

## Welcome...

The long stretch in the evenings has arrived and although the month of May was a washout, if the June Bank Holiday weekend is anything to go by, we're in for a great summer. So I think it's safe to finally dust off the summer tennis gear and hit the courts at St. Mary's.

The summer season kicked off with a very successful **Club Night barbeque** a few weeks ago, and more barbeques are planned, along with the popular **Strawberries & Cream tournament** and the most enjoyable **Handicap Tournament!** Breakfast tennis during May cooked by our own gourmet (almost celebrity!) chefs Mary Dunne and Raphael Kelly was enjoyed by many of our members.

**Club Night** is continuing to attract crowds each week. It has been inundated with regulars and is proving to be "the place to be" every Thursday! So come along and join in the fun (7.45pm – no need to book).

We look forward to seeing you on court in Summer 06.

Lisa Cuddy, Editor

### NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2006/07

There was only one change of personnel on the Committee for this year. Our Men's Captain Simon Gordon has retired and at the AGM Robert Cuddy was elected in his place.

Simon has given great service to the Club and this was wholeheartedly acknowledged by the meeting. A small presentation was made to Simon to convey our appreciation of his contribution over the years.

Robert Cuddy now takes on the Captain's mantle and we congratulate him and wish him every success in the role.

<b>Men's Captain</b>	Robert Cuddy
<b>Ladies' Captain</b>	Ann Murphy
<b>Treasurer</b>	Yvonne Redmond
<b>Hon. Sec.</b>	Helen O'Brien

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<b>Junior/Juvenile Membership</b>	Bernadette Keegan
<b>Tennis/Development</b>	Lisa Cuddy
<b>Development</b>	Paddy MacNeill
<b>Grounds/Pavilion</b>	Brian Nolan
<b>Tennis</b>	Jim Kelly
<b>Social</b>	Phil O'Gorman
	Gill Carr
	David Leonard

Helen O'Brien - Hon. Sec

### A WORD FROM OUR CAPTAINS ...

Since our last report there has been great tennis activity in the Club, both social and league. The Men's and Ladies' league teams have been playing great tennis with continued success. We have fielded an additional Ladies team in both Winter and Summer Leagues.



**Ladies 1st Team - Finals Day, Naas LTC.**

L – R: Back row:- Dianne McDonagh, Muireann Deane (sub), Julie Sammillier, Moya Ryan.

Front row:- Sarah Rooney (cpt) & Pam McHugh.

Not included in photo - Sheila Scott

In February/March we entered four Ladies' teams in the Winter Leagues and our Ladies' 1st team were winners of Class 3 and were promoted to Class 2 (having just moved up to Class 3 last year! What a team!!). The team was: Moya Ryan & Pam Mc Hugh, Julie Sammillier & Sheila Scott, Sarah Rooney (Captain) & Dianne McDonagh. The subs were: Mary Fitzpatrick, Mary O'Gorman and Muireann Deane. The pennant is currently being framed and will be presented to the Club at a later date.

The Ladies 4th team, narrowly missed out on another pennant, led by Rita McCarthy got to the semi-finals of Class 7 and were promoted to Class 6. The team was: Lisa Cuddy & Caroline Reid, Rita McCarthy & Cathy Dorman and Una Jones & Elaine Clear (sub – Mary McCormack). This was a great start to the new year and well done to both teams!

We also entered three men's teams to the Winter League. Our 1st team was beaten in the quarter final and was promoted. The 2nd team finished mid table and the 3rd team was beaten in the quarter final after winning their section.

Congratulations to all the teams and especially the subs that are vital to the success of our league teams.

A men's singles ladder is now operational in the club. If your name is not included please add your name to the bottom as the Tennis Committee is meeting in the next week to update the ladder

In April we had a very successful Senior Club Championships. Although there were more entries this year, it would be an even better competition if more members participated. The winners and runner-up were:

### WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP:

**Ladies' Doubles:**  
Sheila Scott and Julie Sammillier  
Ann Murphy & Debby McNamara

**Men's Doubles:**  
David Leonard & Barry Leonard  
Harry McCarthy & Ciaran Collins

**Mixed Doubles:**  
Julie Sammillier & Simon Gordon  
Ann Murphy & Ciaran Collins

Summer League is coming to an end – four Ladies teams and three Men's teams have been



entered. Well done to all those who participated.

The Club's most recent victory was in the Ladies Morning Charity League. The Tuesday Morning ladies team won their section and were delighted to donate their winnings of €500 to the Tommy Lacey Fund at the Blackrock Hospice on behalf of our Club.



**Ladies Charity Team Winners 2006**

Back row : 1-r Fiona Colbert, Sarah Chamberlain, Ann Cosgrave; front 1-r Margeurite O'Brien,

Wendy Horan, Jill Lacey (cpt).

The Club Handicap Competition started on 12th June and good luck to all those taking part.

Ann Murphy & Robert Cuddy, Captains

### ST. MARY'S WINS CUP IN BROOKFIELD

In March, Brookfield Tennis Club invited thirteen local clubs to celebrate their Centenary. Two teams from St Mary's took part, the first team got to the semi-finals of the 3-day tournament and the second team won their section and were presented with an inaugural cup. This was a very social event and enjoyed by all who took part.

