

‘SPOKES IN MOTION’ WHEELCHAIR TENNIS CLUB

THE BELFAST CITY COUNCIL EVIAN 2013 INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

BELFAST LORD MAYOR TRYS OUT WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

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The 16th Belfast City Council Evian International Wheelchair Tennis Tournament has just taken place over the weekend, with mixed success for our local competitors,

The event hosted by the local ‘Spokes In Motion’ Wheelchair Tennis Club in association with Belfast City Council and Tennis Ireland, was held at The Belfast Indoor Tennis Arena, and attracted top players from England, Scotland, and Ireland all hoping to get their share of the silverware.

The event organisers were delighted with the high standard of the players coming to do battle for the silverware, including Republic of Ireland No1 player Garreth Greene and Scottish No 2 Player Peter Moore.

From the impressive line up of competitors attending our home tournament this year, spectators including The Belfast Lord Mayor and Dame Mary Peters saw a very high standard of wheelchair tennis, with some hard fought three set thrillers. Belfast Lord Mayor Cllr Mairtin O’Muilleor actually got into a tennis wheelchair to try the sport out for himself. (pic attached)

The ‘Spokes In Motion’ Club along with Tennis Ireland also use the event to promote and develop this fast and exciting sport, within Northern Ireland

*Belfast Lord Mayor, Councillor Máirtín Ó Muilleoir stated before play commenced;
“Belfast City Council is delighted to support this annual event. The level and quality of tennis at the tournament is fantastic. Our local players face some tough competition of international calibre but I’m confident they can make a strong challenge for silverware.”*



The tournament finished with local player Ivor Jess losing in the singles final to English man Scott Smith and in the doubles local players Stafford Lynn and Steve Watters beat Ivor Jess and Glasgow man Pete Moore in straight sets.

The tournament committee are delighted and extremely grateful to Belfast City Council for once again sponsoring the event, and also to JBE Building Services, Evian, and the Freewheelers organisation, for without their valued support it would not be possible to host this now established and well presented event.

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