



September 2012

Dear Juniors/parents

As the summer holidays draw to a close, it seemed a good time to bring you up to date.

It has been a great summer at the club: the Summer Camp was a great success, lots of juniors have taken up the junior coaching offered by our new coach, Nick Etienne, and we have seen lots of juniors at our Saturday matchplay sessions with Edward Benson and playing at the club with friends and parents.

### **Summer Holiday members**

For those of you who are Summer Holiday members, your membership will terminate on **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept**, but if you have caught the tennis bug, and would like to carry on playing and are interested in taking out full membership for the remainder of the year please get in touch and we can discuss a reduced fee that takes into account any fees already paid. Alternatively, you can come along to the junior coaching on Wednesdays (see below) as a non-member.

We hope to offer a Summer Holiday membership again next year, so if you are a fair weather player, this might be something to bear in mind.

### **Junior Coaching**

#### **Wednesdays**

Junior coaching will run every **Wednesday** during term time starting on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. The groupings for the sessions will take account of both age and ability, but to give you a general indication:

4-5 pm for 7 and unders  
5-6 pm for older children

We will look at introducing a later session for high ability juniors if numbers allow.

Please feel free to have a word with Nick Etienne if you are unsure as to which group is most suited for you/your child.

The cost will be **£3.00 per session for both members and non-members**. In order to allow the coach the maximum time for coaching activity, we are asking that the sessions are paid for in **half term blocks**. Payment for any sessions that do not run due to bad weather will be discounted from the next half-term payment. Newcomers may pay for up to 2 sessions on a pay as you go basis to allow the chance to decide whether or not they wish to continue with the activity.

#### **Saturdays**

The Saturday informal matchplay session with Edward Benson will continue to run at the same times as previously. The cost of these sessions continues to be included within the junior membership fee. Feel free to bring along friends if they wish to try out tennis and can't make it to the Wednesday sessions.

**Individual Coaching**

Nick is also available for individual coaching sessions, and a number of our members (both adult and junior) have already been taking advantage of this. If you are interested, please contact Nick directly on 07969060219.

**Playing Parents**

If, as a parent who is a non-member, you plan to play tennis with your child on more than a couple of occasions, you will need to take out the Playing Parent membership (£25.00 for the year.) Feel free to have a word with me if you need more information about this membership.

**Junior Committee**

We already have a junior committee, but it would be great to see more juniors getting involved, so if you think you might be interested please get in touch with Cathy Benson or have a word with me. I am keen to hear any ideas that you have for both tennis and social activities at the Club.

**Other activities**

We hope to be able to offer more tennis opportunities for our juniors over the Winter season including tournaments and school holiday activities so watch this space!

Finally, thanks to all of you, your parents and the coaches and volunteers for helping to create a fantastic buzz at Magdala Tennis Club this summer. I looked forward to continuing to see you all enjoying your tennis.

Alison

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