The teams were: **1st Team** : Julie Sammillier & Simon Gordon, Ciaran Collins & Des Delaney, Pam & McHugh & Sarah Rooney. **2nd Team** : Ann Murphy & Robert Cuddy (Sub – Brian Kavanagh), Jim Lacy & Ciaran Farrell, Elsa Browne & Debby McNamara.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Thanks to all those who have paid their 2006 subscriptions. Fees for 2006 became renewable on the 1st March and to those members who have not paid, please do so. Car Parking stickers will only be given to those who have paid their fees.

We welcome our members inviting their guests to play tennis at St. Mary's but would remind members to sign the Visitors Book before going out on Court and to put the appropriate fee (Adults €5; Junior/Juveniles €2.50) in the envelope provided and put in the letterbox beside the Bar door. This saves me from trying to get Visitors fees from you at a later date!

Summer time is vacation time and our Bar volunteers do need their holidays. Once again, I am appealing to senior members who are not on other Club committees to consider doing their turn at Bar duty. If enough members volunteered, the rota would work out at one night every six weeks. Training is free and being on the other side of the bar is fun and a great way to meet the members off court!

Finally, there is a notice Board in the foyer for Court Bookings. If you have regular games organised, please look here as often Courts are booked for League Matches or special one off occasions and we try to give as much notice as possible. We regret any inconvenience this causes and appreciate our members co-operation. Cheers!

*Yvonne Redmond, Treasurer & Bar*

### DES DELANEY SUCCESS

The Irish Indoor Championships were held in Belfast last February (9th – 12th). Des Delaney from St. Mary's partnered with Noel Lennon (CYMS) won the Men's Doubles.

Des was also selected to play for the Leinster Veterans Inter Provincial Championships held in early May in Limerick. It was no surprise that Leinster won the Championships with Des on board!

### JUNIOR COMMITTEE

The Junior Committee plans to organize some social tennis events for Juniors / Juveniles this year. We had planned to hold the first one on 21st May, however, the wet weather had other ideas!! A new date of 25th June has now been arranged and we hope to see as many junior / juvenile members participating. There will be two sessions; 8-12 year olds from 1.30-3.30pm, and 12+ year olds from 4.00-6.00pm. There will be a nominal fee payable on the day, some prizes and refreshments will be provided. Would those interested please put their name on the list on the Junior Noticeboard, or contact the Junior committee on 0868587087. We are hoping for a big turn-out of our Junior & Juveniles on the day!

A Boys` and Girls` ladder will be established in June if there is enough interest. If you'd like to register your interest put your name on the list provided on the Junior Noticeboard.

The Supervised Tennis Programme will run from July 3rd -August 25th. As usual, there will be two sessions each day; 10am – 1pm for 6-11/12yrs and 2pm- 6pm for members over 11/12 yrs. The Junior Club Championships will be run during the last two weeks of August, with the finals taking place on Sat. August 26th.

It is hoped that teams will be entered in the Dublin Junior League in September. **Tennis coaching** is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons throughout the year (except July & August).

The Junior Committee would welcome members to join this Committee and help run the Junior Programme.

*Bernadette Keegan, Junior Committee*

### COACHING CORNER

#### 1. Technique

(extension; weight transference; balance)  
Imagine that you are taking your racket from someone small, who's standing far enough behind you that you have to lean back to get it, bending your legs so you don't fall over in the process, then passing it to someone tall out in front of you, without stepping forward. That will give you the basis of a tennis swing which has power, direction and consistency. Not a bad start!

#### 2. Tactics (planning a strategy)

These are what you employ to execute a strategy. When you go into any match that matters, have an idea of how you're going to play before you start (by the end of the knock up). Think about the weather conditions, the court type/condition, your own strength and weaknesses (too many beers last night?), and your opponent's (watch out for left handers). Employ your chosen tactics say 80% of the time, but throw in some changes to keep them guessing. NB If the strategy of any particular tactic is failing, change it.

#### 3. Camps (July & August)

The Summer camps are back, with favourites such as rounders and tennis cricket. Weeks beginning 17th July and 7th August, starting at 9.30 and 11.30am

Group coaching continues on Wednesdays and one to one lessons as requested.

*Tim Eaton (087 7447358)*

### SOCIAL

It is planned to have some barbeques after tennis on Club Nights so watch the noticeboard for dates.

The President's League ran for three weeks during May and special thanks to Mary Dunne and Raphael Kelly for cooking up a "hearty" breakfast for everyone participating.

In July the Strawberries & Cream Tournament will be on Thursday 6th July.

The Social Committee is starting to plan for the "At Home" which will be after the Finals of the Championships on Saturday 23rd September. Please put this date in your diary NOW! We would welcome ideas and suggestions from members as to how to make this an even better evening than last year.

*Gill Carr, Social Committee*



## At Home Championship Tournament Finals Night

Saturday 23rd  
September 2006

Featuring Live Music

# Mellow Yellow

## Dinner and Dancing 'til late...

Don't miss out on  
this fabulous evening's  
entertainment –  
book now to avoid  
disappointment!

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