

# **NAAS LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **SUMMER 2008**

Dear members

#### ***Let the work commence!***

We have all seen the signs for the National Lottery funding on court 10 for many months now.

This was in acknowledgement of the provisional grant of €150,000 towards our club's redevelopment. Last Friday the Department of Arts, Sports & Tourism confirmed to us the definitive grant of this allocation – whoopee!

Work on the junior clubhouse will commence this week and will last for approximately 10 weeks – that is, it will be done and dusted by mid-July. Towards the end of this period of re-construction (which will also include the replacement of both ladies and mens showering facilities in the main clubhouse), courts 7-11 will also be replaced – in 2 tone!

This work will take approximately 2-3 weeks depending on our glorious Irish summer – we will widen the area of courts 9-11 to provide for any future developments vis a vis covered courts.

As regards covered courts, the development committee have been busy over the winter months planning our next big project – the covering (for winter only) of courts 9-11 (as well as this, our young guns on the development committee – especially Justin Phelan – have added some great lighting effects, particularly on the junior clubhouse) – we hope to submit a planning application to Naas Town Council over the summer, watch this space.

We would urge all members – young and not so young - to observe the health and safety requirements over the period of the building work.

#### ***Volunteers needed***

We all know this club is run by its members, for its members. Much of the work of running the club falls to the elected members of the Executive Committee – this is to be expected and is the way our club (and others) have always been run. However 12 people cannot be expected to do it all – here we call on others to help out with the running of tournaments, juniors, bar, duty officers etc. Many thanks to all those who freely give of their time. But extra hands are always welcome. Please don't be shy – volunteer for whatever duty you think you can best be available to perform. Let me or any

committee member know what you would like to do or email the club at contact@naasltc.net

## ***JUNIORS***

Since arriving last September, Head coach Jonathon Coulson and his team, Brian, Kate, Deirdre, Mark, Paul and Eugene – have transformed our junior programme. Saturdays have never been like this at Naas LTC! The numbers of juniors taking part continues to grow and grow. On court the results are evident to all of us – from our top juniors down to new beginners we are already seeing visible results. Many thanks to our tennis coaching team and also our fitness guru David O’Connell.

Our family day will take place in early June (hopefully the sun will shine on us as it did last year) – this year we are running this event as a charity fundraiser for the ‘Jack and Jill foundation’ – in a sense ‘kids doing it for kids’.

## ***SENIOR LEAGUE TENNIS***

After many weeks of fitness training and tennis coaching, we are sending our gladiators out to take on Dublin, Meath and Wicklow’s best in the DLTC summer league commencing on Saturday 10 May with men’s league. Our ladies will take to the courts during the mid-week periods.  
*‘Come on the Naas teams’*

## ***COURT AVAILABILITY***

We would ask all our members to accept the fact that court availability will be restricted during the period of the leagues and during the period 23 June to 11 July while our replacement courts 7-11 are being installed. We hope you will all agree this is a small price to pay – a mere temporary inconvenience – for improving our long term facilities.

## ***SENIOR TOURNAMENT NEWS***

Spring singles has just finished with some superb displays of tennis. Well done to all participants and a big thanks to Leonard Hegarty for his continued sponsorship.

### **Results**

Winners  
Mark Carpenter  
Lisa Keane  
Ann O’Connell  
Laura Gibson  
Noelle Dunny  
Kate Jeffers  
Connor Dooley

Runners up  
Jack Hughes  
Deirdre Gray  
Susan Dunne  
Monica O’Neill  
Nora Kelly  
Jane Durkan  
Mossy Lawler

Liam Cummins  
Paul Woolard

Donnacha Harkin  
Liam McCabe

### **Business Houses**

Our next event will be the annual business houses tournament commencing 9 June for 2 weeks. Format will be as per previous years, teams of 4 (2 men & 2 ladies), cost per team will be €80 (includes social function). If you can't put a full team together or if you just want to play on a team let the organisers know and they will put a team together for you. The tournament is open to non-members, if you know anyone who is interested in trying out tennis, encourage them to put in a team or give their details to the organisers. Watch the notice board for entry forms.

Breffini Carpenter  
Chairman