



Sutton Lawn Tennis Club Junior Newsletter

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DLTC 2011 JUNIOR LEAGUE

Sutton LTC entered 5 teams this year in the Dublin League which is run September – November each year for U14's and U17's players. Sutton had great success this year with the U14's girls 1st team reaching playoff stage losing to Naas in the quarterfinals; the U17's girls narrowly losing their place in the final to Templeogue 1's and the U17's boys winning the event for Sutton! The 2011 League players were: **Emma Wilson, Karla Kaveh, Carla Scanlan, Lucy L'Estrange, Lauren Smith, Emily Duignan, Catherine Dillon, Jenny Lambe, Alannah Maher, Isobel O'Flaherty, Nadia Salveta, Victoria Carroll, Christine O'Dea, Shane O'Dea, Cian O'Reilly, Stephen Murphy, Conor Sparksman, Bobby McGonigle, Oisín Dunne, Frankie O'Dea, Conor Collier, Ciaran Walsh, Dearbhla Mulligan, Jenny Wilson, Clodagh McHale, Amy O'Dea and Natalie Schweng.**

Many thanks to the Team Managers, Aisling Duignan and Niamh Lambe, Dearbhla Mulligan, Eoin Considine for all their help.

The boys played a nail biting final against Glenageary in Greystones on Sunday 6th November where they were presented with the cup. Many thanks to all who came over to support the team on the day Congratulations to **Eoin Considine (Capt), Edmund King, Ben Cooke, Kevin McQuaid, Gavin Boyle (s)** Winners of the U17 Division 2 League 2011.



Well done to everyone who represented their club so well – we look forward to Sutton's 2012 campaign.

Tennis 10's U10 Open in Sutton

SLTC junior committee ran an under 10's boys and girls open in October 2011 for Leinster Tennis. This was originally scheduled for Saturday 1st October, but due to dreadful rain on the day, it had to be postponed at short notice.

We re-scheduled for the following weekend and played the girls on Friday evening and the boys on Saturday morning. We had a fantastic entry of 70 children, 35 boys and 35 girls. The majority of the children were available to play on the rescheduled dates.

On the Friday night, the boys played a compass draw and each boy got to play 3 singles matches. There was some fine tennis played by these youngsters, despite the cold conditions. The boys really enjoyed having the opportunity to play under the floodlights.

On Saturday morning, we ran a round robin event for the girls and again each girl got to play 3 singles matches. The girls really enjoyed their tennis and we had a lovely bright morning for the matches.

After the tennis on both Friday night and Saturday morning, the children were all given hot dogs, crisps and a drink. As is normal with Tennis 10's events, there were no overall winners; instead each child was presented with a t-shirt to mark the event and a medal.

It was another great opportunity to showcase Sutton to our many visiting parents on both Friday night and Saturday morning. The junior committee also made use of the kitchen by providing tea and coffee and scones and chocolate biscuit cake to the visitors.

A big thank you to all the junior committee for their organisation and to the kitchen helpers and many of our own junior members who volunteered to help with umpiring the matches on Friday night and Saturday morning.



Some of the participants of the Sutton Under 10's Open

Fingal Midi Tennis Events

You may well ask what has Fingal Co Co ever done for you? Well, one thing they do is run Midi Tennis Events from March to September for children in the under 10 age category. The format comprises of a combination of tennis and a series of skill based activities. In other words, all elements of the event have a tennis theme. The children are divided into colour-coded teams. There are no individual prize winners, while all children receive a certificate of participation. The coordinator of the event provides light refreshments to all the children during the proceedings.

Tennis clubs from Malahide, Portmarnock, Skerries, Castleknock, Aer Lingus, Sutton and Swords have hosted the event. Each club is invited to send 6 children to participate. Sutton has sent over 24 children and hosted the event on Oct the 8th. The feedback from those that took part was very positive. The children enjoyed the skills taught and the experience of playing in a different club. The coaching is excellent and it's a great opportunity to meet children from other clubs.

The programme will run again in 2012 and we look forward to sending children from Sutton to participate.

Thank you to all those who participated and to the parents who helped to drive the children to the events.
Anyone interested in participating in the next event (U10's) please contact Martha Linehan on 0872455103.

TENNIS AT SUTTON LTC OVER MID-TERM BREAK

MONSTER TENNIS FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Monster tennis was held again this year over the Halloween break. On Sunday 30th Oct we had plenty of witches and monsters out on court playing tennis with the odd John and Edward thrown in there too! We had a full entry of 28 kids with the emphasis on having fun, prizes were given to the best costumes on the day. This is always a very hard decision as a great effort was made by everyone to dress up.



