



GRANDSLAM NEWSLETTER

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TEAM TENNIS

Throughout the season we will try and feature developing stories from our teams. This month a big shout out goes to the mixed first team over coming Bingley Beck foot in an absolute thriller.

The result was a 5-4 win for Skipton with all players having thrilling matches, and closely contested sets. The standard of tennis was extremely high from both teams.

Skipton 's team was made up of: Stewart Marshfield and Lynette Brammah, Adam Gregory and Alison Hanson as well as Gareth and Be Hutchinson.

The tie was won and lost on some exhilarating key points with it being 4-4- with one match still in play.

Well done to all involved!

We can't wait to see what the next months matches will bring!

SPONSORED PLAYER INITIATIVE



As part of our commitment to making tennis accessible for all, we have launched a new initiative for the 2019/ 2020 season, *The Sponsored Player*. This Initiative is aimed at young people within the craven community who for whatever reason may never get the chance to play tennis. Sport can bring so much value to an individual. It can help in many ways, such as well-being, mental health and confidence. Not to mention we may unleash some talent that would never have been identified.

We are pleased to say that we have successfully attracted 10 local sponsors; Walker Foster Solicitors, Keelham Farm Shop, Alexanders, Rendezvous Hotel, Snaygill Boats, White Rose Laundry, Reed Moffat Chartered Accountants & Chartered Tax Advisors, Councillor Chris Rose, Kate Issac - Legal Records and very kindly a family involved at the club, the Westwood's. Without these sponsors this initiative wouldn't happen and we are extremely grateful.

Local schools, Skipton Academy, Upper Wharfedale, Ermysteds, Skipton Girls and South Craven have all put 2 individuals forward, who they feel would really benefit from being involved.

STC coaches will include all 10 players in to weekly coaching sessions. Plus, they will also each receive a 12 month junior membership, a new pair of trainers and a tennis racket to help them get started.

The LTA have highlighted that something of this kind has never been done before and they will be carrying out a case study. They have invited all 10 players to the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton, to spend the day behind the scenes and have the opportunity to play on the courts where Andy Murray and Johanna Konta train!

We are proud that STC are leading the way with new and fresh ideas, that ultimately get more people playing tennis and being active.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Some significant facility improvements will be made over the course of the next month.

- Courts 1, 2 & 3 will be cleaned, painted and binned.
- New nets will be added to all 3 courts
- A new draw curtain at the rear of the courts will be installed.

This is a £7.5K investment to continue giving you the best possible facility.

At this stage the fencing is a much bigger job with prices from £8k to £25k. A full update will be emailed out ASAP.

KEY DATES

- **3rd May** - Home Education tennis sessions start again
- **15th, 16th & 17th of May** - Court Painting scheduled, weather dependant
- **16th May** - Adam's presenting 'The STC story' to British tennis in London
- **28th - 31st May** - Spring bank summer camps
- Craven School Games tournaments throughout Tuesday afternoons in May



NEW CLUB SPONSOR

We are very pleased to announce a new club sponsor, Bradford Grammar School. We will both work positively together across numerous projects over the next 12 months. This sponsorship collaboration will allow the club to look at further development in various areas.

The school have recently just been awarded *The Sunday Times, North Independent School of the Year 2018*, which is an amazing achievement. They are currently undergoing a huge development including indoor tennis courts and other sporting facilities. The school have kindly invited the coaches at STC to



check out the new facility and we can't wait to see the finished project.

You will start to see us working together and one of the first areas is to host 2 very exciting junior tournaments at Skipton Tennis Centre.

Keep a look out for these!

COACH TIP OF THE MONTH



Overseas Coach Jamie gives his top tip about being patient!

What are the three ways a point ends? A winner, unforced error or forced error.

2 out of 3 times players loose the point through an unforced error.

Start concentrating on making your game more consistent by being more patient within the rally. Stop focussing on winners and start thinking about hitting big targets (space on the court).

This type of play will build your shot tolerance and increase pressure on your opponent to force them to make the mistake or try and hit big.

NOT JUST TENNIS



junior, Fred played for Burnley and Bradford city. He has also coached football across the pond in America for Challenger Sports.

Using his knowledge and skills there is now an opportunity for juniors to have specific football coaching on a 1 to 1 or small group basis (up to 4 players) .

The sessions will be tailored to individual position and areas of development. Paying particular attention to the 4 corner model; technical, tactical, social and physical to further develop all round ability.

As many of you may already be aware we offer football as well as tennis as an option during holiday clubs.

For more information regarding these sessions please contact the club.

Our coaches at STC come with a wealth of knowledge and experience, and not just in tennis. Our multisport coach, Fred is an FA qualified football coach. Amongst coaching at STC, he also has over 10 years of experience in Football and a degree in Sport Coaching . As a

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Gavin Cahill

Gavin has recently thrown himself in to getting involved in team tennis.

He was responsible for starting the Monday night Whatsapp group which has now over 20 members and has spear headed the way in which other member groups communicate.

It's awesome to have you around the club Gav!

There's a Keelham hamper on it's way to you.

OVERSEAS COACH

As communicated via email, we have overseas coach Jamie Kirkman visiting the club across the weekend of the 21st June. He will be running 12 different clinics for all ages and abilities.

Jamie currently coaches in Orlando, Florida but is actually from Australia. As a junior Jamie reached a high of number 4 in his country. He is an industry leading expert on technical development and has wrote numerous articles for coaching editorials .

During his time coaching in Australia, he got head hunted to work for Nick Bollettieri at the IMG academy in Bradenton, Florida. The IMG is where many of the top 10 players have trained such as Aggassi, Sampras and

the William sisters.

Now he is coaching all levels at the Lake Cane facility in Orlando. Most importantly he has a genuine passion to help players improve their game.

Should you wish to book in to one of Jamie's clinics, please contact Adam or Jonny to discuss the best group(s) for you.

There will be lots going on and a great vibe around the club that weekend! We even have our supporters, Alexanders bringing their pop up gin bar on the late afternoon, early evening of 22nd June.

It's never too early for Gin o'clock!



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