

## Secretary's Report 2008

- The year began with the Northern Bank Spring League, which ended with a showdown between Cyril Boyd's Drafts and Bernie Hall's Debits on 19 March.
- With this competition, penalties were introduced if matches do not start on time or if a player does not turn up at all.
- The Donnelly Group West of Ulster Championships ran from 19-25 May, with Conor as tournament director. 112 competitors took part from Home, Omagh, Irvinestown, Ballynafeigh, Belfast Boat Club, Butt Hall Ballybofey, Hillsborough, Sligo and Longford.
- We were very fortunate with the weather, including on Finals day. This year, we had a social event on the Saturday night, which involved a trip on the Kestrel followed by a meal at the Killyhevlín and was very successful.
- The Mervyn Winslow Mixed Tournament took place on 19 June. The matches were organised by Clive Bruce and Susan Keys provided a splendid curry feast. Ruth Armstrong and Hugh Maguire were the victors.
- Belleek Living were again the generous sponsors of the Enniskillen Tennis Championships, held 8-13 September. The tournament director, Sonja, did a great job in managing 61 competitors.
- A charity American Tournament was held on 23 October. The bad weather conditions during the day managed to hold off long enough for the 24 participants. Jenny Humphries and Atif Manzoor claimed victory of the event, which was sponsored by Dominick Burns. Organisation was by Clive Bruce, in relation to the teams, and Jenny Cruikshank, Helen Cooper, Maxine Leary and Linda Corrigan for catering. Nearly £300 was raised for the Fermanagh Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.
- The Western Cars Autumn League is well underway, with the finals in the first week of December.
- Outside of the competitions, the main event was installation of the access system, which Conor and Liz will talk about in greater detail. The software involved allows email addresses to be extracted easily from the database, making the secretary's life a bit easier.
- During the year, our webmaster Arthur McKinney has made sure that the information on the tenniskillen.com website is kept up-to-date, which is a great help in supporting the notifications issued by email or post.