

BRAID LTC – JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2010

Dear Junior member/Parent,

NEW JUNIOR CONVENOR!

As the newly elected Junior Convenor of the tennis club, I thought it might be worthwhile dropping this newsletter in by way of introducing myself to those who don't know me, and of course to say hello to those of you who do! ☺

Hi from RICK! I play at the club regularly and pride myself on playing in the worst Mens team ever.....**the 4th team!!** Don't laugh! ☺ My kids Jessica (9) and Rachel (7) also play and some of you will know them from the coaching at the club.

Chris Arnold (former convenor), has handed over the role to myself, and I am sure that you would join me in thanking Chris for all his time and effort over the years when he overseen some great play and development of our juniors, especially the older boys team who have just enjoyed another great season representing the club at U18 level. The plan is for Chris to still take to dealing with the boys at this level, (organising the teams etc) so if any of the older boys are reading this, then please just ignore and continue to liaise with Chris for the coming season. Again, well done and many thanks to Chris on behalf of all our members.

JUNIORS – 2010 SEASON

I know it is hard at this time of year to be thinking of tennis(!), what with all the poor weather (unless you ski of course!) we have been 'enjoying', but the Junior Leagues need to be applied for by **Mid-February**, and I am therefore keen to explore who may or may not be interested in playing in one of the teams in their relevant age group? (Boys U18 by Chris).

I have laid out below the age formats and team numbers should we have enough juniors in any given age group who would be willing to join one of the teams in the relevant league.

For the players out there who feel that they are not good enough for 'team tennis' please don't be put off as the standard varies immensely at every level, (from real beginners..... to good 'age-level' players) and the chance to play against others in matches is great fun. Consider these age groups and please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to play!



Mixed 8 & Under (born 2002 or later) - Red Ball / Red Court (Basically a quarter size of one court with Mini Tennis nets) **Team of Four (2 Boys, 2 Girls)**

Mixed 9 and under (born 2001 or 2002 with an orange rating) - Orange Ball / Orange Court (Full net but played over 3/4 of full court) **Team of Four (2 Boys, 2 Girls)**

Mixed 10 and under (born 2000 only) - Green Ball (Full court with green ball) **Team of Four (2 Boys, 2 Girls)**

Boys 12 & Under (born 1998 - 1999) Full Court – Yellow Ball.

Girls 12 & Under (born 1998 - 1999) “

Boys 14 & Under (born 1996 - 1999) “

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Boys 16 & Under (born 1994 - 1999) “

Girls 16 & Under (born 1994 - 1999) “

Boys 18 & Under (born 1992 - 1999) “

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- - All of the above are teams of 4.

The league season runs from April through to end of June and finishes in time for the summer school holidays so it doesn't play havoc with holiday plans and matches are played on Saturdays (mostly) and the odd Sunday.

Please let me know if you fancy representing the club for some fun team tennis!



JUNIOR COACHING – 2010

As most of you will know we were joined last year by our new Club Coach – Dominic McManus, and ‘Domo’ (as the kids know him by!) has been a great success with the Juniors. We are planning more regular Sunday coaching as soon as the spring arrives and I shall drop everyone a note with the starting date, once I have twisted my fellow committee members arms’ for more court time for the Juniors! More in due course.....watch this space!

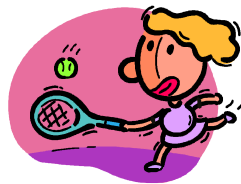


I would also like to possibly explore the different options we have when it comes to Junior coaching, and to this end I will drop a small questionnaire to you in due course by way of gauging what the best route forward is for the coaching of the Juniors.....things like should we base the coaching around age groups or around ability levels? Should the coaching be fun based or ‘development based’ etc. Would you be interested in Match Practice (playing against fellow Junior members) with the coach and parents helping with scoring etc. All of these things and more will be put to you as Junior members and parents. It’s your Junior section, so we want it to run the way you and your friends would like it to run.



AND FINALLY.....

I’m really looking forward to helping ALL the Juniors in the coming season and in future years and if there is anything that you guys feel would help you as Juniors, then please just yell out to me or tell your parents and they will tell me!! ☺ I am already planning one or two things for us and will report back in the spring on these. And lastly.....ENJOY YOUR TENNIS THIS SEASON! HAVE FUN!!



PARENTS - My contact details are below.....as are Domo’s.....and please feel free to get in touch with any ideas or proposals which you or your children may have about the Junior section moving forward.

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