

Barnet Junior Hacker

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Junior Night

Friday Junior Night will begin on **Friday 6th May** and run until Friday 15th July, excluding 3rd June (Half Term). It will also run after the Summer Holidays for a further 4 weeks from Friday 9th September – Friday 30th September. Juniors of all ages and abilities are welcome to take part in organized singles and doubles match-play, supervised by one of the coaching team. Junior Night runs between 4.30 and 6.30p.m.

Junior Night is a great opportunity for all junior members to meet and play with a variety of opponents. Mini tennis member are welcome and we will set up mini tennis courts accordingly.

We will also be setting up some team matchplay events on Junior Night to add extra fun and competition.



Free Junior Tournaments!

Once again there will be free junior competitions on Bank Holidays this year. See the Diary of Events on the back of 'The Barnet Hacker' for a list of these. Last year several events had to be cancelled due to lack of entries, which was very disappointing. You can enter either by e-mail to JohnH811@aol.com or by writing your name on the sign-up sheets in the clubhouse.

Junior Inter Club Challenge

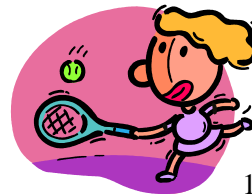
A notable omission from this year's Diary of Events is the Junior Open Tournament, known popularly as the 'Pellings' after our long-time sponsors. However, I felt there was a need to put another event to take its place and decided to try an Inter-Club Challenge, set to run between 25th and 30th July. The idea behind this is that players will compete in knock-out or round-robin events but will score points for their club teams according to how well they do. For example, they could receive 5 points for reaching the last 16, 10 for reaching the quarter finals etc. So, as well as an individual competition, there will also be a big team element to it. I'm hoping the format will prove popular and I'm aiming to get good support from other local clubs. My personal opinion is that there isn't enough variety in competition for juniors, so hopefully the idea will expand. Another local club is already interested in being joint host next year. More details to follow.

Road to Wimbledon

We will be running a **Road to Wimbledon** event this year for players who are 14 or under on 31st August 2011). The final will be on **Saturday 21st May**. Qualifying rounds will be held starting in late March or April. Players will arrange their own matches – the event may be knock-out or round-robin depending on the size of the entry. The winner and runner up go through to the county finals to play against successful boys from other clubs. An entry list is on the junior notice-board – closing date for entry is 25th March. You can also enter via e-mail to JohnH811@aol.com – entry is free!

Parents Evenings

Doug and I will be holding 2 Parents' Evening where we not only hope to give you information to help you to help your kids improve, but we also want to find out your ideas and opinions to help us deliver the best junior programme possible. So, please help us set the agenda by e-mailing me anything you would like to discuss at the meeting. The first Parents' Evening will be on **Monday 28th March** and will be aimed primarily at parents of mini tennis players (10 and Under). The second Parents' Evening will be on **Thursday 31st March** and will be aimed primarily at parents of 11-16 year olds. Both will start at 7.30p.m. We will try to see as many of you as possible after the meeting to discuss individual players, or arrange another time if this is not possible. Parents of non-member juniors who are in our regular groups are welcome to attend in addition to parents of club members. It would be great to see you at the meeting and hear your views, so please come if you possibly can. I'm sure the meeting will benefit coaches, parents and players. If you would like to attend please e-mail to JohnH811@aol.com or ring or text 07713951489. Juniors are welcome to attend with parents.



As a follow up to the meeting we will be holding a **free** on court session for parents and juniors on **Saturday 2nd April** between 10.00a.m. and 12.00p.m. Don't worry if you've never played tennis before. Hopefully you might want to after this! The format for this session will depend entirely on the response we receive. We'll show you how you can help your kids play tennis even if you've never played before and have fun yourself at the same time. Please e-mail or text me to book your places.