

Coaching Report - AGM 2022

It has been an extremely successful year on the coaching front. Corey Litster is the 9&U county champion, the mens first team won division 3a, the mixed second team won division 6b, the mens over 40s team won division 4a, the womens over 40s team won division 3a, and the 8&u winter league team won division 3!

In addition to the club success we have also seen an increase in adult participation in coaching sessions which has resulted in an increase to the membership and a thriving Tuesday night social scene. Due to the popularity of the adult coaching sessions, additional sessions have been put on to cope with the demand.

In response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis, not only did the club host an event to raise money for those affected by the war but we also ran a series of coaching sessions aimed at Ukrainian refugees during the summer holidays to give them an opportunity to come together and enjoy tennis. These were important sessions, and although the take up wasn't huge, geographically it was difficult as many of the refugees were residing in villages outside of Market Harborough.

For 2 weeks in the summer, a junior tennis camp was offered. This saw 68 juniors take part in tennis related games and activities. Many of these juniors were either already attending junior coaching sessions, or have since started to attend coaching sessions.

Inclusive coaching sessions with Freedom Support continue to take place on a weekly basis and are well attended. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who generously give up their time to allow these important sessions to take place.

The Friday night junior club night sessions have proved popular with the juniors and allows them to practice their tennis skills by playing singles and doubles points against one another. This has led to some real improvements in their game and boosted their confidence in preparation for upcoming matches in the summer season. This has also allowed us to run LTA inspired events such as the US Open and Monster Smash themed events without eating into court time at the weekends.

In June we hosted a Wilson Family Fun Day. This was well attended and a great afternoon of tennis related games and activities involving all of the family. Some great prizes were given out to participants, including a new Wilson racket to the junior with the highest consecutive rally. It was a great advert for the tennis club and has helped to reinforce the family feel at the tennis club.

In terms of coaching personnel, the coaching team has developed over the last 12 months. Ian and Mark are working towards their level 3 qualifications; Janice is working towards her level 2, Toby has passed his Level 1 and Amelia is enrolled to complete her Level 1 qualification before the end of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support with all of the coaching related activities.