

Junior Tennis Club Junior News

Braintree Lawn Tennis Club

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This is my last newsletter report as Chairperson, as I have decided to stand down with effect from the clubs AGM, in April. A huge thank you to everyone on the committee and to all Junior members who have supported the activities which we have organised. Anne and Arthur have also decided to stand down from the Committee and I would like to thank them for all their hard work over the last few years. I am pleased that Chris Doran has agreed to take over as Chairperson and Carolyn Geddes-Smith as Membership Secretary. Mike Shorten will also be joining the Committee but if any other parents wish to join or help out, it would be appreciated. I hope that the Juniors continue to grow in strength as they have over the last two years and wish everyone good luck for the future.
Carol Ball

New Chairperson's Report

My name is Chris and I have taken over from Carol as the Junior Club Chairperson.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Carol for all her hardwork over the last few years and for her help and guidance as she hands over the reins (or should I say racket) to me.

All the activities run by the Junior Club are due to the commitment of a small loyal band of volunteers and with their help and support I am looking forward to carrying on the good work.

Committee Members

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Committee Members -

Brian Griffiths
Mike Shorten
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Louise Ball
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CONGRATULATIONS!!

Baby News

Congratulations to Rob and Flore on the safe arrival of their baby daughter Tessa.

League News

Congratulations to the Halstead and District 18 and Under team who won the Winter League by beating Wickham Bishops 5.1 on the last match of the season.

New Facilities and Equipment

Court 4

The transformation for Court 4 from a grass court to hard court has now been completed. Due to the numbers attending the Sunday Morning Club, the Juniors are regularly using it. This gives us the opportunity to practise on two different surfaces and making us better prepared for our away matches.

Table Tennis Table

The Club has purchased a Table Tennis Table which the Juniors have been using most Sundays. It was also used at the Games Evening. The purchase has been appreciated by all Juniors as everyone has had a lot of fun using it.



Recent Events

Over the last 6 months the Juniors have enjoyed the following activities organised by the Committee.

September 2008 - Junior Cup

The winners of the Junior Cup were:

Boys 14 and Under - Ollie Geddes-Smith

Boys 18 and Under - Ollie Monro

Girls 18 and Under - Lydia Seleska

31st October 2008 - Activity Day

20 Juniors enjoyed a variety of team games alongside an American Tournament. Games included Handball, Serving at Targets, Bin Ball and an Assault Course.

29th November 2008 - Quiz Night

24 Juniors went into teams and answered questions on a variety of subjects.

During the evening 16 Pizzas were devoured with ease.

22nd December 2008 - Xmas Bowling Trip

70 Juniors participated in the Bowling Trip, meeting at Number 10 before playing 2 games. Everyone then walked back to the Clubhouse for a buffet lunch. Afternoon activities included a Quiz, tennis, video, pool, cards and social chatting. A big Thank you to all adults who helped make this event successful.

20th February 2009 - Activity Day

16 Juniors attended the day again doing team games before the American Tournament.

21st March 2009 - Games Evening

16 Juniors joined in the Games Evening playing twister, pool, darts, memory game, monopoly, jenga and table tennis.

Future Events

16th May - Quiz Night

31st May - Junior Cup Heats - Members Only

7th June - Junior Cup Finals - Members Only

Age Groups - 14 and Under
18 and Under

Age at the 1st January 2009
Times - 9.30-12.30, so therefore there will be no Junior Club, but you are welcome to come along and support.

If you are interested in participating then please sign up on the Junior Noticeboard.

26/27/28 June - E.T.C Open Junior Singles Tournament.
Closing Date - Friday 12th June
Entry Fee - £10.00 per Player
Forms available under the Junior Noticeboard.

10/11/12 July - Fritchway Open Junior Doubles Tournament
Closing Date - Friday 26th June
Entry Fee - £8.00 per Player
Forms available under the Junior Noticeboard.

Club Clothing

For all Juniors there is a wide range of clothing available to buy in both children and adult sizes. There are fleeces, caps, t-shirts, jumpers and bags available. Anybody interested in purchasing any please contact Chris Doran.

Junior Website

To keep up to date on the progress of the club, any results of our junior teams and any up and coming events, visit our website.
www.braintreeitc.co.uk/juniors

Sunday Supervision

The attendance at the Sunday Junior Club has grown in recent months. Any parents that are able to help supervise from 10am - 12.30pm, please contact Chris Doran for more details.

Summer School

Last years summer school was a great success over 5 weeks. This year there is 6 weeks, with the dates below:

Week 1 - 20th July - 24th July

Week 2 - 27th July - 31st July

Week 3 - 3rd August - 7th August

Week 4 - 10th August - 14th August

Week 5 - 17th August - 21st August

Week 6 - 24th August - 28th August

The cost for a week is - £90 for one child and £85 for any other children in the family. On the Monday children need to be enrolled at 9.30am but every other day dropped off for a start of 10am and collected at 4pm.

LTA Tournaments

There are many Tournaments available for Juniors to play in over the Summer, for various age groups. Anybody who is interested in finding out more about them, visit the LTA website:
www.lta.org.uk

Halstead and District Results

18 and Under Mixed Doubles

Earls Colne V Braintree - Won 6.0

Braintree V Wickham Bishops - Draw 3.3

Braintree V Earls Colne - Won 6.0

Wickham Bishops V Braintree - Won 5.1

Summer Teams

Over the summer we will be entering a mixed team in the Halstead and District 18 and Under age group, two teams in the boys Chelmsford league in the 18 and Under and 16 and Under age group and an 18 and Under boys team in the AEGON League. All fixtures will appear on the Junior Noticeboard