

2018 AGM Coaching Report Ben Bush

2017 has been a positive year on the coaching front. Group Coaching has continued to be popular with weekly sessions delivered to children aged from 6-18yrs from beginners through to competitive team players.

Adult coaching has continued on Saturdays as has Team Coaching for Ladies and Men on Monday and Wednesday evenings throughout the winter. Cardio Tennis has been well attended over the winter on a Friday night. Team training and Cardio will stop over the summer months and return in September.

Junior Mornings on a Saturday has been extremely busy with over 70 children enjoying their tennis across the 3 different groups. Due to the increasing numbers 2 of our older Juniors (now both 18) have attended and successfully passed an LTA Level 1 Coaching course. Aidan McWilliams and Jack Stanyer have supported the coaching of Mini Tennis Players on Saturday Mornings and during Tennis camps. In addition a handful of teenagers continue to assist me on Saturday Mornings as part of their Volunteer requirement for their Duke of Edinburgh Award (so we're well staffed).

Tennis Camps have been well attended over Easter, Whit, Summer, October and February Holidays. These continue to be a good way of introducing visitors to the club and converting to members.

Coaching at Schools over 2017 have been strengthened with links now between DLTC and: Great Moor Junior *Great Moor Infants *St Georges Primary *Dial Park Primary *Adswood Primary *Cale Green Primary Cheadle Hulme School (Juniors) St Annes Fulshaw Stockport High School

After school clubs continue all year round at Great Moor Junior School.

During the Summer I deliver lunchtime sessions at Cheadle Hulme School and curriculum sessions at St Annes Primary.

With funding from Stockport Council (this was match funded by DLTC) I ran a KS1 & KS2 School Tennis Project. This involves me delivering 6 hours of curriculum time coaching at the schools (marked with *) to years 2 and 3 in the summer term. Children then received a promotional flyer inviting them to try a free Saturday morning session at the club.

A year 3 interschool tournament followed the coaching sessions. This was held at the club for the local schools.

Following this the club hosted the Stockport School Finals that saw the winners of the local schools tournaments from other clubs compete against each other. This was the qualifying event for the Greater Manchester Games at Sport City.

This project went well and was successful in achieving its main aim. This was to promote the Club in the local community and to encourage new players to join the club.

Following on from the project some of the schools asked me back into run extra sessions during their sports week. I also ran Boys & Girls Active Days and teacher training workshops for schools across Stockport.

Towards the end of the summer term we ran a Great British Tennis Day. All of the school pupils from our links received an invitation to the day. The day was a great success with over

100 attendees with a good number joining the club. In addition to the on court activities – the bar was open and food was on sale from the BBQ.

Competitive tennis that I have been involved in this year has included:

Summer Leagues:

DLTC was represented across the Junior North East Cheshire League and the LTA Aegon League.

Our players competed extremely well with plenty of tough challenges put in front of them. The u13B and U15 team finished 4th in their divisions, U18mxm team placed 5th (great achievement considering the strength of the opposition) and the u13A team won their division and gained promotion into division 2. Well done lads!!

The 10&u team in the Aegon league finished 3rd. Great performance from our guys (especially as it was their first taste of team competition).

Tie-Break Tens Tournament

Mid May saw this event at the club that saw our own juniors compete against other players from local clubs. This was part of a series of tournaments running across the county. Over 20 players enjoyed the doubles event with one of our players going onto win!

The Tie-Break Tens Series ran over the spring/summer months across various clubs. The Series was run on a Grand Prix basis with players earning points from each event that they entered.

The overall winner of this (across all the clubs) was our very own Thomas Pennington.

Junior Winter League

This Winter the club has entered 2 teams in the Point-One Winter League. Our 14&u boys finished 3rd and 12&u boys finished 2nd (1 set away from winning the division).

Junior Winter Box Leagues

Internal Singles Box Leagues are at the half way point. All participants have had to be British Tennis Members. Match results will be submitted to the LTA and count towards players ratings

Annual Club Tournament

A good number of players battled it out across various age groups with the finalist competing on the wettest finals day I've ever been part of. The September events showed some great matchups and illustrated the increasing standards of our junior players.

As well as these events additional tournaments have taken place during Junior Club Night which have proved very popular over the summer. The Junior/Senior Tournament was very popular (more of these planned this summer).

2018 will see these events again plus new additions including the Quorn Family Cup (aimed at introducing competition to our mini tennis players) and the Road to Wimbledon Singles Event.

It's been a busy and productive year with great success across the Juniors (some of which I haven't mentioned here but you may have read about in the newsletters).

I would like to make a special thanks to the committees who have supported the coaching and events this year and to the members for making DLTC a great place to work!

I welcome any feedback and questions you may have.