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## Youth Cricketers Make Their Mark at the Crease



During the Cricket Ireland Super 3s at Rathmines. Ben Simpson, Mark and Andrew Tonge, Joe O'Sullivan, Leo Simpson and Stephen Kerrison



# TENNIS

Congratulations to Mick Bannon, lucky winner of our big draw of two tickets to Wimbledon Court No. 1 on Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> July, with flights and 2 nights stay in the Ibis Hotel. We believe he had a fantastic time.



*Mick Bannon being congratulated by Merci Horan and Mick Byrne*

Open Week ran from April 16-23. Over 200 players in total took part, with 46 members competing. The sun shone for most of the week and LCC were delighted to have Merci Horan and Mick Smyth as winners of the Class 5 Mixed Doubles and Margaret Lalor as runner-up in the Ladies Class 6 Singles.

Social events were well attended and Pauline and Dave Kent with their band entertained us all royally on the first night. Camile Thai provided the food for the closing ceremony and Domino's Pizza fed us all during the Table Quiz. A big thanks to all our sponsors.



*Pauline and David Kent with their band*

We like to see our members playing in other club's Open Weeks. So far we are aware of a win by Jane Horan in the Class 5 Ladies Singles in Ashbrook Open week and runner-up Mick Bannon in the Class 7 Singles. More results to come.

Winter League and Summer League are all behind us now. We entered 14 teams in all and had varying levels of success. No hardware, but no relegations either. Our hopes rest now on the three teams currently playing Mixed League. Recently we have welcomed several new members to the Tennis Section and it's wonderful to have some new blood on the teams. Good luck to Jorge Del Rio, Carlos Mourullo, Carol Mahon and Claire Marie Condon who are representing us for the first time. Good luck to all!!



*Thursday Morning Tennis Ladies.*

*Back Row: Margaret O'Connell, Joan Hennessey, Aileen Kehoe, Grainne Sarsfield, Maire Bolger, and Carrie Conroy. Sitting: Louis Brady and Phyl Herbert. Celebrating Louis' Big Birthday.*

The Club Championships are up and running with hundreds of games to be played before the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Sept, when we will have our "At Home" with Finals taking place hopefully, in bright sunshine! The entry is good and we are delighted to see some of our new members competing. Welcome to Nils Coop, Roderigo Perez Gomez, Gabriella Cieslinskas.

Our annual dinner takes place that evening, followed by music and craic!! To book your place, just call 0872206906 or email [lcc.sports.tennis@gmail.com](mailto:lcc.sports.tennis@gmail.com)

## Coaching

Coaching continues with our resident coach Dave O'Grady offering coaching on Mondays for beginners and improvers, Wednesdays for advanced and ladies doubles coaching on Fridays.

Enquiries to [davidaograde@gmail.com](mailto:davidaograde@gmail.com)

## Website

On [www.lcctennis.com](http://www.lcctennis.com) you can find out all you need to know about club activities, booking of courts, ladders, box leagues, DLTC leagues, photo archive. Articles on any issue to do with the club, tennis news etc., are always welcome. Keep an eye out and be sure not to miss out on new events.

# SQUASH

This was something of a plateau year in terms of league and cup success, with few teams getting to the top or even close to it. The exceptions and this year's stars are the Ladies team who won the second division of the Leinster League, many congratulations to them. Apart from that, nearest to a win were our veterans' team who came a close second to Westwood, beating Old Belvedere by just one point. Our top team came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8 in the Premier Division which is pretty good considering that our No. 1 Sean Conroy is on the professional circuit and rarely available, and we lost international Brian Byrne to Old Belvedere, though we had an occasional guest appearance from UK-based Robert Downer which gave us a welcome boost. Our Division 3 team also did well finishing third, but our other teams struggled a bit.

Following our outstanding success in the All-Ireland Club Championships last year we gave it our very best shot again, but unfortunately fell short. The only upside to this is that we don't need the same intensive fund-raising to send the team abroad... We'll hope for better next year.

Our team of Sam Olwill, Sean Conroy, Robert Downer and Rory Gilligan is pictured below – captain Michael Conroy had saved himself for the final but sadly was not required.



