



## **Junior Tennis Autumn Activities Update**

### **Inter club matches**

We're planning to have junior inter club matches for the following groups of kids. Two groups, younger group and a teen-type group. These groups will play home and away against possibly Kilkenny, Carlow, Arklow, Celbridge and Waterford over the coming months. The parents of the kids who are interested contact the junior committee via WhatsApp. However, the children will need to be able to hold a rally of a number of shots to be eligible. This is in the initial stages of planning with Kilkenny. The first group to play against Kilkenny on September 9th will be U-8/9/10/12 about which Liz has liaised with Kilkenny. The U-14/16/18 group will visit Kilkenny on Sunday 16th September between 12 and 3pm. The return visits could then happen in October. Alternatively, we may arrange with another club, e.g. Waterford (St. Anne's) depending on availability of players in these categories.

### **Sunday activities.**

We're hoping to get Ashley to run Cardio tennis at least once a month as part of the Sunday fun tennis. This is a fun activity as the kids do skipping, running, foot coordination drills and hit tennis shots as well. All ages can do this.

Also we'll have a mixture of competitive and social games on a Sunday.

### **"AGM" meeting**

In the meantime we are planning to have a junior tennis "AGM"-type meeting with the parents of kids who want to play tennis over the coming months to get their suggestions but also their commitment to assist with the juniors. From there, we will formulate a plan. If parents don't get on board then there's a huge limitation on what we can do.

### **Social events**

There will be some social evenings including movie and food/pizza evenings (Saturday/Sunday) throughout the school year at a small charge. There will be WhatsApp messages advertising these. We wish to include junior sailors also whenever possible. There may some parents whose kids are involved in both sports to help spread the word as needed.

### **Communication method**

WhatsApp is the method of communication for the junior tennis. The junior committee will not be able to text individuals with junior tennis messages due to time constraints (work/family/etc) so will use WhatsApp for updates. If you're not on WhatsApp you won't receive junior tennis updates so please text Anne Marie Kelly (0878173499) to get added to the junior tennis group on WhatsApp if your child/children want to participate. Mobile number and name needed. Child's name and age group would be useful also.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.