be available in the junior room also).



Parents

As you know any event organised by the Junior Committee is done so on a voluntary basis. We are always very grateful to any parents who would like to offer the help at any of these events. If you would like to help us out on a regular or occasional basis, please contact one of the junior committee members. See below for details:

Odette O'Dea 087 2204436, Maeve O'Dea 087 9011920, Nikki L'estrange 087 2735421, Rhonda Moran 087 6295044, Eliz Collier 086 272500, Catherine Logan 087 2836723,
Mary McDonnell 087 2464566

Newsletter name competition

We are running a competition for the 'best name' for our new newsletter. Any suggestions may be posted in the new box in the Junior room. There will be a prize for the winner so get creative!

Tennis coming up..... midterm break

Weds 9th February compass draw up for **U14 boys and girls**

Sat 12th February **U12's Singles Tournament** 2.30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. run by Rob Turpin

Weds 16th February **Fun Tennis Tournament** for children in **2nd, 3rd, and 4th Class**.

Saturday 19th February (date to be confirmed) back due to demand! **5th and 6th Class** Mixed doubles event.

Saturday 5th March **'Mini Tennis Blitz'** (to be confirmed) 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. run by Lisa Matthews

U8, U9,U10 Leinster Tennis events (dates to be confirmed) watch website for updates
www.leinstertennis.ie. These fill up very fast.

U12s ,U14's & U16's Leinster Matchplay Friday 18th – Thurs 24th February (entries online by 11.2.11)

Under 12 League commences in March so anyone who would like to be considered for playing for their club please put your name on the list provided in the junior room.