



# Newsletter

Q1 2010

## WELCOME TO 2010 SEASON

### Chairman's Message

As Portadown Tennis Club enters another year, I look forward to much improved weather, enabling plenty of activity on our courts throughout the Spring and Summer seasons, after what has been a long cold Winter.

It is regrettable that the membership renewal letter advises you that the subscriptions have increased for this year, but unfortunately there is no way round this necessary course of action. The cost of running and maintaining the complex also increases each year and as you have read in the letter, the major cost last year was the court rejuvenation and drainage scheme which was absolutely necessary - the cost of which was in excess of £10,000. It is vital therefore that members take these costs on board, and realise that although the sub has increased, in real terms it still represents a cost of just over £2 a week for an adult and around £1 a week for a junior for a years tennis. Obviously from any playing members perspective, the more times you play, the greater the value it becomes.

I would like to take the opportunity in this newsletter to thank one of the club's founding members, Colin Mathews, for the five years he served as the club's Junior

Development Officer during which time he acted as our coach Brett Cochrane's line manager and co-ordinated the junior programmes that were run, with Brett. Colin resigned from this position last September, and I am pleased to say that Kate Orr has agreed to take over the role with immediate effect. Kate has three young son's all club members and she is committed to junior tennis flourishing at PTC. She has shown great enthusiasm about trying to get more youngsters to join the club, and I would ask that Kate gets as much support in this important position within the club management as she requires.

I am always on the lookout for club members who are prepared to help the club in any way they can. Without volunteers I believe that many organisations, sporting or otherwise, cannot always realise their full potential. If any member reading this would like to contribute in any way at all with the running of this club, please contact myself, or indeed any one of the club management committee, all of whom are listed on our club website, and we will be delighted to hear from you.

In concluding, I would like to say that within the next few months,



I am hoping that we will have a new club coach in place. Gareth McGreevy from Newcastle is a final year art student at University, and has been running junior coaching courses for children from ages of six to twelve years and over, during the winter months. He currently plans to take a year out after he qualifies, to concentrate on tennis coaching, and he has indicated that he will give PTC first option to come as our club coach if his plans work out. Gareth is a Tennis Ireland level 1 qualified coach and I look forward to the probability of his coming to the club, hopefully around June time.

I close, by wishing every member a happy and hopefully successful, but if not, enjoyable year in tennis at the club.

Lyn Jamison  
PTC Chairman.

## VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

[www.portadowntennisclub.com](http://www.portadowntennisclub.com)

The club's website has a new look and now provides all the information about membership, coaching, events and much more.

The website will increasingly become the main medium of communication with members, so we would encourage you to visit the site regularly for up-to-date information.

We would also ask all members to provide current e-mail addresses on their renewal forms to ensure that all club communications are delivered safely.

## COACHING

There will be Junior Easter Camps which will be coached by Lauren Smythe. Lauren, who is the recently appointed part-time Development Officer for the Ulster Branch, is a Tennis Ireland qualified coach. She will be running the camps while Gareth McGreevy finishes his university course.

The next Junior/Senior coaching courses will take place from April to June 2010.

Applications forms for camps and courses can be downloaded from the club's website



## 2010 EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH 12 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Quiz Night (@ Golf Club)
APRIL	Junior Easter Camps
MAY/JUNE	Annual Club BBQ & Open Day
JULY/AUG	Junior Summer Camps
AUGUST	Junior Co. Armagh Championship
SEPTEMBER	Club Junior Tournament Finals
NOV/DEC	Social Outing Evening
DECEMBER	Christmas Holidays "Mulled Wine" & Round Robin

## CLUB NIGHTS

Senior Club nights take place every Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm. Players from all abilities are welcome to join this social play. The format is doubles play in short games of a set. If it is your first time at club night, please ask for Dereck Black who will be glad to introduce you.

Junior Club nights take place every Friday from 4-6pm.

Important Note:

When competitive home matches are scheduled on club night, the latter will be cancelled. Check match schedules on our website.

## TEAM TENNIS PROGRAMME

### SENIORS

April to June	Spring league
July to Sept.	Summer League
Oct/Nov.	Autumn League
Nov/Dec	Floodlit League
Jan/March	Winter League
March/April	Singles League Men

### JUNIORS

As with every year we will enter teams into the Belfast & District League in the following categories: under 18 Boys, under 18 Boys, under 18 Girls and under 14 Boys.

Players interested in playing in teams should contact Kate Orr or any of the coaches.



Check our website for up-to-date information

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