

Junior Committee Report

Tramore Tennis Club AGM 22nd February 2010

1. Development Committee

Club Coaching has now been put in place and would appear to be going well, with most Juniors being accommodated. Kids are being encouraged to play the ladder as well as coaching and the committee would welcome any feed back as to how people feel the coaching is progressing. There are some teenagers obtaining coaching but it is hard to keep them playing and we are trying to address the matter. Any one interested in coaching should give their names to the grounds person on duty and they will be offered a place. We are trying to accommodate everyone.

2. Junior Open Week July 2009

Another very successful week for the club with a good entry despite clashing with other open weeks. Despite the horrible summer the week ran more or less according to plan with only the U/10's on the Monday having to be called off due to heavy rain, they played off over the remainder of the week. The club looked very well for finals day and a very successful barbecue was run. Many thanks to Ronan MC Carthy Insurances who sponsored the event and presented prizes on finals day for which we are very grateful. Also thanks to Larry Lyons who was a very efficient tournament referee and Eoin Purcell & Craig O'Neill who did trojan work as grounds persons. Great thanks must also go to all those who contributed food on finals day - the usual spread was once again evident and much appreciated by all. Also thanks to our teenagers who helped referee games with the U/8's and U/9's and help run the shop, it is much appreciated and nice to see them involved.

3. Junior Club Championships

This was another busy week in August with a super turn out from all ages. The U8s and 9s was run off on the Sunday which was a great success, thanks in no small way to the addition of the new midi court - probably the only dedicated 'Midi' court around! The rest of the week saw the club full of kids and was generally great crack particularly the barbeque, on finals day. Notwithstanding the enjoyment we had a super display of tennis throughout the week and the finals in all age groups were nail biting. To try and include as many children as possible on finals day, we took the decision to make all the mixed, round robin events and ran them all off from start to finish on finals day. This was a new departure for us and we would welcome feedback from parents and children alike as to whether it was a good or bad idea. Also it was great to see so many teenagers partaking and enjoying themselves.

Thanks to Denis Leamy of Pobal for sponsoring the event and being present on finals day to present prizes.

4. Texting service.

This would appear to be running very well, if you are not on the texting service, please give details to grounds person to be passed on to Junior Committee to be included. !

5. Tournaments

There were several tournaments played throughout the year and thanks to all who helped out. Notification of club events are sent out by text as well as details on club notice board.

6. Club Teams

Tramore Club participated in the Munster team events, U12, U14 and U16. While we didn't reach any finals, we came very close and great credit is due to all the children who took part and played in a very sporting way. They were great ambassadors for their club and it looks like they'll be ready for Toastmasters shortly following the practice they gained from making their 'speeches' at the end of each match encounter! Unfortunately due to Passport rules in Tennis we were unable to field an U/10 team in 2009 .

7. Junior Achievements

The junior club members have seen great success this year with Tramore winning many Open Weeks at different ages. A special mention should be made of Sinead Lohan who represents Ireland regularly on international duty and who won the British Open in July of 2009. We must also mention Morgan Lohan and Harry Walsh who both had great achievements in 2009

8. Any New Ideas

Finally, any new ideas or suggestions to encourage the Junior players are welcome and please contact any member of the Committee to discuss. We would also like to encourage both you and your children to make use of the club's website www.tramoretennis.com which is kept very up to date thanks to the great work of Olwyn Beresford.

9. Lastly the Junior Committee would like to thank Nuala and Mags for their continued help through the year.

2009 Committee:

Teresann Sheppard , Viva Hayes, Cait Lohan, Louise Grubb, Joe Power, Marie O'Neill.