

PRESS RELEASE

ST. ANNE'S WATERFORD TENNIS CLUB **Mulligans Specsavers Inter Firms Festival of Tennis**

“The **Inter Firms Tennis** Festival, once again, generously sponsored by **Mulligan's Pharmacies and Specsavers**, promises to be an event not to be missed this year”, says Pat Wallace, Chairman St. Anne's WTC.

The competition takes place in our club at John's Hill where we have wonderful facilities including a clubhouse with modern bar and balconies overlooking 9 savannah courts (all floodlit).

The Club would like to appeal to all businesses in the region to consider entering a team as it provides a rare opportunity for employees to represent their companies in a fun sporting event. The Club has a full catering service available at the pavilion bar which will provide meals and refreshments throughout the competition.

On Saturday 30th of April the Club will host a special family day from 2pm to 6pm with Bouncy Castle, Face painting, Table tennis available for the younger members. From 8pm on Saturday 30th the Club will host a Country & Western themed evening with music from “The Hoots,” this will be accompanied by Roast suckling pig served in the famous Waterford Blaa along with stone baked pizza cooked on site.

Finals day is on Saturday 7th May and the Entertainment is provided by the multitalented “Thank Funk.”

We would especially like to welcome all those who are not regular tennis players who would like to try their skills throughout the fortnights play. We hope to match the huge number of entries we had last year – 400 entries (100) teams from beginners in Section E to team club players in Section A, making our Inter Firms the biggest tennis event in the country. This week the Club will be sending out entries to all Firms, Clubs and Organisations in the area. Entry forms are also available at St. Anne's or any branch of **Mulligan's Pharmacies and Specsavers**. These should be returned to Michelle Kirby, Club Administrator, St. Anne's WTC, by 6pm on **Sunday 10th April**. Play commences on Sunday, **24th April** and Finals will be held on **Saturday, 7th May**, with beautiful prizes being awarded to all Finalists - Winners and Runners Up. Further details will be available on the club website **www.stannestennis.com**

We hope to see you all on the 24th April and if you are not playing, please come and support your team. All are welcome to our clubhouse at John's Hill.

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INTER FIRMS TENNIS COMPETITION 2016

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES NOW FOR TENNIS EVENT OF THE YEAR

Getting bigger and better with each successive year, it's time to submit your entries for the 2016 Inter Firms Tennis Competition, once again generously sponsored by **Mulligan's Pharmacies and Specsavers** – to be played at St. Anne's Waterford Tennis Club.

Since its introduction in 1984, this competition has maintained its popularity and is now a "must" on many people's social calendar, an event not to be missed. In tennis circles, it has gained reputation as one of the biggest and best in the country. The main attraction is that the competition is open to participants from all standards of tennis, from those who have been playing for years to relative beginners who are just as much interested in the social attractions of the event.

The term "Inter Firms" does not imply the event is restricted to a small group. Teams from factories, hospitals, offices, banks, shops, schools, organisations, etc are all welcome to play. In fact they may enter as many teams as they wish, but each team must have at least one employee and must play under the name of the factory, shop etc. Where several teams enter from one firm, the teams will be identified by the captains' name to avoid confusion.

The competition is in the form of mixed doubles, each team consisting of four players, two ladies and two men. In order to accommodate all abilities, the competition will be divided into six sections.

ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms are posted to all firms and are also available at St. Anne's Waterford Tennis Club, on the club website www.stannestennis.com, or any branch of Mulligans Pharmacists or Specsavers Waterford, who are the sponsors of the event. The closing date for entries is 6pm on Sunday 10th April. Because of the large number of entries and the enormous administration task that goes with it, the closing date will not be extended. It will not be possible to accept late entries. The names of the players and the name of the team captain must be completed in full on the entry form. A contact telephone number must be included. Completed entry forms, with entry fee of €80 per team, including a courtesy €20 voucher for a welcome drink in the club bar, to be returned to Michelle Kirby, Club Administrator, St. Anne's WTC, John's Hill, Waterford.

Play will commence at 5.30pm on Sunday 24th April. The first round of the competition will be played in the first week and completed in the second week in conjunction with a Plate Section for First Round Losers. All teams will play at least three games. Beautiful

prizes will be awarded to the finalists (winners and runners up) and these will be presented on Finals Night, Saturday 7th May.

The draw and timetable will be published in the clubhouse and on our website. It may also be viewed at St. Anne's Waterford Tennis Club, on our website www.stannestennis.com or at any branch of the **Mulligan's Pharmacies and Specsavers**, the event sponsors from that date. Because of the size of the competition it will not be possible to change the time or date of any matches.

“We look forward to seeing all the teams in action for what will be the 33rd Inter Firms Tennis event and even if not playing, please come along and support your friends and work colleagues at our state -of -the -art clubhouse”, says Club Chairman Pat Wallace.