



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

I am the new junior co-ordinator for the Club, and wanted to take this opportunity to let you know some of the things we have been doing with our junior members in mind, and to encourage you to let us have your ideas.

Junior Committee

A Junior Committee has been set up, Chaired by Cathy Benson. If you would like to join the committee or just have some ideas that you want to pass on, get in touch with Cathy. Her contact details are on the junior noticeboard.

Social Events

We are considering holding monthly social evenings for our junior members, and would appreciate your feedback on whether this is something you would like. The format can have a social focus - a bit of something to eat and drink, summer barbecue, table tennis, music, and (maybe) games consul, or it can be more tennis-centred : tell us what you would like.

We want to encourage non-playing as well as playing members, so you would be free to bring along some mates!

Club re-furbishment

We are in the process of re-furbishing the Clubhouse. We don't have endless amounts to spend, but so far we have bought a television (that will be put up in the next few weeks), and will be acquiring a new fold-away tennis table. We will also be updating the seating and generally smartening the place up a bit.

We will also be responding to feedback by putting up a junior's board to ensure that the achievements of our junior members are properly recognised.

Again, if you have any ideas for the Clubhouse, let us know.

Junior tennis balls

We will be trying to ensure that some balls are always available in a box outside the clubhouse for junior play, as juniors do not always have access to the clubhouse. If this is not happening, let us know, but please play your part by making sure that all balls are collected from courts when you finish playing.

Membership/visitors

We would love to see more juniors playing at the Club. If you have friends who would like to have a go, please encourage them to come along to the Wednesday or Saturday coaching sessions – no matter what their ability. We are offering pay as you go, so they do not need to be members to come along to these sessions. The more junior members we have, the more opportunities we can explore for you all.

Remember you can bring friends along as your visitor, if you want informal play, and it will only cost them £1. This is a bargain compared to most activities and a great thing to do with your friends during the school holidays. There is no restriction on the number of visitors you can have, but no one should come more than 5 times in a year. If they want to play more than that, we can discuss setting off anything they have paid against the membership fee.

Tournaments/matches

Once you reach a certain standard (the Wed and Sat coaches will tell you if this is the case), you are free to attend senior tennis sessions as well as the juniors, including the tournaments held on Thurs evenings, and we are always keen to get our juniors playing matches.

Numbers have not allowed us to provide many tournament or match play opportunities specifically for our junior membership, but we are exploring possibilities including a tennis ladder and a "challenge the senior" tournament.

Again, if you have any ideas – get in touch!

Above all, we want you to feel that your contributions and views are valued by the Club. Please keep an eye on the junior noticeboard, and check the juniors section of the website www.magdalatennis.org.uk to see what is going on, and make sure we have an up-to-date email address for you. Pass your ideas onto the junior committee (or better still join it), or have a word with me or the coaches.

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