



Downpatrick Tennis Club

Newsletter 2010



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1 A Message from the Captain

Welcome to the 2010 season at Downpatrick Tennis Club. Last year the club continued to grow in both junior and senior sections with a record 109 junior members. This year we are hoping to hold more American tournaments - weather permitting. These competitions are good fun and a great way to pass a Sunday afternoon.

On the back of success last year, we are entering more teams in the Belfast and District leagues. Hopefully those people who have expressed an interest in being included in a team, will enjoy their experience.

The 2010 season begins for juniors on 27th April and for adults, with the first American tournament, on Sun 11th April. Enclosed is a Calendar of Events to help you plan your play.

Enjoy your tennis.

Liz Jackson (Captain)



2 Club website and email communication

All of the information in this newsletter is now available online at our new website.

Please visit... www.downpatricktennisclub.co.uk

You will find information on all the Club's policies, activities, coaching, tournaments and more. If you have any ideas to improve the site or for new sections or pages then please use the e-Mail link on the "Contact Us" page and we will respond.

Sometimes it is necessary to contact you urgently or unexpectedly about changes to Club play. This may be because the courts are unplayable due to rain, or because Club play is being rescheduled due to league matches (we do our best to make sure that there is as little disruption as possible). To facilitate the best possible lines of communication we would like to create a database of email addresses and will set up a group email which does not display members emails explicitly. Please ensure that your email address is included on the application form and, if possible, try to check your email regularly.

					
HOME	MEMBERSHIP	CLUB PLAY	LEAGUES	COACHING	TOURNAMENTS
<p>Related information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact us Finding us Committee Members Child protection Club Policies 		<p>WELCOME TO DOWNPATRICK TENNIS CLUB</p> <p>Downpatrick tennis club welcomes members of all ages and abilities and from all walks of life. Inclusivity is a strong theme throughout the club, and new members will be offered the support of a dedicated buddy for the first few weeks. This experienced member will guide them through club procedures and ensure they have an enjoyable and rewarding experience.</p> <p>Coaching is available to members at all levels of their development from our professional accredited coaches. New players can compete in friendly matches and informal play on club nights and as they gain confidence they will have the opportunity to compete in the Belfast and District Leagues.</p> 			



3 Club Fees

Membership fees for 2010 are as follows:

Membership type		Fee
Adult		£50
Juveniles (13 – 18 years)		£20
Coaching adult (for 4 lessons)		£24
Persons in full time education		£20
Juniors		£10
Coaching (Juniors & Juveniles)	First Child	£45
	Each subsequent child	£35

If you are new to the Club we hope you will find it a very welcoming environment. If, however, you feel a little unsure of how the Club works then please make yourself known to a member of the committee. We operate an informal 'buddying' system whereby new members are introduced to and accompanied by an existing Club member for their first few weeks of Club attendance.

Coaching for Adult beginners and improvers is available during the season based on the numbers interested - please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in this. New adult beginners will receive four free coaching lessons.

Coaching for Junior members will continue as last year and we will engage two coaches for junior nights (giving an approximate ratio of 1 to 8). This will continue to have a significant impact on the progress of our junior members. For further details see the Junior Newsletter.



4 Parents / Volunteers

Once again we are appealing to parents and volunteers to offer a small portion of their time and expertise to help with the running of Junior Club coaching. The role is very straightforward and mainly involves supervising junior members during coaching sessions. A full description of the role can be found on our website.

Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact Anna McCartan, the Junior Secretary.

5 Club Play and American Tournaments

Club play will be as last year, Monday and Wednesday starting at 7pm. On Mondays, players will be selected at random and on Wednesdays selection will be determined using the 'White Board' method.

Our American Tournaments have been very well attended in recent years and we hope for the same again this year. Registration is at 1.15 pm prompt for a 1:30pm start. This is to ensure that the tournament starts on time and finishes at a reasonable hour. Everyone is welcome, the format is mixed doubles with a draw for partners, and it's a "smashing" way to get to know your fellow members, whilst enjoying the sun (we hope), a sociable game of tennis and a few nibbles.

For details of dates and times please see the *Calendar of Events 2010*.

6 Clubmark

The annual Clubmark awards ceremony will be held this year in April. The successful nominee for Junior Club Member of the Year is Rea Coffey. Rea achieved great success last year in competitions both within and outwith the Club.



7 Belfast and District Leagues (B&D)

The Belfast and District League body organizes competition at various levels and offers challenging tennis to players of all abilities. The club believes that league tennis makes a unique contribution, both at team and individual level. Not only do we enjoy the camaraderie of team play, but participants also testify to the learning experience that takes place during these competitive matches – all of which are played in great spirit and sportsmanship.

Last season (2009) the club entered 5 teams in the B and D league with our most successful season ever. The Mixed League and Summer League teams **both** won their divisions against stiff opposition. In the Ladies Evergreen section our 'A' Team were involved in a nail-biting play-off with Hilden; finally missing out on becoming league winners by only one game. The men's Evergreen team also played home and away games with great success.

At Downpatrick Tennis Club we believe in an inclusive approach to sport. Before Christmas, we invited all 2009 adult members to let us know of their interest in playing in B and D league teams. Those people who expressed an interest will be invited to take part of one or more of our teams this coming season. If you are interested in being a 'sub' on any of the teams please contact a member of the Committee.

8 Family Quiz and Social Evening, Denvir's 6th March 2010

Last year's quiz night was very successful and raised funds for the Club. Most importantly it acted as a super opportunity for junior and senior members to get together and renew acquaintances before the season began. This year we will have the event in Denvir's Hotel. We encourage all members, friends and relatives to come along and enjoy the evening.

Jayne Bassett, Secretary

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Adult Membership Form

Please complete all sections and return, with payment to the Treasurer:

Paul McCartan, 23 Ardraccan Downpatrick BT30 6TL

Adult membership of Downpatrick Tennis Club is available to anyone over the age of 16. Applicants agree to abide by the Club's constitution and to adhere to the Club Membership Rules and Fair Play Policy

Contact Name	
Contact Postal Address (inc postcode)	
Contact Email address	
Contact phone number	
Interest in lessons (indicate beginner or intermediate). £24 for four lessons. These are group lessons and are usually run over 4 weeks (new adult members will receive four free beginners coaching lessons)	Level of lesson and names of interested individuals. Payment for these will be arranged at a later date.

Names of all individuals applying for adult membership

Name	Contact email address, if different from above.	Membership payment £50 pp
Total payment included (please do not include cash) cheques may be made payable to Downpatrick Tennis Club.		£
Signature		
Signature of Club official		Accepted/ rejected