

MORETON MORRELL TENNIS COURT CLUB

# JUNIOR SCENE

***For Youngsters with Real attitude!***

The Voice of the Young at Moreton Morrell Real Tennis Club  
*No.8 Garland Cup Special*



## *Charlie Raises the Bar*

Charles Hamilton set new standards for the youth of the club by raising the Garland Cup, the oldest of the Clubs competitions.

Following on from Phillippa Twohig-Howell's victory in the Lady Hamilton, The Junior Section has sent a message to all older members announcing the arrival of a new generation of tennis players.



After a nervous start in his box on the Saturday, Charlie progressed to the last 16 by winning his last two games. Sunday morning saw a more confident performance. In his first encounter he swept aside James Richardson 5-2.

This bought up an intriguing quarter final against yours truly. Once again Charlie's consistency proved his strong point returning

everything thrown at him. Maybe it was the older player's energy sapping previous round (well it's the only excuse I have!), he breezed through 5-2.

The semi final saw him take no mercy on an injured Jon Lambdon with a knee growing visibly larger as the tournament progressed. His 5-3 victory put him through to the final, and by now no matter what happen next, he had already succeeded.

The final saw him playing Bruce Paxton, this was the first time in the day that he had given away points and it was interesting to see how he managed the situation. There were a few wobbles, (that was to be expected in his first final) but despite this obvious nervousness the younger man eventually prevailed 6-3. A stunning weekend's work!



The rest of the Junior section can take great heart from the performances of Charlie, Phillippa and Ben. Their results so far this season show that our youngsters can compete on equal terms with other club members – so let's take a few more scalps before the summer recess!

## *Junior League*

We are going to experiment with a Junior League. To make this a little more exciting we are basing the format on the National League.

Each team will be formed of two players. So pair up with either a friend or conversely, someone who you think can help you win the title. Come up with a name and enter – it's as easy as that.

The format is as follows:-

Two singles matches up to five games The lower handicapper plays the lower handicapper and the higher plays the higher. All matches are played off handicap.

These two matches should take about 40 – 45 minutes. The remaining part of the hour is taken up with a handicap doubles. The game score at the end of the session determines the result. So in theory this could be a draw.

The number of legs won determines the result so we could have 3-0, 2-1, 2½-½, 1½- 1½. 2 points for a win one for a draw and one for playing – easy! If you want to know more please give Tim Messer a ring.

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