

JUNIOR UPDATE

Kia ora koutou the Junior Members and their Whanau/Caregivers,

We have a few updates for you, so this is quite a long message (sorry) but an important one for you all.

The keys messages are:

- Our long term plans re the new court booking system & lights
- Your subscription membership invoice will come out to you soon
- The changes to our coaching
- The additional things that you will get for your junior membership
- If it is cost prohibitive/costs too much for you, please let us know – we can help

The Detail:

√ Long Term Plan/Court Booking System:

- In the next short period of time we will have a new electronic gate entry for all members (which obviously includes junior members). When wanting to have an informal hit outside of club coaching, Junior members and or their parents/caregivers will be able to go online and book the courts for a hit whenever they want. FYI, this court booking system will (when up and running) integrate with our new website that is live now
<https://clubspark.kiwi/WaihiBeachTennisClub>
- Our longer term plans are to have all six courts flood lit - we have a feasibility project about to commence on this
- This lighting will integrate with the court booking system too
- Six courts being lit vs. just x 2 should enhance our junior programme even more we hope

√ New Subscriptions/Membership Fees will be due soon:

- Our new website is live but is a WIP (whilst it is being fully populated) – see <https://clubspark.kiwi/WaihiBeachTennisClub>
- Very soon Kevin McLoughlin will send out to you a junior membership subscription prompt which will ask you to go to the website and complete the new annual membership subscription process (it is different to previous years where you have been sent an invoice). You will receive prompts to work your way through the online payment process. Please look out for that.
- FYI, subs have gone up marginally – Under 12 will be \$75.00, Over 12 \$85.00, the Family Membership @ \$425.00 is a more substantial increase sorry (it was previously out of sync' with the full membership costs)

✓ Coaching Changes:

- With Core Tennis Coaching now leading our junior and senior coaching – we have agreed the following:
 - Online Enrolment is now required for all junior coaching, and this has to be done via the Core Tennis Coaching Website – please see <https://www.ctcnz.com/enrol>
 - This is so that Coach Sven can manage the Coach/Junior ratios as he wishes (i.e. 1 Coach : 4 x junior members)
 - You must be a paid up member to enrol and be a part of the junior program
 - **Confirming that we will have the next two Monday evenings at the club house to assist you through the online membership process – I will be there from 3pm – 5.30pm to assist you/show you how to enrol**
 - We will retain our 4 x current Groups:
 - 3.00pm – 3.30pm Hitting the Ball Age 3 – 5 years
 - 3.30pm – 4.00pm Hitting the Ball Age 6 – 8 years
 - 4.00pm – 5.00pm Rallying Age 9 – 12 years
 - 5.00pm – 6.00pm Full Court Age 10 – 18 years
 - Please book into the time slot that your junior member currently plays in ASAP
- For Term 4 and into the future, there will be a co-charge that is to be paid by you every term (meaning you pay a portion and the Club pays a portion) – see below for the detail:

These new lesson fees are:

- \$3.75/lesson/junior, 10 x lessons per term @ \$37.50/term, 40 x lessons per annum
- \$3.75/lesson/junior, 10 x lessons per term @ \$37.50/term, 40 x lessons per annum
- \$8.75/lesson/junior, 10 x lessons per term @ \$87.50/term, 40 x lessons per annum
- \$10.00/lesson/junior, 10 x lessons per term @ \$100.00/term, 40 x lessons per annum
- If a session is rained off, Sven has booked rain relief days for every Sunday at the club – so these will be made up accordingly
- Lesson numbers are capped at a maximum number (based off current numbers plus some spare) – so it is a “first in first served” basis
- We do not want to leave anyone behind so, if it is oversubscribed/over the cap we will get in touch with you and find a way to coach your junior
- **If the cost is to prohibitive/something that is difficult to afford, please contact me in at craig@cm.onenetservices.co.nz or call/text on +64 21 2204745 – because we have ways to assist – we do not want to lose any members!**

√ What are the new things associated with the Junior Membership/this new coaching:

- We are now a part of a regional coaching programme with Katikati, Waihi and Paeroa – and this new subscription model is the same for every single club – so we have regional consistency
- Sven's Core Coaching programme/the clubs working together will also include:
 - Ratios of 1 Coach : 4 x junior members
 - Coordination with me re our Junior Interclub (as we have in previous years in the Tennis WBoP competition)
 - Regular Interclub matches between the 4 x clubs
 - Quarterly match sessions at each of the 4 x clubs (each club hosts once per annum)
 - Local Club Champs playing in Champion of Champions between all four clubs
 - We encourage the juniors members to have matches/hits with friends before and after their coaching session with the whanau/Parents/Caregivers
 - You can engage with Sven in one on one coaching outside of this formal club activity if you want your junior member to “go to the next level” or work on something specifically

In closing, yes this is a significant change, the Committee believes that this is in the best interest of the club.

Again, we do not want to lose junior members because of the change or if it is too costly. We have ways to manage any issues – please do not be too shy/too proud to contact me in the strictest confidence.

Ngā mihi nui

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