

A message from the club Chairman

As there is a lot to report I have decided to keep my message brief. First I would like to thank all members of the committee for doing a first rate job. Without them there would be no tennis club. Secondly please try to make a special effort to attend the club's AGM. I promise you all the

reports are short but informative and a few nibbles will be available. So please use the occasion to meet and chat to other members and to also make your views known. After all it is your club and the committee value and appreciate your views and suggestions. Finally a big

thank you to the team captains and all team members for giving up their time to represent Ponteland. I hope to see you at the AGM on 11th November.

**Peter Cowey,
Chairman PLTC**



Social Event – one for the diary

After the success of our Chinese night out we have arranged an Indian evening for Monday 15th November 7pm at the Mogul Raj Merton Way Ponteland. Tickets will cost £15.00. If you would like to join us for what promises to be an excellent night, please contact Susan Brown on 01661 820959 or email Susan on jan.radwanski@live.co.uk stating the number of places required. Cheques for the full amount to be made payable to PLTC and sent to Susan at 3 Sycamore Avenue Ponteland NE 20 9DJ by Friday 5th November at the latest please.

Player news

At the Northumberland tennis awards Ben Lott won the Junior player of the year. For Ben this has been an excellent summer. He won his first ITF U18 event in Dublin and now has a junior world ranking at under 18s.

At the same event Claudette Gihespie won the most improved Junior Girl of the Year award. She now has a national ranking of 75 at under 12s and is set for a busy winter of tournaments.

Not to be out done, Nick Clark won the Coach of the Year award for, amongst other things, creating a very successful junior club as well as the highly popular Ponteland junior open.

In the Under 10 Aegon National League a mixed team of Christopher Jeffery, Thomas Reeman, Jacob Glendinning, Aidan



Nylander, Hannah Buffhan, Jessica Farnham and Bethan Hudson won the Northumberland And Durham and Cleveland event. Finally Jack Heslop (pictured above) played at Wimbledon in the road to



Wimbledon tournament. Whilst Jack's involvement in the event was curtailed by a repeat of a shoulder injury, he had a wonderful time and had the added bonus of playing two of his matches on the Wimbledon show courts.

Membership

The club offers a reduced membership from September onwards on a pro rata basis. Please bring this to the attention of any possible new members who might be persuaded to join. Full details of subscription rates are on the notice board in the clubhouse. For further information please contact Christine Fair.

AGM

This year's AGM will take place at the clubhouse on Thursday 11th November at 7.30. Please see the clubhouse notice board for further details. If any member wishes to raise a matter at the AGM could they please contact Maureen Angus by 4th November. This is an important event in the club calendar. All members can attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

Ponteland Open

Despite entrants being down and some typically challenging weather conditions, the Ponteland Open, sponsored by Horton Grange Country House Hotel, was a great success. Claudette Gilhespie triumphed in the girls under 12s singles and Jack Heslop played superbly to win the boys under 14 final. Sadly, by the

time he played the under 16 final against the same opponent, his A game had deserted him and he lost in two sets.

Many thanks go to Nick Clark and tournament referee Alan Parker for organising and running what many regard as one of the best and friendliest tournaments in the North East.

Team Report

Pride of place this summer goes to the ladies second team which won all their matches and secured promotion from league LF1. Many congratulations to team captain Carrie Walker and her team of Sarah Heslop, Rosie McKenna, Chrys Hudson, Emily Heslop and Jenny Clarke. Both the ladies first team and third team performed credibly. The first team won four out of six matches, while the third team won three and drew one of their six matches. Sadly neither team managed to secure promotion.

For the men it was a story of injuries and more injuries. Notwithstanding, the first team retained its place in Division A by winning two matches. The third, after 3 consecutive promotions, found life more difficult in league E1 but with

one victory, managed to stave off relegation. For the second team it was a case of déjà vu. Having won their first five matches they succumbed in their final match to eventual league winners Beverley Park. On a stormy windswept night the team lost on games having tied at nine sets all.

For the first time Ponteland entered a team in the super league which operates in August and September. Based on a combination of singles and doubles the team, which could never really manage full strength, won 2 of its matches. Many thanks go to Martin Van Zyl for organising the team.

Veteran matches still remain to be completed and results will be reported at the AGM.

Ponteland Club Tournament

The annual club tournament was a great success and was not bedevilled by the usual, last minute scramble to complete matches by Finals day – much to Nick's relief and surprise.

On finals' day there were some fantastic matches. Matthew Lott triumphed for the second year running over brother Ben in a closely fought match. The Lotts then teamed up to narrowly beat Christo Myburgh and Martin Van Zyl in a wonderfully competitive match.

In the ladies final Celia Harrison won for the second year running by beating Emily Heslop in a third set championship tie break. The ladies doubles final produced the closest match of the day. Having shared the first two sets, Megs Rogers and Jean Barras managed to stave off three match points in the deciding tie-break to eventually prevail over Christine Fair and Vicki Charlton.

In the mixed, Megs teamed up with Keith

Linsley to beat Robin and Chrys Hudson.

In the junior events the standard of play continues to improve and all the matches had moments of high quality. Ben Lott beat Jack Heslop in the under 17s. Jack, in turn, won the under 14s against Luke Hudson. Luke Hudson then beat Joe Burrin to win the under 12s.

In the girls, Jenny Wainwright won the under 17s against Charlotte Twelves. However she could not repeat her success in the under 14s where she was beaten by Claudette Gilhespie. Claudette also won the under 12s against Olivia Rodda.

In the under 10s, Christopher Jeffery beat Thomas Reeman and Francesca Burrin beat Hannah Buffham. In the under 9s Gabriel Rodda beat Ali Dodds and finally, in the under 8 events, Ben Walker prevailed over Haaris Hassan and Amelia Ikwue beat Grace Hudson in very close matches.

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