

GODSTONE TENNIS CLUB

Junior Section Newsletter 2004

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Welcome To The 2004 Season

As you will see above, the committee has appointed me to the position of Junior Secretary with the Godstone Tennis Club. I shall be responsible for all administrative activities pertaining to junior members including the collection of subscriptions. I should like to take this opportunity to thank our previous Junior Secretary, Julian Lucy, for all his hard work in previous years. I am delighted to say that Julian will be continuing in his role as Junior Section Coach in 2004. I hope to welcome back all of last season's junior members and if possible to augment their numbers this season by further promoting the Godstone Tennis Club and its facilities. If you have any friends who may be interested in joining then please introduce them.

Subscriptions

I am delighted to report that the subscriptions for junior members for 2004 have only gone up by fifty pence from last season and are now £27.50. Please complete the attached membership application form and return it to me, together with your cheque made payable to Godstone Tennis Club, to the address above.

Junior Playing Times

The courts may be used by junior members at the following times:

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| Mondays | - | any time up to 6pm |
| Tuesdays | - | before 10am and from 12pm to 6pm |
| Wednesdays | - | any time until dark – see also Junior Sessions below |
| Thursdays | - | any time up to 6pm |
| Fridays | - | any time up to 6pm |
| Saturdays | - | any time until dark (please note that club matches will take priority on two courts during some Saturday mornings or afternoons) |
| Sundays | - | any time before 2pm or from 6pm until dark (please note that club matches will take priority on two courts during some Sunday mornings) |
| Bank Holidays | | As above except for August Bank Holiday Monday when no play is allowed at the club and all members are encouraged to participate in Godstone Fete activities. |

Junior members get exclusive use of all courts on Wednesday evenings between 4pm and dusk. Club home matches against other clubs in the various "Weald", "Surrey" and "Dorking & Leatherhead" tennis leagues take priority on two courts when scheduled. A list of these dates and times will be displayed in the clubhouse window and are also available on the Godstone Tennis Club website at <http://www.godstonetennisclub.co.uk/>. They are generally limited to Saturday and Sunday Mornings, Saturday afternoons and some Monday evenings. Adult members get priority on all courts during their club sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings after 6pm and on Sunday afternoons from 2pm to 6pm.

Outside of these restricted times we expect common sense and courtesy to prevail with adults and juniors sharing court time responsibly. The Godstone Tennis Club Committee has agreed this approach and juniors should not be routinely evicted by adults players claiming priority through seniority. If there is contention for court time then it is suggested that only doubles matches and not singles are played and that matches are limited to a single set before rotating with players waiting to play. If junior members have any problems with adult members in this regard, please politely refer them to this newsletter (copies available in the clubhouse) and if this fails to resolve the issues then report them to the Junior Secretary.

Wednesday Evening Junior Sessions

The club will be running supervised junior evenings each Wednesday evening between 5.45pm and 8.30pm, weather and daylight permitting. The following schedule will apply from 28th April while daylight hours permit:

- 4.00 – 5.00pm - all ages, do come and play after school
(parents/guardians to supervise children)
- 5.45 – 6.30pm - mostly younger players
- 6.30 – 8.30pm - mostly older players

Please remember that these sessions are supervised by club volunteers. Parents are urged to check that supervisors are present before driving off and leaving their children. Parents are also encouraged to stay and assist with the supervision of junior sessions where possible.

Shoe Tags

On receipt of your subscription, you will be issued with a shoe tag. This is your proof of membership for the season. Please attach the tag to your tennis shoe and wear it at all times while using the club facilities. Failure to do so could result in you being asked to leave the courts by an adult or committee member.

Junior Coaching

Julian Lucy will be running coaching sessions again this year, subject to demand and his own availability.

He is unable to confirm exact dates as yet but if you are interested he will know more in the near future and can be contacted at the following address:

Julian Lucy
46 Easter Way
South Godstone
Surrey
RH9 8HQ
Tel. 01342 893231

Tennis Wear

Club rules require that all members, including juniors, wear appropriate tennis clothing and shoes. We do not insist that everything be plain white but we do want to maintain certain standards for both appearance and safety reasons. It is most important that correct tennis shoes worn. These are designed to provide the necessary support to the feet to withstand the specific stresses imposed when playing tennis and also to not damage the court surfaces. General purpose trainers and running shoes do not normally meet these requirements and may result in injury. Please do not wear coloured football shorts or any jeans or denim clothing. Predominantly white tennis shorts/skirts and tennis shirts and/or a tracksuit of any colour are the preferred attire. It is not acceptable to play without a shirt at any time.

Use of Club House Facilities

For reasons of security, junior members are not entitled to their own key to the club house. This means that juniors must provide their own tennis balls except during supervised junior sessions on Wednesday evenings. Juniors may use the clubhouse facilities at times when adult members are present and the clubhouse is unlocked.

Unacceptable Behaviour

I am sure you get quite enough nagging already from your parents, teachers and others but I am afraid I must have a few words about discipline in relation to the tennis club. The courts exist to play tennis on and must not be used for any other purpose. Any member (junior or otherwise) found cycling, skateboarding, playing football or conducting any other inappropriate activity on the tennis courts or in the club grounds will be asked to leave and risks having their membership terminated. Shouting, screaming and the use of bad language is also prohibited and junior members should not invite non-member friends to the club unless they have a genuine interest in joining. A junior member may pay a visitors fee, currently £1.00, to enable a guest to play tennis with them.

Junior Competitions

It is hoped that the club will be able to enter a junior team in the under 16 age category of the Dorking & Leatherhead tennis league this season. There will be one match per month from April until November some home and some away. Matches are for teams of four players, two boys and two girls and each match consists of a boys doubles, a girls doubles and two mixed doubles rubbers. If you are interested in being considered for selection for the

Godstone team, please indicate on the membership application form or contact the Junior Secretary. Parental consent is required and any parents willing to assist by providing transport to away fixtures would be much appreciated.

It may be possible to organise one or more fun competitions for junior members, such as an American tournament where you will mix in with other players of varying abilities playing short sets with different partners each time and being awarded points for the number of games won. Again, tick the box if you wish to see this type of event arranged for juniors.

The Last Word

Finally please remember that most of all, tennis is a game to be enjoyed, however good or bad your playing standard. If you have any suggestions for improving your enjoyment of the game then please do let me know your views. As Junior Secretary I can influence the Godstone Tennis Club Committee and bring about changes to benefit you. Have a great 2004 season.

Mike Edgerton

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Note that full season (new applicants and renewals for the period 1st April 2004 to 31st March 2005) subscription fees of £27.50 are due by the end of May 2004. New junior members joining after that date will be charged a reduced pro-rata fee. This does not apply to late payers who started playing at the beginning of the season! Late payers will be named and shamed.

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Application for Junior Membership 2004 Season

New Members and Renewals

Name of Junior Member:				
Address:				
Post Code:				
Telephone Number:				
Date of Birth:				
Are there other members of Godstone Tennis Club living at this address? (eg. parents, brothers, sisters) If so please give names as this will enable us to consolidate our records.				
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I wish to be considered for selection for the Godstone Under 16s junior tennis team (please tick): <input type="checkbox"/>				
I wish to play in a fun junior American tournament: <input type="checkbox"/> (To be confirmed subject to sufficient numbers being interested)				
Signature:				
Date:				