

RLTSC JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2010

Dear juniors and parents now that the 2010 tennis season is well underway this Summer Newsletter reminds and updates you as to what is happening this season:

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As always we ask if anyone would like to join the junior committee, meeting only a few times a year, please ring any of the numbers above for details.

Our Teams

The following teams were entered in to the Aegon league this season which is almost finished now and we are hoping that we can run the same teams in the Herts Summer League which starts this June.

First may we say a big thank you to the parents who have run the teams and we look forward to hearing about your results if you would be kind enough to display these on the junior notice board in the dining room.

We have had some problems with the AEGON league and had to drop two of the teams during the season due to a lack of interest and no one willing to run the teams. This is a shame for those who would like to play. We would like to run teams for all age groups but can only do this if we have more parent volunteers willing to run a team. We currently have particular problems with the under 14s 16s and 18s both boys and girls teams.

If you would like to play in matches feel free to attend the team training sessions on Sunday evenings and discuss it with Gee and Anthony who will put you in touch with the captains as appropriate and if there are any parents willing to run a team please contact the office or G:

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| AEGON Under 18 boys; | Withdrawn |
| AEGON Under 18 girls; | |
| AEGON Under 16 boys; | |
| AEGON Under 16 girls; | Withdrawn |
| AEGON Under 14 boys; | |
| AEGON Under 12 boys; | |
| AEGON Under 12 girls; | |
| AEGON Under 10 mixed boys and girls; | |
| AEGON Under 9 mixed boys and girls; | |
| AEGON Under 8 mixed boys and girls. | |

Team Tennis Training Session

Please remember that there is a team training session open to all juniors both boys and girls from age group "under 12s" upwards on a Sunday evening from 5pm to 7pm. This will run until the end of term in July. Please feel free to join this group especially if you are interested in playing team tennis or if you just fancy improving your tennis. This session is very helpful to enable the coaches to make their team selections.

Mini and Junior Tournaments on Friday Evenings

These rated tournaments are running term time throughout the Summer mainly during Friday junior social. A complete list of the dates is posted on the junior notice board in the dining room. Results from these rated tournaments are submitted to the LTA and will count towards individual ratings of the players who have a British tennis membership number. To get your number (at no cost) you must join British Tennis via the LTA website.

Box Leagues

The box leagues are about to start now that the Road to Wimbledon tournament and the Aegon league have finished. See the notice board for details.

Road to Wimbledon

Congratulations to Lucy Booth and Toby Harris who won the Radlett part of this competition and to Daisy Curran and Daniel Landau who are the runner up reserves. We wish Lucy and Toby good luck in the next stage of the tournament which is a county final and then winners go on to a national final held at the All England club.

Grades 5 and 6 Open Tournaments and minis

There will be an open one day grade 5 tournament, an open one day grade 6 tournament and open mini orange, green and red tournaments during July and August. The dates of these tournaments have only just been finalised and submitted to the LTA so check on the junior notice board where the details will be displayed very soon. You will need a BTM number to enter.

Friday Evening Junior Social

Junior social runs from 5.00 – 8.00pm on Friday evenings during term time. During the earlier part of the evening (aprox 5 – 7pm) the coaches will be concentrating on the younger players and during the latter part of the social (aprox 7 -8pm) on the older juniors. Children aged less than 11 years must leave the courts at 7pm.

ALL children must be signed in when they arrive and taken to the courts. Please remember that the coaches are only responsible for the junior members whilst they are on the tennis courts.

Parents of children under 10 years should stay at the club throughout social or ensure that there is an adult at the club designated with responsibility for their child whilst off court.

The junior committee will continue to sell hot food sweets and soft drinks from

6 -7pm on Friday evenings and we would like to say thank you to those parents who have offered their services to help the committee in the kitchen. It is very much appreciated and we shall call upon them in due course.

Junior social finishes for the summer holidays on Friday 23rd July and recommences on 10th September.

Behaviour on and off court at junior social and generally

Please do **NOT** lean on or over the tennis net or hit the tennis net at any time. Do **NOT** throw or smash the tennis rackets under any circumstances. Please treat all club property and the club house with respect. Tennis equipment is expensive and can be damaged by foolish behaviour. Please **DO** put your own rubbish in the bins provided both inside and outside the club. We expect all children to treat each other with care and respect and as there is a huge range of age groups would all children please behave suitably in front of and with younger children.

