



# Ardee Tennis Club

## Spring 2008 Newsletter

### AGM

Ardee Tennis Club will hold its AGM on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 in Ardee Community School at 8pm. The format of the event will be a welcome from the Chairman, a summary of activities over the past year, votes on several issues for the forthcoming tennis year and any other matters that members wish to discuss.

This is the most important club meeting of the year and all members are encouraged to attend. The club needs feedback and opinions from members so that we can improve and strengthen our activities, both on and off the court. See you all there.

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### Spring League

The 2008 Spring League came to a conclusion on 19th March 2008. Five weeks of competitive (and enjoyable) play saw four teams emerge to contest the semi-finals. After two close semi-finals Team 2 and Team 5 emerged victorious to contest the final with Team 5 winning out by a close scoreline. The club wishes to express our congratulations to Team 5 for their victory and our sympathies to Team 2. Team 5 consisted of Micheal Smyth, Gerry Halpenny, Theresa Giggins, Noel Gaynor, Marie Dowdall, Ollie Leavy, Joyce Conlon and Debbie Fay.

The club also wishes to thank every one of the 48 players who made the 6 week commitment needed to run the competition. Finally the highest scoring pairing over the 5 weeks of qualifying rounds was Emer O'Sullivan and Alison Gough. Well done ladies.

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### Brophy-McDonnell Cup

The Brophy-McDonnell Cup was created to honour two of the founding members of our club, Gareth Brophy (now deceased) and Derek McDonnell. The format is mixed doubles and members of all standards are invited to enter. It will be run over a week in May and the only rule is that entrants enjoy themselves. There is no entry fee for this competition. Further information on this competition will be communicated shortly.

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### Friday Night Tennis

Our club holds its club night every Friday night from 6.45pm to 9pm. This event allows members to finish the week with two hours of social tennis. No prior arrangements are needed. Just throw on your gear, grab your racket and turn up. The format is mixed doubles, with short matches and constantly changing partners and opposition. It is a great event for new members to meet other members and get established in the club. Finally it allows members of all standards a chance to practice their shots and ask for advice. The club would ask all members who attend to contribute €1 for the lights. Hope to see you all soon.

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### 2008/09 Membership Fees

Membership fees for the 2008/09 tennis year are due from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2008. The fees are unchanged from last year - Family €160, Adult €80, Student (Over 18) €45 and Student (Under 18) €40. All fees are to be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 otherwise our club insurance will not cover you for regular play and green fees will have to be paid.

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### **New Court Usage Rules**

In anticipation of a good summer and greater demand for the courts the club is introducing new rules governing the usage of the courts. These rules will apply during peak hours, which are Monday to Friday and 6pm-10pm. Members will now be able to book courts in advance. However games will now be limited to 1 hour and games are to start on the hour ie. 6pm, 7pm, 8pm or 9pm. The new rules are listed above the court booking form in the meter box for courts 3 and 4. The following is a copy of the rules.

Peak playing period is Monday to Friday and from 6pm to 10pm

- During this peak playing period matches will start on the hour at 6pm, 7pm, 8pm and 9pm
- Members can play for 1 hour only
- If there are no waiting members then players can continue with their match for a second hour. This second hour is to be recorded into the booking sheet. However if members subsequently arrive they have the option of taking that court for the remainder of the hour.
- Otherwise, members can only play for a second hour if there is a change in at least one of their playing partner(s) and the second match has been booked in advance.
- You can play singles or doubles matches. Previous requirement for doubles matches only is now removed.
- Court bookings are void if players are more than 10 minutes late. Waiting members can take the court and must record their game in the booking sheet.

All Matches Are To Be Recorded in Court Booking Sheet (whether booked or not)

- Members can now book their courts in advance
- Help waiting members by letting them know what time your match started

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### **Summer School**

We are happy to announce that the summer school for junior members will be run again this summer. Junior members of all ages and standards are welcome to attend. Theresa Taaffe has kindly agreed to run the event. Thanks Theresa. Further information on this event will be communicated shortly.

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### **Church Gate Collection**

Ardee Tennis Club will be holding a church gate collection on Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>. Members will be required to staff the collection points in Ardee and Ballapousta churches on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Further information on this fundraising event will be communicated shortly.

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**Thanks for reading and here's hoping for a great summer and enjoyable tennis !!!**

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