

# WINTER IS COMING!



CONGLETON LAWN TENNIS CLUB



The 2011 Season is now over and the winter tennis season is now underway.

This Newsletter keeps you in touch with the Club.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WINTER TENNIS

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Don't let the dark nights and dropping temperatures curtail your tennis. There are still plenty of opportunities to play tennis all through the winter.

Club Sessions continue on Thursday evenings. There is a £2 charge to cover the cost of the floodlights and balls. Play starts soon after 6pm and continues as long as there are players who want to play.

There are "unofficial" Club sessions on Saturday afternoons, many members come along and play. The

Club does not provide the balls for the Saturday afternoon sessions.

The Club Winter Doubles League is in full swing. This year it is being organised by Istvan Kaplan. The leagues last for a calendar month and new pairs are welcome to join in. The league is organised into leagues of 4 couples with promotion and relegation, so you quickly find the right competitive level. If you would like to join give Istvan a ring or put your name on the notice in the Club House entrance hall.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH

The CLTC Christmas Party will take place on Saturday 10th December in the Club House. It is being organized by Shelley Boswell, Louise Goodall and Kirsty Woodward so it is bound to be an enjoyable evening. Following a similar format to last year, the party will begin at 7.30pm with a mulled wine reception followed by a festive buffet, games and time to chat.

Good food, good company and good fun are guaranteed. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for juniors and will be limited to 65 places. Please see Shelley, Louise or Kirsty to pay.

Start your Christmas festivities by coming along. Watch for details on the notice boards or on the web site.



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## HARDY PERENNIALS



Celebrating the Club of the Year Award at last November's Hardy Perennials' Lunch

As the name implies, the Hardy Perennials will carry on every Tuesday morning throughout the winter, organised by Keith Burns and Ken Mitchell. If you are free during the day, it is a great way to play tennis in a relaxed, social atmosphere.

The sessions cost £1 which goes towards the cost of balls and refreshments. Any surplus funds go towards providing a lunch a couple of times a year. The next lunch is on Tuesday November 22nd.

## OUR BOYS REACH MONKHOUSE SHIELD FINAL

Our under 18 boys team narrowly failed in their bid to retain the Monkhouse Shield, the junior version of the Cheshire Shield.

Nathan Garside, Mark Wakefield, Tom Minshull, Kyle Mclellan and Mike Massey all represented the Club very well in their campaign which saw them reach the final. They lost to a very strong Neston team but they did us proud in



Tom Minshull, Mark Wakefield and Nathan Garside receive the runners up trophies from President of Cheshire LTA Liz Sweeting

Cheshire's premier junior Club event.

The finals of both the boys and the girls events were held at Congleton. John Doe organised the whole event for Cheshire LTA, taking over from Alex Burton who had organised it for many years. Thanks to June Bowyer who provided a buffet for the competitors.

## GRAEME HULME



We were saddened to learn that Graeme Hulme has died at his home in Portugal after a long battle with cancer.

Graeme was a leading light at the club in the 1970s and 80s, first as a junior and then as a senior being men's singles champion and a key member of the A Team. He became a professional coach and he was based at a Club in Carvoeiro on the Algarve. We will remember him for being doubled handed on both sides and for being a warm and helpful person who would help anyone with their tennis.

We send our condolences to his family.

## JUNIOR TENNIS THROUGH THE WINTER

Istvan will be running a comprehensive junior tennis programme during the winter. The new indoor mini-tennis centre will come into its own during the winter, with all the age groups able to use it if the weather is bad.

Contact Istvan for details: 07939 331000  
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Alex Burton and John White receive their Honorary County Colours from Liz Sweeting, President of Cheshire LTA

### COLOURS FOR ALEX

Our Chairman, Alex Burton, was awarded his honorary county colours at the Cheshire LTA Awards Evening in October. Alex received his colours in recognition of his work to support tennis in Cheshire, especially in running the Monkhouse Shield for so many years.

John White, Secretary of the South and Mid-Cheshire League also received his honorary colours to recognise all he has done to keep the league going.

Congratulations to Alex and John.

### CLOTHING OFFER FROM ROSEBANK



Our partners, Rosebank Sports are offering ADIDAS clothing at reduced rates. Visit or phone the shop on 01606 48989

*Men's:* Adidas Men's Barricade Tee - Black/Red or Red/Black - £32.00 @ Pro-Direct - Rosebank price £28.00.

Adidas Men's Barricade Shorts - Black/Red - £28.00 @ Pro-Direct - Rosebank price £24.00.

If both the above purchased together cost will be £49.00 plus FREE ENTRY INTO PRIZE DRAW TO WIN £25 ROSEBANK VOUCHER to be drawn on 15th December 2011. Also receive a FREE PAIR OF ADIDAS SOCKS WORTH £4.99.

*Women's:* Adidas Barricade Cap Sleeve Polo (white/blue) - £35.00 @ Pro-Direct - Rosebank price £30.00.

Adidas Barricade Cap Sleeve (Intense Blue) - £32.00 @ Pro-Direct - Rosebank price £28.00.

Adidas Pure Skort (white) - £28.00 @ Pro-Direct - Rosebank price £24.00.

Same deal as Mens. ie two items for £49.00 plus free draw etc

## Congleton Lawn Tennis Club

Tennis for all ages and abilities



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Tennis provides exercise, competition and a social network for all ages and all abilities. We have programmes for junior and adult beginners, improvers and competitive players in the best facilities in South East Cheshire.

Cheshire Sports Club of the Year 2010

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