

Charlotte Griffin takes the Top Honour at the Hamilton's Junior Presentation Evening

Leicester City star and in form striker Martyn Waghorn was the guest of honour at the Hamilton Junior presentation evening held at the club recently. Over one hundred juniors and their families packed the clubhouse to see the club presentation of their Annual Tournament trophies, plus the special Junior Performance Awards for the first time. Club Coaches, Di Burdett and Brent Horobin, hosted the evening and were delighted that the City striker Waghorn, on loan from Sunderland, was able to attend.

The top honour, 'The Junior Performance Player of the Year', went to 15 year old Charlotte Griffin for her commitment to the Club's programme and her overall work ethic which was an inspiration to the Club's junior members. Charlotte was presented with the 'Shane Hughes Shield' by special guests Shane's parents, Reg & Jennie Hughes. They donated the trophy on behalf of Shane who was badly injured in a road accident some years ago. Before his accident, Shane had been an active member of the Club, both as a junior and a senior.

Brent paid tribute to the Club's Mini and Schools Coach, Laura Morley, and assistant Andy Douglas for their terrific efforts which have helped to swell the Club's Mini and junior numbers this year. Thanks were also given to the late Kate Thomas and June Roper for their continued support of the school programme.

A special presentation and a big thank you went to Assistant Referee Kevin Starkey for his involvement in this year's Leicestershire Junior Open Tournament.

Brent pointed out that the club was nearing its highest total of juniors, currently 154, and that it should be very proud that the club is now one of only two LTA Satellite Accredited Clubs in the County. The Club is top of the ladder for the number of juniors playing 6 or more matches in the past 12 months and also top of the County for the number of players signed up to British Tennis Membership. All this keeps the club among the best in the County and Brent paid special tribute to the efforts of Junior Performance Coach, Di Burdett, who he said had worked tirelessly on the Junior Performance programme and had been instrumental in organising the evening. The evening was rounded off with a buffet and a presentation of Melton Fayre was made to Martyn Waghorn who was delighted to stay and sign many of the youngsters' autograph books.

Junior Awards 2009

Performance Player of the Year	-	Charlotte Griffin
Competitor of the Year	-	Edward Blake
Players Player	-	Andy Douglas
The Coach's Award	-	Andy Douglas
Best Junior	-	Helen Thorpe
Fitness Award	-	Lizzie Golland
Most Improved Boy	-	Oliver Aley
Most Improved Girl	-	Amelia Coltman
Best Mini of the Year	-	Alex Lunn & Lewis Postle

Junior Tournament Results

Boys U-18	Winner	Ed Blake	Runner up	James Rowe
Boys U-16	Winner	Andy Douglas	Runner up	Charlie Perriam
Boys U-14	Winner	Ryan Parmar	Runner up	Joe Perriam
Boys U-12	Winner	Josh Wilson	Runner up	Jack Griffin
Boys U-10	Winner	Alex Horobin	Runner up	Alex Davies
Boys U-9	Winner	Alex Lunn	Runner up	Lewis Postle
Boys U-8	Winner	Oliver Aley	Runner up	Oliver Murch
Girls U-14	Winner	Amy Douglas	Runner up	Amelia Coltman
U-14 Open Doubles	Winner	Ryan Parmar	Runner up	Amy Douglas
	Winner	Joe Perriam	Runner up	Amelia Coltman
Boys U-16 Consolation	Winner	Luke Atkinson	Runner up	James Giles
Boys U-14 Consolation	Winner	Kyle Turakhia	Runner up	Will Giles
Boys U-12 Consolation	Winner	Bevan Wray	Runner up	Connor McGuire
Girls U-14 Consolation	Winner	Emilia Herries	Runner up	Lizzie Golland