Girls winner : Ellen O'Dea as Jedward

Boys winner : Ronan Barry as A Cow!

However no one went home empty handed as everyone received a goody bag full of nice treats to start off their Halloween collection. The event was sponsored by the junior committee and thanks to all the helpers young and old on the day.

LEINSTER TENNIS QUALIFYING MATCHPLAY EVENT

SUTTON 31ST OCT – 5TH NOVEMBER

For the second year running Sutton were asked to host the qualifying Matchplay events for Leinster tennis. This is a great event to host it brings all the best of Leinster competition to the Northside of Dublin. Sutton had approx 20 members playing in the events. With four qualifying for the Leinster Matchplay in December – They are **Rachael Lawless, Amy O’Dea, Matthew Gordon and Lara Collier** the best of luck to all on the weekend of the 4th December.

JUNIOR CAPTAINS U13’S EVENT

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER

A great afternoon of tennis was arranged by **Eoin Considine** on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. Eoin had about 26 U13 kids playing doubles for the afternoon followed by prize giving and ‘Pizza Hut’ pizza and garlic bread! Even the East of Ireland Squash players appeared in the junior room for refreshments! Luckily there was plenty to go around. We look forward to more of these events in the New Year. Any ideas on what type of competition you would enjoy Eoin & Dearbhla our junior captains would love to hear from you.

Inter Club Tennis Invitation Events

CLONTARF TEENAGE INVITATION

Following on from a successful evening in Sutton, a return invitation was issued from Clontarf Tennis Club. A group of 6 boys and 6 girls from 1st to 4th year travelled to Clontarf in October to enjoy an evening of good tennis. The weather was fine and the groups played some good doubles tennis and finished off the evening with some very enjoyable pizza. Many thanks to Maria Beatty of Clontarf for the invite. Also thanks to Martha Dillon and Rob Turpin for organising the teams.

BROOKFIELD RETURN INVITATION

The weather was not kind to us and we struggled to get out on the courts at first, with driving rain and puddles our enemy. The intrepid visitors and our own U12's (**Thomas Bourke, Eoghan Doody, Gavin McDonnell and Eoin Walsh – Kalia Hennessy, Georgia McGonigle, Kim O'Hare and Isabelle O'Connor**) eventually took to the courts after some table tennis for some competitive and well contested matches. The standard of tennis was high and our players represented themselves and the club very well. It bodes well for the future when these players will hopefully represent the club in a competitive manner. After tennis both teams enjoyed some Sutton hospitality in the clubhouse, hotdogs and drinks providing a welcome end to the afternoon.

Thanks to all who helped organise the visit.

If you would like to be considered to play in a friendly invitation event please let us know and we will put you forward as there are a number of these played during the year. Watch the noticeboard in the junior room for sign-up lists or post your details into the junior postbox.

GLASNEVIN INVITATION – SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2011

Glasnevin TC held a Day Cup event inviting 6 clubs to participate. Sutton sent a team of 10 boys and 10 girls. Two from each age group 10's,12's,16's (4 under 14's) were represented. As it was a day cup we sent our 2011 Club Championship finalist where available to represent Sutton.

The girls had a tough draw playing Donnybrook in the first round. They finished runner-up in their group. Thank you to **Dearbhla Mulligan, Becky Gordon, Lauren Smith, Carla Scanlan, Lucy L'Estrange, Karla Kaveh, Victoria Carroll, Christine O'Dea, Lara Collier and Alison O'Dea** for representing their club so well.

The boys had a more successful competition beating Donnybrook, Lansdowne and Glasnevin reaching the final and losing to Naas by one point! Very hard luck lads but very well done! The team on the day was **Shane O'Dea, Conor Sparksman, Conor Collier, Stephen Murphy, Oisin Dunne, Ciaran Walsh, Luke Logan, Matthew Gordon, Gavin McDonnell and Gavin L'Estrange.**



GENERATION GAME 2011

On Saturday 8th October the 2011 Generation Game commenced at 4pm after the U10's girls open event. A total of 72 players came out to play - juniors partnered by parents, older brothers, sisters, aunts, grand-parents.... 72 players in total on a wonderful sunny afternoon in autumn followed by 'Ray's Burgers', hotdogs and ice-cream - it could have been Summer! Each pairing was on a secret team of six and **their total scores were toted up to** reveal the winning team.

