

Silloth Rugby Club

Report by: Jimmy Lettice
Director of Rugby

The players and coaching staff of Silloth Rugby Union Club had a very successful pre-season meeting at which the majority of last seasons squad have promised to keep on playing. This is great news as it is just a matter of time before our fortunes turn around on the pitch.

Silloth boasts the best pitch in the County

as well as one of the smartest clubhouses.

With a thriving youth team and some very talented individuals in the first team, we have every opportunity to excel. Several members including Darren Irwin, Norman Reilly and Jamie Simpson have rejected offers from senior clubs and deserve a big "thank you" for their loyalty to Silloth.

Several new players have joined in the close

season and more are welcome. Our target for this season is more enjoyment and commitment to training, lets make the game fun.

Training is on Wednesdays at 6:30pm with light work to start with, tag rugby, ball work and handling skills will all be worked on with no contact.

Come along and join the fun. You don't have to play to train - you do have to train to play!

Silloth Tennis Club cont'd



Orange Team members

Why not check out the web sites of those involved and also take a look at ours as well for pictures and stories of our day?

www.cliffrichardtennis.org
www.bounceathon.org
www.sargent.org
<http://silloth.totalltennis.net>

Some of our members have been taking part in the British Schools Tennis Association events at Dalston Tennis Club over the past few weeks with very encouraging results starting to come our way.

In the Mini Tennis Orange event initial nerves from both boys and girls teams were replaced with confident and assured play with especially good performances from Calvin Rowell, Dawn Graham and Leanne Story. The Mini Tennis

Green competition, held a couple of weeks later saw a marked improvement in all performances with Isaac Cork winning every match he played in.

Our thanks go to Mrs Lorraine Graham and Mr David Smith for their help during these events.

The adult tournaments are also underway with the shock result of the summer being the semi final defeat of last year's club champion Stewart Small by David Wise with the final result being 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

All results, stories and coaching schedules can be found at our web site:

<http://silloth.totalltennis.net>

If you have not yet checked out the web site, please go and check out all the photos and other information.

Cumberland Open Championship



Photo by: Malcolm Brown

Scott Rigg - Cumberland Open Junior Champion

The Cumberland Two Day Open went well, even the weather was kind to us. All the rain on the Friday helped to make the track smooth and flat. Our friends from Ireland made it over, and truly enjoyed both the racing and the hospitality.

The first day's racing managed to allow all competitors three heats to lead up to their finals, which took place on Sunday. Thankfully there were no major incidents apart from the odd pushing and shoving on the track.

The Stock Hatch class had an excellent turn out with two grids of cars waiting to leave the start line, sadly though for Keith Bowrey his Vauxhall Corsa seemed to get off to a good start, but as the races progressed the car decided to give up. Things were rosy in the garden for Stuart Lewthwaite as he left his Class 6 Nova at home and brought out his Stock Hatch Fiesta, which certainly gave him some excellent results.

Class 2's Richard Lewthwaite was taken wide on the top corner by an Irish driver in his first heat, but managed to show them the road to victory in his second heat. Another Class 2 Dales driver, Don Hilton in his second heat put up a good race. He left the start line on the outside of the track, took his Vauxhall Nova in a clean straight line down the first stretch of the track and ahead of the rest of the drivers, into the first corner and took an instant lead pulling well ahead and leaving the rest of the cars struggling with the wet track.

Another away driver that showed some good racing was Leewood driver Wesley Grundy

in his Class 5 Vauxhall powered Metro.

Class 6 saw Dales driver Kevin Bowes Peugeot 205 show some excellent and entertaining racing. He certainly knew how to set his car up for the corners.

Newcomer to the club was Keith Mossop in his recent purchase, a Class 8 special, previously owned by Nick Dowson. He seemed to get the hang of it quite soon. But in an open race on the Sunday a half spin caused him to come to a standstill on the track, Don Hilton was not far behind and he did not have anywhere to go to avoid the stricken special. Both cars ended up with their nearside wheel at a crazy angle.

As usual the Solway Mens Open was run for the end of season points, resulting with Richard Lewthwaite finishing first, followed by Mark Nugent in second and Mark Johnston in third place.

All the class winners went forward to race in the Champ of Champs. Firstly went the men with all ten finalists spaced out around the track. This race had everyone watching with baited breath as the drivers went hell for leather to try and win the donated £500 from Haven Tyres and a much admired trophy. After a seven lap final, Dales Kevin Bowes finished first, followed by Leewoods Wesley Grundy and in third position was another Leewood driver Sean Carden.

Because there was such a good turn out in the Juniors class we had to run an A and B final. The results of the A final was as follows, in first place with a good lead throughout

the whole of the race Scott Rigg, second place went to Dales Adam Hilton and third place newcomer Dave Hooper. Scott was proudly presented with an excellent tool box kindly donated by Tom's Tool Chest of Harrington and also a trophy to be proud of. The B final of the Juniors was also very spectacular to watch as up and coming Dales driver Rachel Davis put up a superb race keeping the remainder of the drivers well at bay until Ashley Dublin got the break he was looking for and headed straight for victory. Final results Ashley Dublin 1st place, Rachel Davis 2nd place and in 3rd position newcomer Solway's Dave Hooper.

The Ladies Champ of Champs also proved to be a fast race to watch as Lin Cunningham took the lead from a six-car field. After holding the field for 5 laps the higher-powered cars managed to get through. Dales Angie Hilton passed Lin on the top corner followed by Dales Caroline Bowes after fighting to pass Lin for another lap. Final results Angie Hilton in 1st place, 2nd place went to Caroline Bowes and 3rd place to Lin Cunningham. The ladies race was sponsored by D. Marks Carpets who kindly donated £200 and the trophy was donated by the club.

Our next event at Silloth is on the 7th of September. But we are co-hosting the Nationals with Yorkshire Dales at Thornborough on 2nd and 3rd August. This meeting will see the top 10 drivers from their class racing head to head.

For more details visit: www.yorkshiredales.uk.net and www.solwaygrass.co.uk

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