



Downpatrick Tennis Club Junior Newsletter

2011

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Dear Parents/Guardians

2010 was a great season in the junior club and we had a total junior/juvenile membership of 116. Thank you all for your commitment and dedication in showing up for all the coaching sessions. The coaching week and the mini tournament to end it were very successful and congratulations to all the winners.

We also had our first junior competitive matches against Newcastle Tennis Club which were played at both home and away and on both occasions we were the winners. I know those who took part really enjoyed it despite the horrendous weather conditions and we are planning some matches again this year.

This year all the coaching will be on Tuesday evening, one hour sessions the first starting at 6pm. Thursday evenings will be used for junior club play which will be for junior members age 10 years and over.

We want you to enjoy your tennis at Downpatrick Tennis Club.

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Club Coaches	Ronnie Ballantine
	Michael McLaren

Down High Tennis Courts, Down High Playing Fields, Downpatrick.



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1 Fees.

Membership type		Fee
Juveniles (13 – 18 years)		£20
Persons in full time education		£20
Juniors		£10
Coaching (Juniors & Juveniles)	First Child	£45
	Each subsequent	£35

2 Membership

For insurance reasons all fees and forms must be returned by the first night of coaching. All new members will be accepted on a first come basis.

3 Coaching for juniors and juveniles

Ronnie Ballantine and Michael McLaren will be employed as the Clubs Tennis Coaches for 2011. Coaching will be on Tuesday evenings from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. If the demand is high one session may be run on a Thursday evening.

Coaching will begin on Tuesday 3rd May. Membership is based on first come first served basis and therefore it is important to get your membership forms and fees paid promptly. You can contact me on my phone number a week before coaching starts to gain your exact times to be on court.

Juniors who are 13 years and over are permitted to play in all the American tournaments, club championships, handicap tournaments. Any juvenile over 13 years and taking coaching lessons is permitted to play at Senior club play on Monday evenings from 6.30pm only if agreed with the coaches. Details of the American Tournaments etc can be found on the Club website.

A junior coaching week will start on Monday 1st August 2011. Details of the coaching week/ tournament will be circulated nearer the time. Check out the website and notice board for any updates.



4 .Child Protection, Volunteers and Parental Responsibility

The named child protection officers for the club are;

Mrs Bonnie Milligan

Mrs Anna Mc Cartan

The junior coaching is separated into 3 groups.

We would ask the parents of the younger children to stay at courtside to supervise and attend to toileting requests.

The club may call on volunteers to help on a given evening. The time commitment will be no longer than 1 hour on a Tuesday and 1 ½ hours on a Thursday. If you are interested in volunteering please let a member of the Committee know.

It is the responsibility of the junior member's parent/guardian to drop off and collect the junior member on time. See attached sheet on role of volunteer and responsibility of parent – this form must be signed and returned.

5 Return of Forms

All forms enclosed with your application form must be returned and signed before the Club can register your name(s) as members of Downpatrick Tennis Club. Applications will be based on a first come first served basis. Applications together with all the attached forms should be signed and returned to Treasurer before 7th April 2011.

7 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.



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6 Junior Club Calendar

Date		Event
Tuesday	3 rd May	First Junior coaching session of the season
Thursday	5 th May	First Junior Club Play of the Season
Tuesday	12 July	No coaching – Holiday
Thursday	14 July	No coaching - Holiday
Tuesday	19 July	Coaching resumes
Thursday	21 July	Junior Club Play resumes
Monday	1 st August	Coaching Week
Saturday	6 th August	Junior Round Robin Tournament
Tuesday	9 th August	Coaching resumes
Tuesday	16 th August	last coaching session
Junior Club Championships will take place starting Sunday 14 th August		

