

## **Cirencester Tennis Club – junior report for 2017 Annual General Meeting**

To date, we have a total junior membership of 134, which breaks down as follows: juniors 78, child 51 and students 5.

### **Aegon Team Tennis**

This year we had 6 teams consisting of 35 juniors which included 2 girl's teams. Most of the teams consisted of juniors going into a new age group. Congratulations to the U12 boys who won their league. The U8's was held as a one day competition again this year at Oxstals with them finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. The U9's finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, U12 girls and U14 girls 4<sup>th</sup>. The U14 boys finished joint top with Redmarley, but took 2<sup>nd</sup> as their only loss was to them. Well done to all those who competed and a big thank you to the parent captains (U8 Andrew Raphael, U9 Justin Wateridge, U12 Boys Jo Lee, U12 Girls Jennie Serle, U14 Girls Lindsay Raphael and U14 Boys Jane Franklin) without your help, organising these matches would be a lot harder.

### **Road to Wimbledon**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> May we ran the Road to Wimbledon tournament with 10 juniors taking part. This was run as a round robin tournament for Under 14s who can play yellow ball. Our winners Joe Dennish and Anya Pereira went on to compete at the Gloucestershire county finals. Anya was runner up in the girls final and went on to have a coaching day at Wimbledon with Tim Henman. The Wilts&Glos Standard also wrote an article on Anya regarding the Road to Wimbledon and encouraging girls to play tennis. Joe was knocked out by the boy's county final winner but enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to them both. A special thank you to John Mellowes who gave up his Sunday to help me run the tournament.

### **Junior Box League**

This year the box league tournaments were handed over to John Mellowes and the structure of how the box is run was changed to a one day event which now includes all ball players who understand scoring and can play a set without supervision as the wins go towards player ratings. These events have been arranged to run every other month between March to November. The first 2 boxes have been a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who have taken part.

### **Penny Allberry Award**

This is awarded by Adam Swan to a junior boy and girl. This year James Lee and Decima Archer won this award for their commitment, improvement and positive attitude to tennis. Their names will go up on the Penny Allberry Winners Board in the club house.

### **Mira Tournament and Social**

After being rearranged for the third time, the tournament finally took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> July. We were blessed with a lovely sunny day with 16 children taking part. Our winners this year were Joe Napier and Decima Archer and their names will go up on the Mira Honours Board in the club house.

The juniors displayed some quality tennis for all the parents that watched on. They showed great sportsmanship and all ages played well together. Thank you to Adam who gave up his Sunday as usual to help me run the tournament.

Thank you to everyone over the past three years who have helped me in the role of Junior Chair. We have lovely juniors at our club and long may we continue to help them achieve their goals.