

CASSIOBURY TENNIS CLUB –ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

Report from The Coaching Team:

- *Numbers for the junior coaching program 2023/2024 remain strong. We have a total of 138 juniors having group coaching Monday-Saturday. These are similar numbers to last year. We run performance groups at every age range which provides a good pathway right through to adult team coaching and playing. The demand for private lessons is still extremely high.*
- *We ran our popular tennis camps at Easter, May half term and we completed 3 camp weeks in the summer holidays (1 less than last year due to court resurfacing). All the camps were very well attended with some children joining the main club programme.*
- *Anthony continued to run the Prime Video LTA Youth Girls scheme which is designed to inspire girls to pick up a racket and try tennis for the first time. This has brought in 9000 new girls to tennis across the Uk. The focus is on creating an environment that motivates girls to play and stay in tennis. After the intro courses they then can sign up for a follow-on course and then move into the main club programme.*
- *The adult evening group coaching programme continues to be popular with Anthony running 2 sessions. We have 12 adults taking part in adult beginners on Tuesdays and adult 8 intermediates on Thursdays. Saturday morning adult intermediate coaching continues to run successfully with 3 courts regularly required.*
- *Men's and Ladies team training taken by Steve and Petra resumed in 2023/2024, along with sessions for potential men's C/D team players and an additional session for the women's B team players. It was great to see some of the performance juniors training with the adults and playing in the adult teams.*
- *Angie's adult group coaching sessions have continued, Mondays (Ladies Beginners) is steadily growing with a mixed age group of attendees. Wednesday morning session is regularly filling 2 courts for drills & doubles. Saturday morning adult/family sessions are also continuing to be extremely popular this year.*
- *On Sunday 21st April we ran an open day with 103 people attending the free coaching over the 2 hours. Thank you to everyone that helped. This was a great success, and we recommend we run another open day in 2025.*

- *The Women's Tennis Festival took place on the 9th June with just under 30 women attending. Again, a big thank you to all the coaches and volunteers who gave up their time and made this event a success. The Ladies Smiles Doubles Tournament on June 30th had 16 ladies take part.*
- *On the 6th July, juniors and their parents played in our fun charity doubles event in memory of our coach Paul Elderfield "Little and Large". Many thanks to everyone who supported this, to the coaches & volunteers who give their time in memory of Paul. A total of £500 was raised, £350 for Macmillan & £150 was donated to The LJMC at Mount Vernon. A huge thank you to Angie who always does an amazing job organising this great event.*

We appreciate the committee for all their hard work and for supporting the coaches in all the activities we do for the club. Lastly, a massive thank you to all the coaching team and assistants for all their ongoing dedication and professionalism.

Junior Representative's Report to Committee:

Spring/Summer 2024 – Hertfordshire Leagues:

U9 Team:

In the summer we entered an U9's team with 9 registered players and also entered the Winter league.

Girls U18 Team:

We have for the first time in many years entered a 'girls' team. Unfortunately, there weren't any other clubs/team for them to play against.

Boys U14's (Captain - Stephen)

The boys won their summer league adding to the bunch of pennants on display in the clubhouse and as a result were promoted to the 1st Division where they have won their 1st match in the Winter league.

Boys U18's (Captain – Sabira)

We had a successful summer of match play. We have committed and confident team of 8 players consistently showcasing great tennis.

Winter League now on, we are now on 2nd place 18U Boys Division 2

Club tournaments: Summer

Congratulations to 5 boys from our junior squads who were invited to played for the D team. We are pleased to note there was 1 junior in nearly every match this season including one of our U14 boys.

Some juniors have also been given the opportunity to play in the Men's A, B and C teams and some juniors in the ladies teams.

Winter Training with Steve:

We would like to thank Steve (Head Coach) for giving some of Juniors opportunity to train with the Men's teams on Mondays evenings.

A huge 'thank you' to Sam for assisting with the coaching of the juniors in Angie's absence.