



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER 2018/2019

Coaching - We are delighted to say that coaching and junior activities at the club are continuing to go from strength to strength with the Pin Point Tennis Team, under the enthusiastic and committed leadership of Gemma Wiltshire. This year Senior Coach Ian Bicknell will be coaching more at the club; teaching the minis, juniors and adults. Both coaches are well-supported by our Level 1 coaches and juniors who are assisting with the minis programme.

The Pin Point Tennis 10s (3- to 10-year olds) players have started with the new tennis mission cards designed by the coaching team. This programme is designed to create well-rounded players with ability-based challenges.

Pin Point Junior programme players are taught through a structured program to meet their instructional and social needs, with all court tennis skills being developed.

Tennis for Kids is returning to Wrecclesham for the third year, an LTA legacy to provide an entry route into tennis for beginners. Head Coach Gemma has been trained and will be running our first course for new players aged 5 to 7 years after Easter.

Team Challenge also continues to run each term at Wrecclesham, providing a recreational team event for local players to take part.

Wrecclesham has entered U14 Boys and U14 Girls teams into the LTA Team Tennis Leagues. Matches start in April and both teams will play four matches, each comprising two singles and a doubles match.

Easter sessions are open for bookings for U5s, U8s, U10s and U14s.

For full details on our coaching and tournaments, please check out the website (www.pinpointtennisteam.co.uk) or see the notice board in the clubhouse.

Gemma also provides demo racquets to try out and offers a re-stringing service.

Non-members are welcome to join the club coaching programme. However, members receive a discount and get benefits such as use of the courts (see details below) and entry to tournaments and all junior activities.

Junior court times – We encourage juniors to make use of the courts. However, adults have priority on the courts after 6.30 pm on weekdays, after 1.00 pm on Saturdays and all day on Sundays. Juniors have priority before 1.00 pm on Saturdays unless the courts are needed for a club match (winter season only). Adult club sessions are on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons, so you are unlikely to get a court at these times.

Clothing – Please remember that appropriate clothing should be worn when playing tennis, e.g. school P.E. kit, tracksuits or tennis kit. Black trainers are NOT allowed. Footwear should not have ridged soles, which damage the court surface.

Security - Please remember to lock the main gate if you are the last to leave and also the gates to Courts 3 and 4 if you use these.

British Tennis Membership – Don't forget to sign up to get a BTM number. Juniors with a BTM number get a 10% discount on term-time coaching. It also entitles you to enter the ballot for Wimbledon tickets (if you are aged 11+ years at the end of January 2018) and is essential for getting Ratings from the LTA. It's easy to do – just follow the link on the club's website.

Dates For Your Diary

Terry Davies Cup (for U16s)	12.30pm	Sat 12 th May
Wrecclesham Village Fete & Tennis Club Open Day.....	2.00 pm	Sun 24 th June
2018 Junior tournament	12.30pm	Sat 7 th July
Presentation of Junior trophies at AGM	7.30 pm	Thurs 1st November

Student Members - If you are 16, you should become a Student member. We also encourage juniors, from the age of about 14 or 15, to become Student members if their standard of play is good enough. Please apply to the Club Secretary if interested (e-mail secretary@wreccleshamtennis.org.uk). Student membership means that you can come down to adult sessions, where you will be made very welcome.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018/2019 ARE DUE BEFORE 1st APRIL. Please go on the club website (www.wreccleshamtennis.org.uk) and click on the 'Membership' link. This takes you to the page with all the categories of subscriptions – simply click on the appropriate category and fill in the form. Payment details will appear once you click 'Submit'.

Hardship fund – The committee has established a small hardship fund to give assistance to existing members who are experiencing sudden or unexpected financial difficulty. It may be for help with the subscription or essential sports equipment. It will be managed by three committee members and all personal information will be kept confidential to those three. Any enquiries, in confidence, to secretary@wreccleshamtennis.org.uk.

Enjoy your tennis!
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