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Welcome

After a very harsh and cold winter we are all now looking forward to a bright and sunny junior season. It is the clubs' centenary year so look out for special events in 2010. Once again there is a full calendar of events and competitions for all ages and abilities so check out the events calendar/website and notice board for further details. The Tennis Club website has been revamped and looks great. Please make sure that you look at it regularly as it will have the most up to date information on events, coaching, cancellations or change of dates/venues and of course news and results from the club & surrounding area. Successful events from last year including Wimbledon team challenge, summer leagues, parent & junior doubles, club championships, fun days and annual prize giving/dinner are all happening again this year alongside a comprehensive summer coaching programme.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR: *The junior committee have a dedicated mobile phone which will be used to inform parents/juniors of event/coaching cancellations due to the weather. Cancellation information will be recorded at least an hour before the start of any activity.*

PLEASE CHECK if weather dodgy! 07923 280307



See you on court 😊

*Tracey, Louise, Bob, Peter, Colin & Trish
(Junior Committee).*

**Ps. Finally, I would just like to say this is the last newsletter that I will write as Bob and I are moving to Edinburgh at the end of May. I hope that you all continue to play and enjoy your tennis as much as we have enjoyed being a part of it.
Tracey (& Bob)**

CONGRATULATIONS

Andrew Campbell, Rebecca Dye, Duncan Lambie, James MacKinlay & Emma Cook for winning their respective age group Winter Leagues.

Well Done.



SUMMER 2010 LEAGUES/ CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

ENTER BY 15TH MAY

The leagues will run through May and June with the top performing juniors in each age group going through to the knockout stages of the Junior Championships. (The finals will be held on Sunday 6th September 2010).

To be included, please complete an entry form & return with fee to Tracey by May 15th. Forms can be found on the website and will be also be available at junior club night, coaching squads and from members of the junior committee.

Over 100 juniors from 5-18 took part last year, playing some fabulous tennis and most importantly **HAVING FUN.**

Play well and Enjoy!



JUNIOR CLUB EVENING

Friday evening junior tennis club began on Friday 16th April at the **Hydro Courts** and will continue during term time and run until Friday 25th June. It resumes again on 20th August until the end of the summer season which is the first weekend in October (Friday 1st October)

Junior club evenings are to encourage players to get together and enjoy some competitive and fun tennis activities and match play. These sessions are supervised by one of the club volunteers and we hope that some parents will come along and support us.

A Junior Doubles Challenge will also take place on Friday Evenings at Morrison's Courts beginning on the 7th May. Check the website for further details nearer the time. This is being run by Dave & Maura Brown.

We are interested in hearing from other parents if they are able to help out once or twice in the season and perhaps you may even be tempted to join in!

P3-6 5.00-6.00pm

P7-S6 6.00-7.15pm (Hydro)

Junior Doubles Challenge—630-830pm Morrison's (From 7th May)

Come along and play



OPEN DAY

Saturday 24th April 2010

The first event (with the exception of junior club night that will have already started) will be an open day for juniors of all ages. **This is open to all new and current junior members and members are encouraged to come along and bring a friend.**

Activities will include beat the coach, keepie up challenge, name the Wimbledon Bear & hit and win. Refreshments, healthy snacks and prizes will also be on offer so bring along your friends and family for a fun tennis day out, test racquets and find out about club events and coaching programme.

P1- P6 12pm-2pm / P7 -S6 2pm-4pm

P7-S6 Davis Cup event 2-4pm suitable for all abilities

New and existing members welcome



Parent/Child Coaching Session

A **FREE COACHING** workshop for parents and their children will take place indoors at the Crieff Community Campus on Saturday May 8th from 1pm-3pm. **No experience necessary** just a desire to help your own child with their tennis development. Parents are welcome to come along with our without their kids.

The session will cover use of the correct equipment, how to feed the ball, some simple coaching points, how to be able to rally effectively and will include information on how ratings work, a guide to competitions and some fun games that you can play with your kids. It will be based around the LTA mini traffic light tennis system (Red, Orange and Green ball).

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP

This is free to all members of affiliated clubs and is easy to register. Details of benefits incl Wimbledon tickets can be found at www.lta.org.uk/BritishTennisMembership Once you are a member of British tennis you will have access to an exclusive area of the website, in which you will find features, tips and information from around British Tennis.

Competitions: Local, Regional & National

The club enters junior teams into local and regional leagues and competitions from mini red to national competitions.

The **Road to Wimbledon** 14U Boys and Girls event is already underway.

Club Teams: Teams for 14U & 16U will be playing in both the Perth & Kinross District and Tennis Tayside leagues from May. A team of parent managers is in place to arrange these matches.

Tennis Tayside Mini Tour: A huge calendar of events throughout the summer for Mini Red, Orange & Green.

Central Mini Tour: As Tennis Tayside but includes competitions for older juniors and adults too.

For county/Regional and National competitions check out

<http://www2.lta.org.uk/Search/FindACompetition/default.htm>

Team practice will take place at The Hydro on Thurs 15th, 22nd and 29th April from 6-730pm for anyone interested in playing in the U14 and U16 teams.