Membership as always ebbs and flows and while we have lost a few, we have gained some new members as well. Currently on the ladder we have 79 men and 12 women for a total of 91 which is unchanged from last year.

Our online court booking, ladder challenge and box league services have been very popular and in fact are expected these days, and we notice that Tennis have joined us on the same platform this year.

We continue to be challenged by the condition of the courts with the front walls needing replastering every year and even then continuing to break down, and the floors needing constant maintenance. We had ambitious plans to replace floors and walls and bring in a glass-backed viewing area, but when this was costed it was way beyond available budget. However, the good news is that the Executive Committee have approved a proposal for a major court refurbishment which will involve complete replacement of the front wall and tins; resurfacing of side and back walls; replacement of floors and installation of glass doors. This will give us first-class playing facilities and hopefully will both help to attract new top players, and encourage existing members to stay with us. This work is due to go ahead in late August and will take no more than three weeks, members will be informed of details in due course.



# BOWLS

## Ladies Results:

Division 2 and Saturday League are presently leading. Division 3 & 4 are up towards the top. There will be plenty of Leinster Ladies represented at the L.B.L.I. finals this year. Both Junior and Senior Results will be in the next newsletter.

## General News:

We hosted a large corporate group from Eugene Collins solicitors in June, with 70 of their staff spending the evening Bowling, followed by a barbeque and music. The bar had the best night ever it seems. We hope to run more of these days to promote bowling and the Club. We are looking forward to hosting a visiting club from Purley, UK in September.

## CHAMPION of CHAMPIONS COMPETITION 2016 at DUN LAOGHAIRE BOWLING CLUB

The ladies and gents Champion of Champions was played over two weekends in Dun Laoghaire Bowling Club. Pat MacDonagh represented the ladies for Leinster and Paul Smyth represented the men. Pat MacDonagh beat Mary Howard from Skerries in the semi-final and Margaret McNevin beat Phyllis Gay from Clontarf B.C. In a close fought match Margaret McNevin beat Pat to win the ladies final. In the men's section Paul Smyth beat Tommy Scallan from Greenhills and Billy Sterling from Railway Union beat Eaman McEvoy from Crumlin. In the final Paul Smyth beat Billy Sterling to win the men's final. It was Paul's fourth title, having won it in 1982, '88, 2014, 2016. Paul equals Wally Doyle's record of four titles. Congratulations to all competitors who made it to the Champion of Champions competition and well done to the winners, Margaret and Paul. Dun Laoghaire Bowling Club have run this competition over the last 40 years and it continues to be one of the main bowling events of the season, and we wish them continued success with it over the coming years.

**KENILWORTH MIXED RINKS 2016** Three teams from Leinster entered the Kenilworth Mixed Rinks, with the Leinster B team of Agnes Gillick, Anne O'Herlihy, Thomas Smyth and Paul Smyth taking this year's title. This was the second year in a row that a team from Leinster has won this worthwhile tournament with a prize fund of €1000 Euro to the winners. Congratulations to all the players and to Kenilworth for continuing to host this popular competition.

Pat MacDonagh, Ladies Captain and Arthur McMullen

## DAVID MARCHANT R.I.P.



Dave played senior cricket for L.C.C. on his arrival in Dublin in 1959 from the UK. He captained the club for four successive seasons, 1962-1965 during which he led it to the Senior League title in 1963. An aggressive opening bat and superb close-to-the-wicket fielder, he scored over 3000 runs for the club with a highest score of 150 not out.

In 1971 at the invitation of two seasoned internationals in the Bowling Club, he took up Bowls and in his first year won the B.L.I and All-Ireland Triples championships with Tom Kennedy and Jimmy Thompson, only to lose-out in the semi-final of the British championships.

The following year, 1972, he won the BLI and All-Ireland Singles and Pairs championships, becoming the first player from the South to do so. He was awarded Irish Bowling Association Bowler of the Year in 1973, the year in which he won his first International caps - truly an amazing record in his first three years at the game.

Dave went on to win a total of 6 All-Ireland titles, and 27 International and 3 Indoor caps before retiring in 1982 from representative bowls.

Apart from his undoubted prowess on the sporting field, Dave was MC at numerous Saturday night sing-songs in the Cricket pavilion throughout the season when Leinster was the after-match social hub for cricketers in Dublin.

