

AGM COACHING REPORT

The past year has been a very successful one on the coaching front. New sessions have been introduced to cater for the increasing number of adult and junior players coming into the Club. The coaching team is growing with an increased number of qualified coaches and volunteers helping us deliver a high quality programme that caters for all ages and abilities.

Junior Tennis

-Junior Performance Tennis now takes place over 5 different sessions, enabling those players with potential to get the best opportunity to take their tennis as far as possible.

-We now offer children 13 different sessions during term time which caters not only for current members but also those new players coming into the Club.

- Schools' programmes continue to go very well and satellite venues have been created within some key schools and alternative venues to enable us to have links and facilitate a continuous stream of new players into the Club.

- We have 44 juniors regularly competing in team tennis and competitions for the Club. This is a very high number for a club of our size and shows the importance of giving children a pathway in developing their tennis within performance sessions at the Club additional to what they already do. A highlight over the winter was that our under 8 team won the Junior Leicestershire League.

-8 junior teams have been entered for Leicestershire Summer Leagues, including a girls only team which is the first time we have been able to do this.

-New initiatives for 2019 include The Road to Wimbledon for boys and girls. This event is the biggest tournament in the country with individual club winners going on to play in the county event; the county winners then compete at Wimbledon itself. Tennis Team Challenge is a new LTA scheme which we have signed up to take part in. This allows juniors to take part in fun team competition within the Club and coaching sessions.

Adult Tennis

-There are currently 4 adult groups having weekly coaching at the Club. Adult coaching at all levels is busy with groups being full all year round.

-Adult players have been encouraged to further their tennis by becoming full members, therefore giving them the opportunity to play in club teams and events like the monthly Sunday Ladies match play sessions. The match play sessions have proved to be a real success, giving participants some form of competitive tennis away from a coaching environment.

New for 2019

- Video Technology within coaching and match play sessions which will offer live technical swing analysis.
- Junior and Adult Doubles Box Leagues for those players wanting more competitive tennis which will take place throughout the year. Winners of the box leagues will then compete in a box league final during Finals Day.
- Schools' club competition coaching to be offered to schools at the Club during school time, rather than only within the school itself.
- Increased number of Tennis for Kids sessions at all venues we are associated with.
- Cardio tennis for adults new to the Club.

The coaching team would like to thank the Committee for their continued support and all of the hard work they do in supporting us moving the development of the programme forward.

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