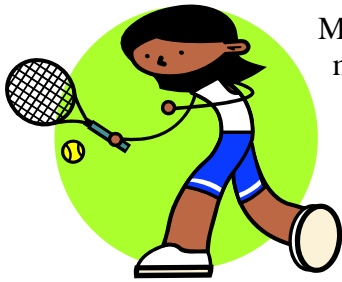


Dullatur Lawn Tennis Club 2009-2010

Start of Season Newsletter



May 1st marks the start of the new tennis season and memberships will require to be renewed as specified here. As things stand the club has a very buoyant membership at both Family and Junior level. It is anticipated that our membership lists will be full this year as was the case last year and anyone interested in joining needs to make prompt application to the Committee for consideration.

Family memberships for existing members wishing to renew will be held at last season's level of £95. New Family members i.e. those who did not hold a membership in season 08-09 will require to pay a joining fee of £15, to include court key. Family membership entitles the holders to invite occasional guests, for whom they are responsible and who must observe club rules on behaviour, dress code etc.

Junior membership fees will be increased to £35 and new members will require to pay a joining fee of £5, to include court key. Juniors may invite an occasional guest to play. Parents who wish to play tennis with their children should apply for a Family membership. It is not in the spirit of the guest policy that local children [who do not apply for membership in their own right] are frequent guests of others. Such practice will be prohibited.

The single Adult membership will be £60 and the Student membership £40. The joining fee for a single Adult is £15 and for a student £5 to include a court key. Proof of student status is required.

Renewal of all memberships, together with applications for this year coaching for children, will be in week commencing Monday 20th April 2009. During that week payments can be made to Margaret Smillie at Pine Lodge, Victoria Rd Dullatur. We will also have a facility to renew memberships and take coaching fees in the village hall Dullatur on Sunday 26th April 2009 between 12pm and 2pm. No guarantee of membership renewal can be made where payment is submitted after 26th April 2009.

Coaching will again be by Neil in a 10 week block starting Thursday 14th May until Thursday 16th July 2009. The children will be directed into groups of like ability and there will be a maximum of 8 per class. The cost of the 10 week block is £35 irrespective of age or level. Times of coaching and grading of existing members will be available on request from Margaret, in the week of paying subscriptions, or at the village hall on Sunday 26th April 2009. Last year all sessions were full. They are provided for members only, on a first come first served basis.

Absolute beginners, who tend to be very young, will be taken by Margaret for an informal introduction to tennis. It is hoped that after some sessions we may be able to move beginners onwards but this is subject to availability of spaces and progress of the child. Margaret's sessions will be limited to 6 children maximum and are subject to ongoing review. The cost of these sessions is £20 for the 10 week block. Parents are required to remain in attendance on coaching nights, where a child of 7 or under is involved.

Tournament ties will be played [at all levels] on Thursday evenings to suit the available umpires and this will dovetail with coaching sessions on the same night. It is planned to play the first ties as early as Thursday 21st May, so get practising! Further information will be available once participants are known and the draw has been

made. A seeding system will operate. The Finals Day will be held on Saturday 22nd August 2009 and all finals will be on that day, without exception. There will also be a club fun day with barbeque at a date to be determined in late June.

The Committee looks forward to welcoming back members to what will hopefully be another successful season.

If you shop in Tesco and do not collect the vouchers for schools/clubs can you take them and pass them on to the club. Last year thanks to your generosity we collected enough to get extra balls.....and how we need them. In Dullatur, tennis balls have wings!

THE D.L.T.C. COMMITTEE.