

Junior End of Year Newsletter

Now that the evenings are drawing in we can look back on a really busy season in Donnybrook. There has been great tennis including the "Play n' Pizza socials and Box Matches, huge participation in League tennis representing the Club at every level, success by our juniors at opens all over the country and at interprovincial, national and international events and not least, juniors just down playing casual tennis during the summer under the supervision of our 'Student on Duty' Program.

We are indebted to **Eugene F. Collins** for the sponsorship of the Junior Open which had more than 350 entries this year, to **Savills** for sponsorship of the Junior Club Championships and to **Leinster Tennis** for their sponsorship of the prestigious Donnybrook International u18s ITF tournament.

We hope you are all enjoying your coaching, socials and leagues. Box Matches will start again in the New Year. Sunday hitting for invited performance players is starting again Sunday afternoon Nov 27th for 4 weeks. There will also be a Sunday hitting for invited improving juniors also starting Sunday Nov 27th.



Sean Twomey presenting the cup to his daughter, Sara, at the Eugene F. Collins Junior Open. Sara won the girls U16 event.

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Robert Dudley – Winner U18s Matchplay & U18 Irish Open R/Up

We would urge all you Juniors over 14 to think about playing Senior Winter League which starts on Sundays from 29th of January. The u16s social League on Sundays will also start in January. Over 130 Juniors played league this year. There is a level for everyone!

Finally thanks as always to our fantastic coaches Owen, Jenny, Lesley, Derek, Victor, Catherine and Anita.

Remember all suggestions are welcomed by the committee at any time and all and any help will be well received! It's your club. Enjoy!

Elizabeth McCullough, Junior Sec and all on the Junior Committee.

LEAGUE TENNIS

It's been a fantastic year for our league teams, primarily because we had over 120 juniors playing on our teams and also because we reached nine and won five Finals.

U 12s Class 2 and Class 3 teams pulled off a double when they both won their finals at Riverview in May.

Congratulations to Team 2 - Katherine and Nicola McDonald, Emma Prehn, Hugh Gleeson, Brian O'Donnell and Fergus O' hOisín. They beat Brookfield 1 in a thrilling tiebreak in the 3rd set of the last match. Doesn't get more exciting!

Team 3 beat Glenageary winning all 3 matches and on the day the team comprised Emily Appleby, Lily Farrell, Kate Eliza McCullough, Adam Casey, Edward Collins and Ruairi McGovern.

The 4th team acquitted themselves very well and gained valuable experience. Donnybrook 1 missed getting to their final by a point.

Both the U 17 1st team (Nicola Drummy, Sara Twomey, Katie Ryan, Osgar O'hOisín, Eoin Fitzsimons & David Gardiner) & 2nd team (Clare O'Donnell, Lucy McEvoy, Emma Taylor, Thomas Heavey, Nick Henihan & Andrew Mackey) along with subs: Shane Bergin, Simon Boland, Sam Grennan, Aoife Bergin, Susie Booth, Iseult McCullough and Katie Lyons, reached their finals in Templeogue and finished as runners up. Congratulations to all.

Thanks especially to Moms Aisling Drummy and Denise Lyons who got teams out in the face of Junior Certs, TY Musicals, Fashion Shows et al. No mean feat!

In June the Club again pulled off a double when our U 13s I Team comprising Katherine Egan, Nikki McAleese, Imogen McCullough, Michael Dudley, Ross Deegan and Ryan Donnelly and the IIs comprising Ellen O'Gorman, Sadbdh Dalton, Emma Prehn, Nicola McDonald, Juliette Guest and John Appleby, Michael Dalton and Patrick Shannon both won their finals in style in Monkstown LTC on a lovely summer's afternoon. Monkstown gave a great reception to all.

In September we entered an incredible 5 teams, 2 boys and 3 girls, each comprising 6 players, in the u14s League and last Sunday Donnybrook Girls 1 and 2 teams reached their respective finals. The first team of Emer Clarke, Catherine Egan, Abby Guest, Aoife Leonard, Melanie McAleese and Katie Ryan just lost out to Naas and the second team succeeded in beating Monkstown 1 to add an unbelievable fifth success to the Donnybrook junior tally this year! The team was Shauna Casey, Sadbdh Dalton, Georgia Drummy, Juliette Guest, Rionnagh Lynch, Nikki McAleese, Imogen McCullough, Ellen O'Gorman and Emma Prehn. The Boys 1 and Girls 3 also reached playoffs. Over the same period we had 3 teams in the u17s, 2 boys' teams and 1 girls. Both boys' teams reached playoffs and the girls held up in Class 1. Congratulations to all!

