



The 'July's nearly over' Newsletter

Well you can tell it's mid Summer by the sound of the rain, and the kids saying 'I'm bored'. Happily our courts are standing up well to the deluges so while you may end up playing with 'fluffy' balls after a while, do try to get down and hit a few shots as the holiday season allows. Need to keep up that rhythm for the club championships in Sept!

RTC teams did well in the Summer leagues....

After a lot of hard yards and tough matches the two RTC teams that deserve special mention in the wake of this year's Summer League Campaign were the men's 2nd team and the ladies 4th team. The men were promoted from class 5 to class 4 and narrowly missed out on winning the Class 5 final, going down 2-3 to a strong Malahide team. The Ladies 4th team were promoted from Class 7 to Class 6 and made it as far as the semi-final before being knocked out. Well done to all concerned and to EVERYONE who turned out for any of the teams. It's a relatively small club so we do appreciate it when people make the effort and go out to do battle for their teams and the club. And thanks to spectators who also turned up to support on occasion.



Men's team that was runner up in Class 5 final - Back L to R - Michael Dempsey, Gary Jackson, Adrian Fingleton, Front L to R Niall O'Donovan, Philip Dunne, Mick McAree, Declan Harrington. Also on the team but on holidays on Finals day were Joe Collery and Aidan Kidney, and subs used on the team were Eddie O'Flanagan and Andrew Clarke.

See overleaf for the ladies' Class 7 team who were promoted....

Ladies Class 7 team which was promoted to Class 6 in Summer League



Left to right back Mary Cody Rachel Moloney Joan Ennis Susan Murphy
Left to right front Brid Dunne, Sheila Walsh (Cpt), Eileen Giblin

RTC Charity League Finalist team below



Charity League News in Rathgar

Rathgar Tennis Club has a great tradition of supporting the annual Charity league, and this year was no exception

On March 11th the Charity summer league started with new partnerships formed throughout the two league and two non league teams. The second league team progressed to the 1/4 finals, while the 1st league team progressed to the finals on the 18th May coming up against Greystones with Rathgar only dropping one point over the 8 week league. Unfortunately for Rathgar we came second but got promoted to the Tuesday morning league Class 5 in the autumn which was a great success in its own right. Well done to all the ladies involved and we sincerely hope you enjoyed the experience.

The team that made the final are pictured on the **previous** page and from left to right the lineup reads : **Susan Murphy, Mary Caden, Jill Callaghan, Irene Walsh, Joan Ennis and Rachel Moloney (Capt).**

A roundup of all the recent Junior tennis news from RTC....

Summer Supervised Tennis STARTED Monday 20th July

Summer supervised tennis will start on [Monday 20th July](#) and will run for 5 weeks. Times are 10am to 1pm [Monday to Friday](#) and will cost €5.00 per day. (You do not need to pre-book). Friends of members [may](#) also attend - subject to there being spaces, at a cost of €10.00 per day. Please bring [sun-creams](#), rain gear, drinks and a snack. There will be a tuck-shop in the club house every [Friday](#).

Club Junior Championships Begin Saturday 29th August

The annual junior club championships will start on [Saturday 29th August](#). Entry forms and further details will be on the web from mid [August](#).

IMPORTANT: Registration for next term's junior coaching

To all members who were in last term's coaching:

Over the start of the summer Mark has been busy working to assess which classes will best suit your junior for [September](#). He has assessed every child in the coaching programme and each child has been tentatively allocated the class most suited to them. We anticipate that the class which he is recommending your child should go into for next [September](#) will be available on [Saturday September 5th](#). At that stage you can enrol your child and pay your coaching fee. Coaching will most likely commence on Monday [September 14th](#).

If you were in coaching last term and do not wish to re-enrol, please let us know on [087 9368853](#) as soon as possible.

To all members who wish to join the junior coaching programme:

If your junior was not in coaching last term but wishes to join in [September](#), there are a (limited) number of places available. As assessment of the junior's level needs to be undertaken in the first few days of [September](#) by Mark, the Junior Coach. Please text [087 9368853](#) from 31st [Aug](#) to 2nd [September](#) to arrange this assessment. Undertaking an assessment does not in itself guarantee a place on the programme.

The Adult Tennis Roundup

The Mixed Leagues are currently running on Friday nights and the next DLTC league upcoming will be the Over 35 league. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the clubhouse or send an e-mail to us at rathgartennis@eircom.net if you would like to be considered but can't get down in the near future.

On June 14th (Sunday PM) we ran a parent and child event to mark the end of the coaching year and a few photos from this are attached on the next page. A good day was had by all.

At this point with lots of people going on holidays we won't have much organised in the club for the next month or so. But there are successive open weeks running in clubs around Dublin so do consider entering one of these - they will definitely bring your game on in terms of competitive effort. You can find links to most from the Tennis Ireland Website but the ones we can recall currently are Glasnevin or Co. Wicklow (both start around August 9th), Lansdowne (starts around August 15th), and further on Templeogue begins around September 20th.

Which leads us neatly back to our own **ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS** which we are reliably informed start on Wednesday September 9th and will end with a gala Finals Day (no less!) on Saturday September 19th. With a practice wall now to work on your few (!) weak points we'll be expecting some very close matches as a result.

As you know we have been promoting the idea of members rating their abilities using the ITN ranking system, and these have been circulated to club members and put on the club notice board. Kieran Galvin, the club coach, will be running ITN assessments on demand, subject to being able to fit you in. The August period is likely to be quieter than other times of the year so you may wish to set this up with him. Each assessment will take about 20 minutes, with a charge of €10. Club members can book a time directly with Kieran (086 2100 440). And he may be able to subsequently help you out with lessons to address any problem areas.....

On the practice wall we hope to get the surface finally and completely fixed up in the near future and to put lines on the surface once it's painted. In the meantime feel free to work away and get a rhythm going.

Finally next Monday July 27th is the last night of the Monday night club nights. There will be a BBQ to which all are welcome and a presentation will be made of the Brendan Glacken cup to recognise the winning performance over the duration of the Monday nights. We'd like to once again publicly thank the indefatigable John Foley and his helpers for organising this great social event for the past 8-10 weeks. Take a bow folks...

And the VERY last item this month - if you have NOT paid your annual subscription please do consider now doing so. Many thanks and enjoy the monsoons, sorry, **Summer**.....

A selection of images from the adult/child open day/competition



A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!