Dave's funeral was held abroad and we offer our sincere sympathies to his wife Pat at this sad time.

Murrough MacDevitt

A memorable night for LCC on Friday 22nd July saw our U13 boys play YMCA in Claremont Road and win against a strongly fancied YMCA side. LCC put up a tremendous total of 134 and bowled out YMCA for 56 runs in 14 overs. It was an incredible team effort with superb fielding and some great individual performances. Roll on the All Ireland Semi Final and well done boys and coaches.

In LCC, also on Friday 22nd July, our Ladies Junior cup team beat Merrion to secure the trophy and we were delighted that many of our youth players delivered great performances on the evening. Congratulations to all.

## YOUTH CRICKET



It has been a busy summer, as rain affected June leaving many teams with few matches played, but that has all changed in July. A wonderful week of Cricket Camp set the tone and this helped build on the skills learnt at the Cricket Academy. July is all about the cup runs and our U11 boys narrowly lost to the Hills in the cup semi-final. The U15 girls made it through to the semi-final of their cup after beating a good YMCA team in their campaign. Our U15 boys had 2 incredible matches beating YMCA in LCC by 1 run and then fought back in an incredible contest in Merrion to make the semi finals. Unfortunately a spirited but young team played their hearts out but lost to a strong Balbriggan side on one of the hottest days of the year. ( No holidays in July next year).



## CRICKET

The Men's Section enter the final straight this season with much to play for. The 1st team recently won the Alan Murray 20/20 Cup against Merrion and on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> July took on YMCA in the Leinster Senior Cup final. *Despite* a good batting performance from George Dockrell the side were beaten by a better side on the day.

In the league, a comprehensive win over rivals Balbriggan has put the 1sts in a strong position for promotion. However, with 4 games left JP will not allow any assumptions to be made and am sure will be taking 1 game at a time.



All other men's teams are fighting hard with Mick Scully's 4ths and the 3rds under Chris Small, looking good for league honours.

The 3 Ladies teams from Leinster CC have the distinction of being in the 3 Cup finals at various levels. The thirds lost to The Hills, the Seconds were victorious over Merrion and the 1sts will face Merrion later this August. A remarkable achievement. The league campaigns are all too close to call but all the ladies teams are competing strongly and hope to be in the shakeup for league honours as well.

Finally, the South African Ladies Cricket team are in Dublin to play Ireland in a number of 20/20 and 1 day internationals. Laura Delany has recovered from injury to captain the team and Amy Kenealy plus Una Raymond-Hoey have also been selected from the club. In addition Rob O'Connor is part of the coaching staff maintaining Leinster CC's strong representation at the top of Irish Ladies cricket. We wish them good luck in this important campaign.

Guy Satchwell

## JOHN TREMLETT R.I.P.



John Tremlett played Taverners cricket in LCC for many years. He was also one of our first Office Volunteers and he worked in the club office every Friday morning for over ten years. He was a “Gentleman” in every way, had a great interest in people and was a very kind hearted person.

John & Justine joined LCC in the 1990's with their two children Esme and James, both of whom played cricket for the club.

On arrival to Leinster in the 1990's John immediately became a player in the Taverners team which played on Friday evenings. Taverners consisted mainly of semi-retired players and John brought with him a talented ability whose batting expertise in particular, was for all to see.

John, who was in his early nineties when he passed away in February of this year, worked as a vet for most of his life. He was born in the UK and was well travelled. He lived in Africa and Australia before retiring to live in Ireland.

John was a great Club member and each year John & Justine donated the beautiful hanging baskets which hung outside the Clubhouse.

He is sadly missed by all his friends in LCC.



*Visitors from Nantes Cricket Club with the LCC team on 11th July*

# TAVERNERS

## 2016 - year to date

Dear All

Below are results to date

We lost 4 Fridays during the period on match cancelled, ground not available, 3 Fridays due to Gerry Duffy cup and two ladies Finals – more palatable as two LCC teams were represented – one victorious!

Some further general and specific comments given beneath the table – without prejudice!

