

## Silloth Tennis Club



The clubhouse in its original state of disrepair

With the dark nights drawing in, the Monday club nights at the Skinburness Road tennis courts have ended. However, we have managed to secure the senior school hall on Tuesday evenings, 7pm to 8pm, for junior coaching. Sessions will start on 29<sup>th</sup> October and the cost will be £1 per session, which must be paid in advance (the first payment is £8.00 between half-term and Christmas). Places will be limited to 16 and will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis, with anyone else going on a reserve list should anyone drop out. If you wish your child to participate in these coaching sessions, or would like more information please contact David Wise or David Pigeon.

The Saturday morning coaching sessions, 10am to 11am at the Skinburness road courts, still continue throughout the winter months.

One thing that the tennis club has always lacked has been a clubhouse, well no more. The town council has graciously allowed us to use the hut (see picture), on the right hand end of the green, as the clubs new home. At present the hut is in a state of disrepair, but we intend to have it up

and running for the next summer tennis season. The clubhouse will be a fantastic asset for the club. It will be a place for members to meet, provide storage for the clubs equipment and be a base for tennis coaching and activities on the green.

A big thank you must be given to the community shop, without their funding the repair of the clubhouse could not be carried out. We will keep you up to date with progress of the clubhouse in future issues of the Buzz. You can also keep track of the clubhouse progress on the clubs web site, <http://welcome.to/silloth-tennis-club>.

To add a bit of a competitive element into the Saturday morning coaching sessions, David Wise has introduced the 'Super Saturday' competition. It is just a fun contest that helps the children develop their skills in a match environment. Previous winners have been :- Under 6's

Sophie Thompson  
Bethany Hodnett  
Gareth Davenport  
Patrick Brough  
Under 8's  
Sam Brough  
Leanne Story  
Abigail Davenport  
Joe Smith  
Bethany Wise

Gareth Lewis, Tel: 31786.

## Solway Autograss Club

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. The weather was absolutely perfect for racing. Gary Graham had worked wonders with the track and got it in perfect condition for racing. All the cars were scrutineered and racing started on time.

**Class 1:** Mark Hodgson was off the line first and held on to win, but in the second heat he was nowhere to be seen, he finally appeared again in the final and came fourth. Mark Johnston was fourth in the first heat, second in the next one but in the final he completed his debut in Class 1 with a win. Michael Robson from Yorkshire Dales was consistent all day he came second in all the heats and the final.

**Class 2:** Don Hilton won all his heats and the final. Paul Stretton also from Yorkshire Dales had a good race as well coming second in the final. James Stubbs who came third in the second heat did the same in the final.

**Class 3:** Kevin Bowes returned to Silloth and he won all his heats and the final. Kevin Abbott did well to keep up with him but just could not get passed coming second in all his races.

**CLASS 5:** Richard Dunwell won the first and the second heat then completed the treble to win the final. Paul Jameson was third in both heats but he was very unlucky in the final, crashing into Paul Jenkinson from Yorkshire Dales who lost control of his car. From the restart Paul Jenkinson managed to get back out and come second. Nigel Hepburn in his new Saxo had problems all day but managed third in the final.

**CLASS 6:** Steve Sheenan from Yorkshire Dales enjoyed his day out at Silloth with a win in his first heat and a win in the final. Kevin Forster came second in the first heat then won the next heat and then came second in the final.

**CLASS 7:** Still no sign of Gary Graham having a chance of racing at Silloth,

which is a shame. Mike Hadden is still having problems with time.

**CLASS 8:** Phil Talbot making his debut in the Special's came fourth in the first heat, then third. In the final he made it to the line in first place. Wullie Stewart won the first heat. Mark Johnston managed second in the first heat then won the next.

**CLASS 9:** Steve Hartley had to race with the other specials in his debut in a special. A nice easy debut for him.

**CLASS 10:** Again with no one to race against all the specials were put together and David Stokes had no problems.

**STOCK HATCH:** David Widdup was consistent winning both heats but in the final he made a mistake and lost a lot of places. S1602 was second in the first heat then managed to come second in the final. Brian Robson from Yorkshire Dales was third and second in the heats but managed a win in the final.

**LADIES 11:** Lyn Curnow had a slow start in the first heat then a first in the second heat followed by a win in the final. Cath Hadden did well in the heats but did not do as well in the final. Karen Hodgson won the first heat but missed the second came second in the final.

**LADIES 12:** Sarah Robson from Yorkshire Dales won the final race after coming third in the first heat then first in the second and the final. WR176 came second in all her races. Lin Cunningham came third in the final.

**LADIES 13:** Caroline Bowes took all the honours.

**LADIES 14:** WR175 raced the first heat but was never seen again all day.

**JUNIORS:** This was Scott Rigg's debut and you would have thought he had been doing it all season. Kevin Dunn came second in the first heat and then first in the second heat and the final. Adam Hilton won the first heat then second in the next heat and third in the final.