



Calling all clubs....

Tennis Shropshire and Staffordshire will be running the following club forums:

Shropshire – 27th April, 7pm – 9pm
Wolti Health & Fitness

Staffordshire - 7th May, 7pm – 9pm
Stafford Sports College

The emphasis of these forums is to discuss and share ideas with your fellow club volunteers and administrators on the subject of improving your club.

CLUB FORUMS 2009

We will also give you an overview of what is happening in British Tennis this year and the opportunities this will bring for clubs like yours.

This invitation is open to all key volunteers at every tennis club.

Your club will already have received an invite to your respective club forum so if you have not already responded, please do so ASAP to your county office.

The forums will be suitable for all different types and size of club so please ensure you send a representative.

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National Honours for Senior Players

Congratulations to Staffordshire's Benson Greatrex and Shropshire's Bill Gowans, who have been chosen to represent Great Britain in the forthcoming ITF Seniors World Team Championships in Majorca from 27th April - 2nd May. Benson is captaining the Mens Over 55s team competing for the Austria Cup while Paul is part of the Mens Over 50s event playing for the Fred Perry Cup.

Also from Staffordshire and playing at Wolti is Tracy Jones who will be representing England in the Ladies Over 45s Four Nations Championships at Bolton Arena from 2nd – 4th May.

We wish them all the best of luck and hope they have a fantastic time!

Mini Tennis Tour Finals

This event hosted by David Lloyd Dudley on 4th and 5th April saw the culmination of a lot of hard work from Staffordshire and Shropshire's mini tennis players. The top boys and girls playing Red, Orange and Green Mini Tennis were invited to the event according to final positions on the 'leaderboard' – this is where points are added up from all the mini tennis events around the clubs over the winter season. All finalists received a t-shirt and the winners and runners up went home with a trophy. Please see results below:

Red – Boys

W: Gautham Narayanan (Westlands) R/U: Chris Wood (Shifnal)

Red – Girls

W: Madeleine Leighton-Jones (Shrewsbury) R/U: Grace Doyle (Stourbridge)

Orange - Boys

W: Edward Cooper (Tipton) R/U: Tom Cowdy (Abbey View)

Orange - Girls

W: Hannah Crisp (Tipton) R/U: Mae McCutcheon (Wolverhampton)

Green - Boys

W: Reece Benton (Burton) R/U: Ryan Evans (Shrewsbury)

Green – Girls

W: Amy Ball (Cheshire) R/U: Chelsea Watson (Wem)

AEGON Coach of the Month Award

What is it?

A monthly award that recognises coaches making the greatest impact on British Tennis

Who nominates?

Nominations are made by LTA licensed coaches

Who can be nominated?

Any LTA licensed coach that is deemed to be making a significant impact to British Tennis can be nominated

How do coaches nominate?

Log in to the members area of www.lta.org.uk and enter the coach area then complete a nomination form. E-mail completed nomination form to coachescommunication@lta.org.uk

What does the winner get?

Each month there will be a feature on the winners (junior player, player and coach) within the news section of www.lta.org.uk

So if you know a coach who is making a BIG impact on tennis in your area then nominate them TODAY!

Club Resources

If you are looking for advice on

Child Protection, Club Finances,
Club Management, Coach Recruitment,
Disability Tennis, Raising Money,
Health & Safety, Tennis Programmes
and more....

Then visit www.lta.org.uk
and look at the resources in the club section

Funding Opportunities

Sport England – Investing in Rural Community Sport

Sport England have a £10 million fund to support projects that tackle the barriers to, and unearth new opportunities for, getting people in rural areas playing and enjoying more sport. For further information please visit:

[www.sportengland.org/
backing_sport_in_your_community](http://www.sportengland.org/backing_sport_in_your_community)

Top Juniors Training at Ferrero Academy

30 of Staffordshire and Shropshire's most talented juniors are currently training at the Ferrero Academy in Spain. The players accompanied by a coaching team from both counties set off on the week long trip last Sunday and are having a fantastic time so far.

Daily updates from the academy can be found on the blog at s2tennis.blogspot.com

Dates for the diary

Key events in the near future...

- UKCC Level 2 Community Coach (Wolti) 30th, 31st May, 11th, 12th July and 5th September – **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE**
- Invacare World Team Cup 2009 – 27th July to 2nd August, Nottingham – World Class Wheelchair Tennis.
- French Open – 24th May to 7th June
- AEGON Trophy (Nottingham) – 30th May to 7th June
- Young Competition Organiser Training Course (David Lloyd Dudley) – 29th May
- Young Competition Organiser Training Course (Stafford Sports College) – 13th June
- Nottingham Masters Tennis – 11th June to 14th June (www.nottinghammasters.co.uk)

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