



Dear Member

Following the EGM on 22 June I am delighted to advise that W H Kirkwood will commence work on the new clubhouse on or around 31 August. Work on the resurfacing of the front 3 courts will commence as soon as possible once the site is clear to allow this. Please see the website at www.troontennis.org.uk for details of the plans and work programme. We will also be using the website to keep you informed as the work progresses.

This has been a long and complex process involving a great deal of time and commitment from all involved. I would particularly like to thank John Wilson, John Dickie, Margaret McGregor and Morag Curran for their many hours of hard work.

The total cost of the clubhouse, including a complete interior finish, and courts is estimated at £267,000. As previously advised we have secured a SportsScotland grant of £50,000 and this coupled with club funds leaves us with a shortfall of approximately £30,000. Following last year's EGM we have also secured a Charity Bank loan facility to meet this shortfall.

Obviously to reduce future outlay we would prefer to minimise any need for a loan and are therefore asking the membership to make donations.

The committee wrote to you last year asking for pledges and are grateful to those of you who did so. As advised in that letter now that the project is underway we are now asking for actual donations.

You will recall that we offered a "buy a brick" option as a method of donation. Unfortunately this has proved not to be a viable option. The remaining options are:

- A straight forward donation
- An interest free loan to the club - involving a minimum 5 years period after which the principal loan would be repaid in full

If you are in a position to make any form of donation please complete the attached slip and return it along with your cheque to Morven English, 29 Fullerton Drive, Troon KA10 6EL. If you are a taxpayer please remember to tick the gift aid box to allow the club to claim back the tax on your donation.

Should you wish to discuss any other form of donation please call me on 01292 314793.

We are also in the process of seeking commercial sponsorship and will, of course, keep you informed of any secured funds. If you are able to offer any form of commercial sponsorship, I would be delighted to discuss this with you.

We will also be launching a "100 club" which will allow members the chance to help raise fund and win a monthly cash prize. This will be launched at finals day and details will be published on the website.

This is a really exciting time for Troon Lawn Tennis Club. This year has seen an unprecedented increase in junior membership and participation and it has been wonderful to see the courts full. I am, therefore confident that the membership will contribute to ensure the continued growth of the club.

Linda Crawford

Club President