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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Spring Matchplays 2008

Please check the website for all upcoming information on the National Matchplays on the 4th/5th and 6th April from www.leinstertennis.ie

The Ten Commandments for Tennis Parents! (by Peter Farrell, Development Officer)

- 1 You shall watch your child's match from wherever she feels most comfortable having you – near the court, from the Clubhouse, or ten miles away
- 2 You shall not speak or signal to your child during the match. Quite simply, it is against the rules.
- 3 You shall remain calm during play, whether 'your side' is 5-0 up, or 0-5 down.
- 4 You shall not rush to your son at the end of a match to give him your in-depth analysis. Win or lose, most players need time to themselves after competing.
- 5 You shall judge a match based on your child's performance, effort and sportsmanship –not on whether she won or lost.
- 6 You shall not make your child practice when he really does not want to – unless your aim is to turn him off tennis...
- 7 You shall encourage your daughter to be as independent as possible in organising her tennis schedule. Success at tennis requires independent thought and action.
- 8 You shall not go to every practice session, lesson or match. He needs to get used to playing without you around.
- 9 You shall allow your child and his coach to decide what to do during lessons. Your influence in this specialist area should be minimal.
- 10 You shall be a loved, respected and welcomed tennis parent, should you obey the first nine commandments!

Leinster Branch AGM

Thank you to **Lansdowne Lawn Tennis Club** for allowing us the use of their facilities to host the Leinster Branch AGM 2008 which was held on the 27th February at 8pm.

The meeting was chaired by outgoing **Hon Secretary Jimmy Cahill** and was a very successful and informative evening. The Officers of the 2007/8 Council (**Michele McGrath** - President, **Patricia Sheridan** - Vice-President, **Billy Meehan** - Hon. Treasurer and **Jimmy Cahill** - Hon. Secretary) were thanked and applauded for their work during the year as were the other members of the Council.

The four officers of last year's Leinster Council have automatically become members of the incoming Council. In addition 9 other members were appointed as follows;

Eugene Bergin (Glasnevin TC), Johnny Cunningham (Templeogue TC), Joe Flood (Deerpark TC), Ger Gilson (Greystones TC), Lucy Lawlor (Donnybrook LTC), Ann O'Connor (Lansdowne LTC), Paul Roche (Shankill TC), Rosa Stephens (DL Riverview), Siobhán Ward (Sandycove TC), Rory Wilson (Carrickmines TC) and Michael Wogan (Elm Park).

Further information on this and all other items reported on at the AGM can be found in the Leinster Branch Annual Report for 2006- 2007 which has been sent to the Hon. Secretary of each Leinster Club.

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11th – 13th April 2008

Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club

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