

Biddenden Squash Club **Junior Section Information Pack**

Our Junior Section

This leaflet will give you all the information about the junior section of the club that you will need to know. Biddenden Squash Club is proud to boast one of the largest and most successful junior sections in Kent. It has been running since 2001 and has continued to grow ever since. We will have 4 junior teams representing the club in the Kent leagues in the 2008/09 season and have a number of juniors now regularly competing in county competitions and for Kent.

Wednesday Night Club Night

For a number of years the junior section of the club has used allocated court times on a Wednesday night. The evening is split into 40minute lessons on both courts starting at 5:20pm with the last lesson starting at 7:20 on one of the courts. During these lessons the juniors will follow the mini squash scheme and achieve levels through their passports to help monitor their progress. More information about mini squash can be found on the England Squash website (www.englandsquash.com). In order to maximise the benefit of the sessions for the juniors we aim to limit the number per court to 6 and use some of our more experienced juniors to assist with the lessons.

The club bar is also open for the whole evening for parents and the juniors.

Tournaments and Leagues

Each year there are 3 tournaments run for the juniors within the club. These are the Handicap Tournament, Team Tournament and the newly added in 2008 Closed Tournament with Plate

Competition. To play in the tournaments the juniors need to be members of the club and also be prepared to help with scoring and refereeing. There is also a junior box league run within the club where they play against other juniors from within the club. This requires the juniors to organise their own games, record their own scores and put into practice all they learn from their coaching sessions.

Our Coaches and Volunteers

The Wednesday night club and the teams are all run by volunteers and parents who have become involved with the club. All the coaches are qualified squash coaches, CRB checked and insured and regularly play squash themselves. The junior section has a lot of help from volunteers with the administration, food provision for matches and tournaments and providing transport to away fixtures and events. The club encourage parents and guardians to become involved as much as possible with the juniors.

Additional Coaching

All our coaches also do private lessons for individuals or small groups as well as courses over some of the school holidays. These lessons are available for juniors and adults but need to be booked privately with the coach and not through the club. Below are a list of the coaches and their contact numbers.

Tom Swain - 07921705279
Martin Finnan - 01580 291739
Nikki Reed - 01622 891729
Gary Marshall - 07866430289

Court Booking

Courts are available from 9am to 10pm 7 days a week and can be booked up to a week in advance by ringing the club at 8pm the

week before. From 8:15pm of the week before you can book courts from in the bar. Courts can be cancelled up to 2 days before the day without charge.

Additional Information and Fees

Due to the popularity of the junior section there is currently a waiting list to attend term time sessions on a Wednesday night however there is not currently a waiting list to join the club. During the school holidays Wednesday night club night is open for all to attend and practice.

Wednesday night club night costs £1.50 per week. Junior membership is £10 for the year plus the SRA fee. More information on joining the club can be found behind the bar from 6pm weeknights.