NO/DATE	OPPONENTS	1ST INNINGS	2ND INNINGS	RESULT
1.22ND APRIL	Rthgar Ramblers	Rathgar 132	LCC 122	Lost by 10 runs
2 29th April	Defence Forces	Defence F 94	LCC 94	TIE!
3. 13th May	PPU St Mays	PPU 121	LCC 111	Lost by 10 runs
4. 20h May	Presidents XI	LCC 129	Presidents XI 132	Lost by 4 Wkts
5 Phoenix	Phoenix	Phoenix 130	LCC 113	Lost by 17
6.3rd June	Parkmore/Rgr	Parkmore /R 120	LCC 106	Lost by 14 runs
7 17th June	Egg Herald	LCC 137	Eva Herald 135	Won by 5 wkts
8 1st July	Fitzwilliam	Fitzwilliam 114	LCC –	RSTP- Draw
9 8th July	Theat Cavaliers	LCC 160	Cavaliers 155	Won by 5 runs
10 22ndth July	Terenure	Terenure 108	LCC 103	Lost by 5 runs
11 6th May	RTE	LCC 135	Rte 138	Lost by 4 Wkts

### General Comments

Morale is sill high despite some losses – all under 20 runs or 4 wickets. Noticeable when we bat first we lose by wickets not runs. Should we acquire a double headed coin and “arrange” to bat first?

Spanking new black bags have been acquired and marked 1 and 2 by Tom Dillon. Tavs wrestling with instructions to put batting pads into No 1 and everything else into No 2.

### Specific Comments

1. Openers didn't fire – nor did tail (dnb). 2. Richarson and Dillon back to form. 3. Played in Kennilworth -5 20's all singles. 4. Spanking game 20's for Ringrose, Palmer and O, Brien. 3 for Banahan and 1 wkt! What

does one have to do to get man of the match? 5. Middle order collapse and tail. No blame on openers Cramp and Attard w20 each! 6. Did we play two teams here? Tom got 19 for oppo, Pat more loyal and only got 1. 7. Cameo appearance from Collette B, not enough to beat our nemesis. 8. Rain -not even Murrough to amuse us. 9. Some legal issues here –still MCC found in our favour. 10. Rustic enough – high profile running out of Bob by the skipper. Great supper afterwards put on by Terenure and they were visitors! 11. Ringrose, O'Brien, Attard and Godfrey. Not enough. No sign of the monsignor.

Yours in haste  
Pat Banahan 29th July

## BRIDGE

The Bridge Club continues on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm and has over 60 active members with up to 10 tables per night.

This season, our two teams did very well in the Fanagan Leagues in South Dublin with the A team coming second and the B team winning their respective groups. Well done to all!

This year we held our AGM in May to be in line with other Bridge clubs in the region.

After 20 years Ronnie Creighton has stepped down as Chairperson and all the members thanked him for his valuable contribution to the Club.

A new committee was elected as follows: Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Chairperson, Brenda Collins, Secretary, Carol Daultrey, Treasurer, Mary Rigney, Competition Secretary, Seamas Bradley, Mary Hickey and Claire Russell Ordinary Members.

The new committee is already planning the fixtures for 2016/17 which will include the annual Pairs tournament and the MK trophy.

New members are always welcome!

Brenda Collins

## TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis is being played during the summer months in the Bowlers Pavilion. Informal practice including with our robot is generally on a Tuesday night. Thursday nights will recommence at the end of August. Text Aengus on 087 2247790 before visiting in August.

## NOTICEBOARD

LCC has hosted two successful corporate events this summer and a number of private parties, with another two scheduled before the summer is out. Please can members encourage family members and friends to consider LCC as a venue for similar family or work events.

The events have included Bowls, (as described in the Bowls report) outdoor games on inflatables and digital Bingo in the Function Room



Follow this link to the relevant section of the website to have a look. You can cut and paste it into emails to send on to interested parties.

<http://lccsports.net/contact-us/facilities/>

## CANALAPHONIC at LCC

Dublin City Council South East are using LCC as the main event area for the Canalaphonic Music and Culture Festival 2016 taking place on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th of September. There will be large numbers attending, with musical acts between 5pm and 9pm on the Friday and 1pm-9pm on the Saturday. Once the music events are over, attendees will disperse to the numerous indoor venues throughout the area.

This is an exciting role for LCC in this Rathmines-wide event.