The winners on the day were ***Jonathan & Jennifer Blaney, Shane & Christine O'Dea, Claire Brennan & Shane Cox, Noirin & Conor McKenna, Conor Dillon & Martha Linehan, Adam Coulter & Jean Lyons.***



Colin & Erica Murray / Tom & Ellen Lavin

.....and then there was.....

The day I played tennis with Ireland No 1 Player Conor Niland!

– by Jenny Wilson

I sat at the kitchen table talking to my mum while she was doing the ironing. I heard the doorbell ring and she said 'Would you mind getting that?' I hopped up from my seat and walked towards the front door. As I looked ahead I saw a blue shape through the glass, and a distorted view of a group of people. Before I could think anything of it, I opened the front door- to my complete amazement and shock- there, standing in front of me holding his tennis racquet was Conor Niland, the number one tennis player in Ireland.

I had applied for a TV show that Jedward were presenting. They make your dreams come true, kind of similar to a 'Jim'll Fix It' type format. I had written in explaining that my dream would be to play a match

against Conor Niland. It was well over a month since I'd sent my application and I just presumed I hadn't been picked. So it was a complete shock to open the door and see Conor standing there in front of me!

We had to do some filming at my house, just to get some background shots, but once that was done, I changed into my tennis gear and drove to Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club. When we got there, I filmed a Q&A with Conor asking him every question I could think of. What was his favourite match he's ever played. What he does before a match to get ready. (Unsurprisingly he listens to his iPod but he specifically said it wouldn't be Jedward, he's more into Kings of Leon and that type of thing, understandably!)

Then, it was the moment I'd been waiting all day for- playing tennis! We had to do some shots of me and Conor walking onto the court together, but we kept getting it wrong and saying the wrong thing, and we both became so impatient because all we wanted was to get on the court! Eventually we started rallying and for about two hours Conor coached me on every aspect of my game. He paid particular attention to my serve and backhand, and gave me great tips to work on them with. He was really impressed with my forehand and volleys, which I was delighted about! For the last hour or so we played a set! In the end, he beat me 6-1... Although I'm pretty sure he gave me that game! I felt I played really well against him though so I was happy.

After the filming we went upstairs to the club house and Conor sat down to eat with us. He is a really down-to-earth, genuine guy, and it was such an honour to play against him, I know how lucky I am. It was a brilliant day and I'll never ever forget the day I was beaten by Conor Niland!



Jenny with Conor Niland

TENNIS COMING UP

- # [BREAKFAST DOUBLES – MONDAY JANUARY 2ND 2012 10AM – 1PM – ENTRY FORMS IN THE OFFICE FROM WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER](#)
- # 'JUNIOR BUBBLE DAY' SUNDAY 8th JANUARY AT 3PM
- # [TEENAGE HITTING PRACTICE WITH ROB TURPIN SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 6.30PM – 8PM – COME ALONG AND TRY IT OUT – RECOMMENCES JANUARY 2012 SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE](#)
- # ALEX FARRELL JUNIOR STEWARD ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS DURING SCHOOL TERM – 3PM – 6PM SUPERVISES THE CHILDREN AND ORGANISES A TOURNAMENT AT 4PM AT A COST OF E2 PER ENTRY.

- ANYONE WISHING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE EMAIL ANY INFO TO info@suttonltc.com
- **ANY IDEAS SUGGESTIONS OR OFFERS OF HELP PLEASE CONTACT ANY MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR COMMITTEE THROUGH THE OFFICE OR POST A NOTE INTO THE MAIL BOX IN THE JUNIOR ROOM.**
- DID YOU KNOW THAT A JUNIOR CAN BUY LIGHTS FOR THE COURTS BEFORE 6PM FOR €2 PER COURT FOR AN HOUR! ALL THEY NEED IS THEIR CARD. MONEY CAN BE PUT ON THE CARD THROUGH THE OFFICE OR BAR AND THEY CAN SWIPE THEIR CARD FOR THE LIGHTS AS THEY NEED THEM.
- JUNIORS ARE ALLOWED BOOK THE AIRHALL COURTS FOR €2 PER HOUR DURING THE DAYLIGHT. THEY MUST REGISTER ONLINE TO GET THEIR PIN AND MAKE THE BOOKING - DETAILS ON THE WEBSITE WWW.SUTTONLTC.COM
- CHECK OUT THE NEW PHOTOS UP IN THE JUNIOR ROOM FROM THE CLUB CHAMPS 2011 AND GENERATION GAME 2011



SLTC U17 2011 League Teams

Wishing everyone a "smashing" Christmas time!!!!



See you on the 2nd for some doubles.....