

## Otford LTC Junior newsletter July 2010

Dear Parents and players

The Juniors have done very well in the Aegon interclub tournaments, and in particular, congratulations to the Mini Red B team and the boys 14 and under teams winning their leagues, we will shortly be getting a certificate from Kent LTA to display in the clubhouse. Very many thanks to all the parents who kindly managed the teams, it is very much appreciated.

### Junior club tournament

This year due to the scheduling of all the interclub competitions there has not been sufficient time to run a club tournament. However with the summer holidays beckoning now is the time to get down to the club to play some matches. In order to give players as much matchplay experience as possible I am proposing to run some box leagues at Mini Orange, Green and also full tennis boys and girls events as well. All the matches can be played at a mutually convenient time during the holidays and with over 6 weeks in which to get them played it would be great to have lots of children playing. All the matches will count for players ratings and will need to be completed by the end of August. There will be prizes for the first person in each box to complete their matches as well as the box winners. (For Mini Red players, something similar will be run at the end of the holiday courses at Russell House as part of the course.)

To enter, please e.mail your child's name, BTM number and current rating, (which can be found on the LTA website by going to the player search) to me by 23<sup>rd</sup> July. By encouraging children to get out and play some matches, the more they will improve.

### Summer holiday coaching

You should have received at the coaching sessions details of the holiday courses being run at the club. In case the form is still lurking in your child's tennis bag please see the attached sheet with details of the courses. For those with younger siblings I am also attaching details of the Mini Red holiday courses at Russell House.

### Open Mini tournaments at Otford

There are some holiday tournaments being run at the club and they will link in with the holiday courses. Please see the attached sheet. To enter your child please complete the entry form and return to me as soon as possible.

### Ratings and tennis levels from September

As from September the LTA guidelines will change. This will mean that players born between April and September may not move up to the next level of play for competitions. Max will advise parents on the best group for their children to attend and will explain more fully how the club will be embracing this new format, which will make it much fairer for those children born in the latter part of the year.

For any coaching queries, please contact Max 07886 453806.

Enjoy the summer holidays and get out and play lots of tennis.

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