**BTC Junior Development Director’s Report**

**October 2016**

As of October 16, 2016 we have 35 juniors at BTC. This is up from 29 juniors last year.

The profile of our junior membership has changed. We have more family members this year and more juniors in the U12 category.

**FAMILY MEMBERHIPS**

We have 8 family memberships this year - this is a substantial increase over last year when family memberships dropped to an all time low of 3 families. The family membership category accounts for 18 kids out of a total of 35 juniors.

**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS**

We have 15 juniors with a junior only membership. One junior has an intermediate membership

**BURNABY RESIDENCE:**

Fifteen (15) juniors reside in Burnaby.

**PROFILE OF JUNIORS**

12 Under - 13 juniors in this category  (2 are high performance)

14 Under - 4 juniors in this category (3 are high performance)

16 Under - 7 juniors in this category  (5 are high performance)

18 Under -  5 juniors  in this category  (4 are high performance)

\*5 kids on BTC junior list do not have an age listed (I assume they are very young U8

**JUNIOR HP MATCH PLAY**

We started Junior HP Match play in January 2015. We run it twice a month from 7 pm to 9 pm on opposite Saturdays’ to Glenn’s beginner level program. Four courts are reserved for HP match play. Although we appear to have fewer players in the high performance category this year (13 versus 15 last year), we do have enough players who are interested in seeing the program continue.

The criteria for HP match play: a Tennis Canada ranking, player actively training and competing in sanctioned tournaments. Long time BTC member Andrzej Dziarmaga is the volunteer coordinator. Participants are charged $5 a session. Our first session will take place on October 22 from 7 pm to 9 pm.

**EARLY MORNING TENNIS** (Tues and Thurs)

Although we have had little uptake with early morning hitting sessions for juniors, I would like to keep the option open in case there is interest. Caroline Tuthen and her daughters have gone on occasion and she is happy to have other juniors join them.

**RULE CHANGE**

The board agreed to lift the 9 am to noon weekday playing restriction on juniors. This time slot is designated as prime time and as such it precluded juniors from playing on pro D or statutory holidays. It also prevented juniors in special school programs or home schooled to utilize the courts. Because courts are often go unused during this time, the board agreed to allow the change on a year trial basis.

**JUNIOR DISCIPLINARY ISSUES**

I requested that the club manager inform the Junior Development Director of any alleged rule abuses by a junior BEFORE any sanctions are imposed.  This is to ensure they receive a fair hearing.   The manager agreed to do this.

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