

CHESTER LAWN TENNIS CLUB

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Junior Tennis News

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Dear Parent / Junior Player

Now that we have some decent tennis playing weather, here is a quick summary of activities planned for junior players at our club over the next few months.

Junior Social Nights – on every Friday night throughout the year, the juniors have priority on all club courts. Starting on May 6th, we will be running our junior social night sessions again. These begin at 6pm and for the first hour there is coaching with the club coach Charles Applewhaite for all boys and girls under 16, paid for by the club. At 7pm those who wish can stay on and practice what they have learnt or just play amongst themselves for a further half hour. Play is supervised by an adult club member. These sessions will continue for 8 weeks until June 24th and all are welcome to participate whether members or not.

Junior Teams – we have had 2 junior teams playing in the Chester floodlit league through the winter. Although I don't yet have the final results, both teams did very well. The club has entered two teams in the Chester summer leagues, 14 and under plus 16 and under. Each team consists of 4 players. The 16 and under team matches start on May 8th and are normally played on Sunday mornings. The 14 and under matches start on April 12th and are played on weekday evenings after school, usually starting at 4.30 or 5pm. I will endeavour to give as many of our juniors as possible a chance to play in one of the teams. Please note that to play in the teams, the juniors must be club members.

Junior Team Coaching – for those juniors interested in playing in one of the teams, we have organised 2 free coaching sessions with Charles. The first of these took place on April 9th and the second will be on Saturday April 30th at 10.30am.

Junior Coaching – Charles runs regular group coaching sessions on Saturday mornings for all skill levels throughout the year plus individual lessons at other times. Please contact him for details of costs and timings (07768 125685).

Girls - we have a distinct shortage of junior girls in the club so if any of you know of any girls who play or would like to learn, please encourage them to join or come along to one of the Friday night sessions and join in.

Parents Match – if there is sufficient interest (and ability), I will try to organise a parents (male and/or female) versus juniors match later in the summer. If you feel up to taking on the rapidly improving skills of our youngsters, let me know!

If you have any questions or suggestions about the junior section and activities, please do contact me.

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