Helpers at junior social

Sometimes G requires extra help from older juniors (who must be at least 14 years old) to assist his team of coaches with mini tennis at the junior Friday evening social. There are opportunities for youngsters who are undertaking Duke of Edinburgh training to fulfil their community service by providing the club with an hour or two of their time. In addition G sometimes requires additional assistance for which a small financial payment is made. Any payments made are to be in line with the National minimum wage scales with some differentiation for those who hold tennis coaching or leadership qualifications. **After volunteers, in selecting juniors to help him, priority is given first to the stronger and more accomplished tennis players and then to those holding relevant qualifications.** G will notify juniors from week to week as to whether or not he requires them. In due course the club may consider allowing juniors to help at social on a voluntary basis and paying for them to attend the leadership course after they have given sufficient hours to the club to pay for the course. If you are interested in helping on any of the above basis please let G know.

Leadership courses

The LTA runs a leadership course for junior tennis players aged from 13 to 17 years which gives them a recognised qualification to help teach tennis to younger players. The course costs £65 and takes place at Batchwood tennis club in St Albans. It consists of 3 separate 2 hour workshops. Details of the next courses to be run are as follows:

Summer Term: Monday 26th July 9 am to 12 noon

Tuesday 27th July 10 am to 12noon and 1pm to 3pm

Autumn Term: Saturday 16th October 4pm to 7pm

Tuesday 19th October 7pm to 9pm

Tuesday 2nd November 7pm to 9pm

For full details and to enrol on either course or subsequent courses please contact Alison Allard on her mob. 07970775652 or e mail her on Alison@coachit.fsbusiness.co.uk

If you wish to help G at Friday junior social this course will be extremely beneficial and may possibly be an essential requirement in due course although **G can not guarantee work to anyone who has undertaken the course as priority must be given to the most accomplished players and those who have the best ability to coach the younger players.**

Sport Relief

A donation was made to Sports Relief on behalf of the juniors from the profits made from selling food and drink at junior social and the fund raising undertaken on the evening of 19th March. We are awaiting our certificate from the organisers for our junior notice board.

Older Juniors

Older junior members aged (14 years plus) who are of a strong standard are very welcome to join the adult social tennis session on Saturday afternoons. Check with G if you are unsure whether you are of an appropriate standard.

The Radlett Festival

This Sunday the 13th June is the Radlett festival at Phillimore Recreation Ground. The tennis club will have a stall up there with a mini tennis net and the opportunity to promote tennis to the local community so do please come up and support your club. Bring your friends to have a try at mini tennis. There will be some free coaching tips and sweets for anyone who has a go!

Junior Closed Tournament (Finals Day on Sunday July 11th 2009)

Entry forms will be available at junior social this Friday and thereafter from the noticeboard. There will be opportunities to enter the singles and doubles competition. The mini tennis tournament will all take place from 9am to midday on Sunday 11th July. The older juniors will fall into 2 categories under14s and under18s and if we have enough entries rounds will take place either at junior social or as arranged separately by competitors. If we have insufficient numbers entering the tournament there will be a round robin tournament on finals day. Older juniors should come to the club at 11am on that Sunday. Hot food will be available on the day and the bar will be open so it should be a fun family day.

Junior Open Tournament (Week of 16th to 21st of August 2010)

This is a very successful grade 3 junior LTA tournament held annually at our club which attracts a very good standard of junior players from across the county and surrounding areas. Details will be on the LTA website and application forms will be at the club very soon. We are lucky this year to have a very top Ex Wimbledon umpire as our tournament referee.

Please could any parents who have some spare time consider helping in the kitchen during the week of the tournament to provide refreshment for competitors and guests. If you are able to offer any help please contact the office.

Junior Coaching and Holiday Camps

Coaching takes place on weekday afternoons during school term time. Holiday coaching camps are running every week during the school summer holidays except for the week of the 16th August. Booking forms are available on the junior notice board.

Notice Board

The junior notice board just inside the club dining room is the best way for juniors to find out what is going on at the club, so don't forget to have a look at it when ever you are down there. Details of further events and competitions both at the club and outside will be displayed there from time to time.