

Junior Scene

For Youngsters with *Real* attitude!

The Voice of the Young at Moreton Morrell Real Tennis Club
September 2009

Here we go again!

The new season is on us again, however, it has been a good summer for our youngsters with many using the Summer Holidays and reduced court usage to get in some extra lessons. We also ran a doubles tournament during the last weeks of the holiday, but more of that later.

MMTCC host the best in the World!

During May, Moreton Morrell hosted a Pro-Am Tournament that attracted the best players in the world including World Champion Rob Fahey and the No.2, Camden Riviere. It was great to see so many of our juniors watching the action and as an unexpected bonus Rob Fahey stayed on to give tuition to the juniors. Photos below.



Rob with some of the juniors



and more prospective champions

It's getting crowded!!!

You may have noticed that the club is getting a bit busier lately. As well as the Junior Section we run there are more people booking courts which makes getting time to **practise at** peak periods more difficult.

During the playing season the Club often plays matches or runs Club competitions on Saturdays and Sundays. This means that we must plan our junior coaching sessions and tournaments more carefully.

In order to do this we must ask that you look at the list of dates (appended to the back of this newsletter) and try to give us an indication of which sessions you wish to attend. Some members would not be best pleased if we block booked the court for the juniors and nobody turned up!

Please consider the dates that have been made available for junior coaching and competitions. When you know your availability, fill in the sheet with the dates that you can attend and return to Jo, Tim or Tom at the club. Whilst the attendance is not "cast in stone" we would ask you to make every effort to attend on the dates you select. We have provided the dates in duplicate so that you have a copy for your diary. Don't worry if your circumstances change and you can make additional sessions – simply ring the club and let us know when you can play.

What it Costs

The cost of lessons is based upon the number of juniors that take part. There is a nominal court fee and the coach has to be paid. We simply divide this total by the number of participants, hence the prices detailed below.

Individual Lesson	£26.00
Shared Lesson - (Two Juniors)	£14.00 each
Three Juniors Sharing Lesson	£10.00 each
Four Juniors Sharing Lesson	£ 8.00 each
Larger Group Sessions	£ 5.00 each

Guests (Non Members) First Three lessons at the above prices then fourth and consecutive lessons attract an additional £2.00 Guest Fee. A good reason to become a club member .

Juniors with parents who are members can pay for lessons on account.
Guests or junior members may pay by cash or cheque made payable to MMTCC.

Membership

Many of you are already members of the club, but it is our aim to get all our regular playing juniors to join. For youngsters this works out at less than 50p a week! So please fill out an application form today.

Summer Doubles

During the summer holidays we held a junior doubles competition with coaching for the very young players. About twenty youngsters took part and the standard of play was, as always, very high.

After very tight group matches the final results were as follows:-

Group A Final

Imogen and Jasper beat Grace and Ben

Group B Final

Mollie and Ben beat Harriet and William

Group C Final

Phillipa and Jamie beat Alice and Callum

Well done to everyone who took part. We will try the same doubles format again later in the season.

Coach's Rant



Brains!

Yes, I know you have tried to hide them from me, (some better than others) but I know they are in there, deep, deep down, mulling around.....and this term, we're going to try to use them!

I've babbled on at most of you this summer about, moving your feet, watching the ball and getting your racket back, bla bla bla, and while you may have had a very good excuse, moaning and shrugging and saying that during the holidays your brains were on strike etc..... get this; **Term has started**, I'm 'teach', and you're about to have to think on court! Rules, scoring and tactics it is! Just don't push me to have to introduce homework!

I will be nice, briefly, and really congratulate you all on the hard work you've put in this year, and the progress you've made. As a coach (which I am if you hadn't noticed), it's been amazing to see your skills in the game develop as they have. It really has been something wonderful to see, even I've learned a thing or two from you guys, (mostly how to talk too much on court!) and our adult members of the club have learned just how well you play. All of you have great and individual talents in the game, some athletic and others thinkers, this is awesome as luckily in real tennis, either skill can win any given match. Some of the greatest players ever have been great thinkers, some great athletes, some (like me) obviously have both! I'd like to develop your knowledge on how to win, even if you don't think of yourself as the 'stronger' player.

So if, by the end of next term, you don't **know** the rules, what a chase is, or what tactic to use, then, I am afraid it will have to be homework!

I'm looking forward to **developing** some excellent, real tennis, players.....see you and your brains soon! Dust them off please!

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Coaching and Tournament Dates

Day	Date	Time	Available?
<i>October</i>			
Thursday	8 th October	5pm - 6pm	
Sunday	11 th October	11am – 1pm	
Sunday	11 th October	2pm – 5pm	
Thursday	15 th October	5pm - 6pm	
Thursday	22 nd October	5pm - 6pm	
Saturday	24 th October	5pm – 8pm	
Sunday	25 th October	3pm – 6pm	
<i>November</i>			
Thursday	5 th November	5pm - 6pm	
Thursday	12 th November	5pm - 6pm	
Saturday	14 th November	5pm – 7pm	
Thursday	19 th November	5pm – 6pm	
Saturday	21 st November	1pm -6pm	
Sunday	22 nd November	11am – 5pm 12 and Under Tournament 15 and Under Tournament	
Thursday	26 th November	5pm – 6pm	
Saturday	28 th November	5pm – 7pm	
<i>December</i>			
Thursday	3 rd December	5pm - 6pm	
Thursday	10 th December	5pm - 6pm	
Saturday	12 th December	1pm – 6pm	
Saturday	19 th December	All day Under 21 Tournament	

Half Term Camps

Wednesday	28 th October	11am – 5pm	
Thursday	29 th October	11am – 5pm	
Friday	30 th October	11am – 5pm	