WINTER 2009/10 ROUND-UP

Although little tennis has been played outdoors, several juniors have been playing indoors in county and regional competitions. Erin O'Kane played in several events and was runner up in the 18U East Scotland County Tournament. Glen Hughes and James MacKinlay played for a mixed Tayside/Central team that beat Ireland in March at the Gannochy and James has won events in the East of Scotland ROG tour, Tennis Tayside Tour, the LTA Cheshire County Tournament as well as runner up at the ROG Masters, LTA indoor series in the Wirral and the Hull Open. Abbie Woodward is competing more regularly in Red competitions and has recently moved up to a Red 2 rating. A 12U and a 14U Team were entered into the Tayside Winter League with the 12U being undefeated. Well done to all those who played; 12U: James MacKinlay, Dominic Doherty, Glen Hughes and Rebecca Dye. 14U: Charlie Grimson, Andrew Campbell, Amy Smart, Cameron Lee Calum Brown & Hamish Riddell.

COACHING

Coaching is open to club members, and preference will be given initially to current paid members as numbers are restricted. A min and max number will apply for lessons to take place and if insufficient numbers then the class may not run.

Coaching groups start at **Mini red, mini orange, mini Green, teenage beginner's secondary experienced players adult match play drills, adult's improver's drills and match play.**

Times/details for these groups are available to download from the website. Many groups are already full but please check with Louise to see if space is available.

Tennis Membership 2010

Memberships are now due.

Forms have been emailed out and are available to download from the website. Coaches may also have forms. Juniors must be members of the Tennis Club to take part in any of the activities or coaching. www.criefftennisclub.co.uk

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Month	Day	Date	What	Where	Details	Contact
April	Fri	15 th	Junior club night begins	Hydro courts	5-6pm P3-P6 6-7.15pm P7 to S6	Bob
April		1 st	HSBC Road to Wimbledon CHTC rounds	Hydro courts	U14 Girls singles U14 Boys singles	Louise
April	Various	w/c 19/4	Coaching programme begins week 1/6	Various	Various	Louise
April	Sat	24 th	Junior open day	Hydro courts	12pm Keepie up challenge Various fun activities	All
April	Sun	25 th	Mini comp red	Strathearn Rec Centre	2-5pm	Louise
May	Mon To Sun	17 th 4 th	Summer Leagues/Junior Club Championships Prelim RR group stages	Hydro courts	All ages Mini red to U18	Tracey Trish Colin
May	Sun	2 nd	Mini comp orange	Morrison's Courts	3-6pm	Bob Colin
May	Sat	8 th	Parent/child coaching afternoon	Strathearn Rec Centre	1-3pm	Louise/ Peter Bob
May	Fri	14 th	Junior doubles challenge begins 6 weeks	Morrison's courts	6.30-8.00pm 07/05 till 25/06 Not on 18 th June	Dave and Maura Brown
May	Sun	16 th	HSBC Road to Wimbledon CHTC Finals	Hydro courts	5pm U14 Girls Singles final U14 Boys singles final	Louise
May	Sun	23 rd	Parent and primary players tournament	Morrison's courts	Age range P3- P7 12-4pm BBQ	Louise Clare Colin
May	Sun	30 th	Mini comp orange Mini comp green	Morrison's courts	10-2pm 2-6pm	Louise / Peter Dave Brown/ Maura
June	Weds	2 nd	Primary cluster schools festival finals	Strathearn Rec Centre	P3/4 1-3pm	Louise Roz Findlay ASC
June	Sun	6 th	Parent and secondary players tournament	Morrison's courts	Age range S1-S3/ S4-S6 12-4pm BBQ	Louise
June	All week	14-20 th	CHTC Centenary week Wimbledon team	Hydro Morrison's	All junior and senior players	CHTC committee
June	Fri	18 th	Primary regional schools festival finals	Bells Sports Centre/ Perth	P3/4 10-2pm	Louise
June	Sun	20 th	Adult/junior event tournament am/pm	Hydro	Buffet lunch	CHTC committee
June	Sun	20 th	Mini comp Red	Morrison's	2-4pm	Louise Peter
June	Mon	21 st 4 th July	Wimbledon Championships begins	All England club	London	LTA
June	Fri	25 th	Last junior club eve	Hydro		
June	Sun	27 th	Mini comp green	Morrison's courts	1-5pm	Louise
Aug	Sat	14 th	Tayside ROG mini tour Grand prix	TBC		Jane Morrison
Aug	Sat	21 st	Central ROG mini tour Grand prix	Gannochy		Adam Brown
Aug	Fri	20 th	Junior club night resumes	Hydro courts	5-6pm P3-P6 6-7.15pm P7 to S6	Louise
Aug	Various	w/c 23 rd	Autumn Coaching programme begins	Hydro courts	5 week block	Louise
Aug/ Sept		w/c 23 rd -5 th	Junior Club Championships Semi/finals stages	Hydro courts	All ages U8 to U18	Louise Trish
Aug	Fri	27/29 th	Tayside Tennis Championships	St Andrews		
Sept	Sun	5 th	Junior finals	Hydro courts	10-1pm BBQ 12-1pm	
Sept	Fri/Sat	17/18 th	Perth and District singles closed competition	Perth	All ages primary and secondary	
Sept	Sun	26 th	Fun junior doubles	Hydro Courts	All ages 12-3pm	
Oct	Sun	3 rd	Last junior club afternoon	Hydro courts	12-3 pm	
Nov	Sat	13 th	Annual prize giving dinner	Hydro Hotel	tbc	