Thanks to all the juniors who subbed along the way throughout all the leagues and to all the parents who ferried our juniors around. **You made us all Proud.....**

DATE for your DIARY

Friday Nov. 25th @ 7pm

Junior League Dinner & Table Quiz



League Photos

U14 Girls Class 2 Junior League Winners
 Juliette Guest, Ellen O’Gorman, Sadhbh Dalton,
 Nikki McAlesse, Georgia Drummy & Shauna Casey.
 Imogen McCullough – not in photo.



U 12 Class 2 WINNERS
 Nicola & Catherine McDonald, Emma Prehn,
 Brian O’Donnell, Mark Cloonan & Hugh Gleeson

U12 Class 3 – Winners.
 Emily Appleby, Edward Collins, Adam Casey,
 Ruairi McGovern, Lily Farrell, Kate Mc Cullough



U14 Girls Class 1 R/Ups



Abby Guest, Catherine Egan, Aoife
 Leonard, Katie Ryan, Melanie
 McAleese and Emer Clarke (missing)



U 13 WINNERS
 Juliette Guest, Ellen O’Gorman, Lisa Lyons,
 Ross Deegan, Calum Ryan, John Appleby.



U 13 Class I - Winners

**Ryan Donnelly, Michael Dudley, Ross Deegan,
 Catherine Egan, Nikki McAleese, Imogen McCullough**



**Edward Collins, Ruairi
 McGovern, Adam Casey**



**Kate McCullough, Emily
 Appleby and Lily Farrell**

FAMILY DAY



Rachel Henihan with Owen



Alanna Casey



Sam Galvin



Roisin Bannon



Alex Start



My turn to hit the Pinata!
What a shot, sweets at last.



At Donnybrook LTC.

FAMILY DAY



Family Day Cup Winners
Shauna and Owen Casey



Nicola Drummy – Family Day R/Up



Cliona Dillon – next year's winner?

Sunday May 15th.

Over 100 enjoyed the day with 35 family doubles pairings. Owen both officiated and with the help of his daughter, Shauna, won the Cup. Nicola & Georgia Drummy came a close second.

Great sportsmanship from all the Moms & Dads in making sure the youngest juniors got a chance to participate. Owen operated the Tennis 10s green orange red ball system advocated by Tennis Ireland in so far as possible.

Great to see lots of new members down. Bouncing Castle, Face Painting and Children's entertainment from Maria Morrissey and Lucy Matthews. BBQ from John & co. Piñata to close proceedings.



Emma Prehn



Game, Set and...

Congrats to Georgia Drummy who won the Spring National U 12s Match Play and also to Robert Dudley who won the U18 event.

Another outstanding achievement was the win by Shauna Casey & Georgia Drummy at the Sollihull Cup Doubles in England during the summer.

Well done also to Nicola Drummy who won the Munster Open. All wonderful performances..watch this space...



Summer Junior Programme

Thanks to Simon Grennan, Alison Clarke, Simon Clarke, Maria Morrissey, Lisa Lawlor and Rebecca MacHale, all former juniors, who were the "Student on Duty" personnel throughout the summer.

The programme has really gathered momentum. As well as tennis, there are some serious card, Scrabble and table tennis games going down in the Club throughout the summer and juniors are hanging out in the club... which is what we want!



The **ITF Donnybrook International U 18** Tournament was hosted by the club. This is a very high profile junior tennis event with u18s from over 20 countries coming to Dublin in search of ITN points. This year we had an Irish winner when Waterford girl, Sinead Lohan, won the girl's event. She then went on to win the only other ITF event hosted in Ireland in Rushbrooke, Co. Cork



Eugene F Collins Junior Open

This event took place in the first week of July and this year we were incredibly lucky to have Lucy Lawlor agree to act as Referee for the Tournament and she was assisted by her daughter Lisa and in the office, Lucy Matthews who did lots of work in the Club this summer...We would also like to thank all our parents and members who helped out during the week. We had over 350 entries so it really couldn't happen without the help of a huge team.



Savills Junior Club Championships

The last hurrah for the tennis summer was the **savills Junior Club Championships 22-26th August**. Sarah Brophy was Tournament Director and the week was a great success with a huge thank you to **savills** whose Sponsorship facilitated some lovely prizes and a BBQ on Finals Day to which all were invited.

Club Hoodies & T Shirts can be ordered at any time from the office. We want all our teams lining out in the club gear. Look at the website to see what is available.



Santa comes to Donnybrook
Sunday December 18th 3.30 to 5 pm.
Tickets available from the office from Deirdre,
cost €10.



Munster Senior Open Champion
Nicola Drummy



Winners Glasnevin Day Cup
F: Caroline Collins & Ciara Dillon
Back: Juliette Guest, Aoife Leonard, Georgia Drummy,
Katie Ryan, Rachel Lawless & Lauren Deegan.
Not in photo: Ellen O’Gorman & Katherine Egan



Merry Christmas
from all at Donnybrook LTC.

