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## BTC Junior Programs

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There are a number of opportunities offered to our juniors for them to learn, enhance, and enjoy the game of tennis at the Ballantrae Tennis Club (BTC). We have dedicated coaches, mentors, and volunteers who make this possible. On behalf of the BTC Executive Board, we would like to especially thank Adam Johnston (club pro), Julia Liakos, Adam Borovilos and Ben Falkenstein.

Throughout the tennis season, progressive programs for children aged 4-17 years are continuously offered. In addition, we have been fortunate enough, thanks to a generous donation, to provide a tennis program for three weeks to students (JK-8) attending Ballantrae Public School. This September, in partnership with Tiny Seedlings, we are introducing young children to the game of tennis in a fun and social way. Our goal at BTC is to provide a range of programs for every age and skill level.

Tennis is a great sport for children. There are physical, as well as mental, emotional, and social benefits to playing tennis. We hope that our junior program continues to grow and flourish!

### Achievements

There are many stories that emerge throughout the tennis season from players who are just beginning to play, to those who are evolving and becoming outstanding players. At this time, we would like to highlight two of these BTC players, David and Diana Brustur, who have both demonstrated not only good sportsmanship but remarkable tennis skills.

David won two Under 16 provincial tournaments, was a runner-up on one occasion, and a semi-finalist at two other tournaments. Of note, David and his partner were undefeated in the Mixed B InterCounty season.

Diana is ranked Number 4 nationally in the Under 12 age group. She was showcased recently at the National Bank Open playing in the curtain raiser at one of the semi-final matches. On the back of her outstanding results and hard work during the season, she represented Ontario at the Nationals in Montreal last month, earning a bronze medal with a winning record of 8 and 2. She has been invited on a full-time basis to the exclusive Lleyton Hewitt Academy in the Bahamas.

We are all very proud of David and Diana's accomplishments, and we wish them continued success and fulfillment in the challenging game of tennis!