Fingal County Council

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Donabate Portrane Tennis Club awarded Tennis Ireland Silver Clubmark

Fingal County Council Sports Office is delighted to congratulate Donabate-Portrane Tennis Club for achieving the Tennis Ireland Silver Clubmark Accreditation.

The club is less than two years old and was also successful in their Sports Capital Grant Application allowing them to secure €144,000 which will be used to develop a further two courts.

The club’s committee staged a highly impressive presentation of their Tennis Ireland Clubmark application just hours before the Club’s Annual General Meeting.

Tennis Ireland and Fingal County Council Regional Development Officer Tara Congdon described the presentation: “It was delivered in style and wrapped in a spirit of passion, pride and people power. The creation of a club, tenderly nurtured by an ambitious and dedicated group of people. Donabate Portrane Tennis Club has showcased a decidedly accomplished level of achievement and prosperity in all aspects of club development. A proud moment for all in the club and community to see such progress and rightly recognised through the Tennis Ireland Silver Clubmark.”

They now join Celbridge and Portmarnock as the third Leinster Club to achieve the Tennis Ireland Clubmark Status and the fifth club in the Republic.

Congratulating the club, Principal Sports Officer for Fingal County Council, Marion Brown said: “this is a tremendous achievement for the Club, it is a testament to their dedication and hard work over such a short period of time. It proves what can be done with a small group of people who are dedicated to not only achieving their goals but in surpassing them and achieving excellence in the club”.

The club has four all weather floodlit courts located on the stunning landscaped grounds of Donabate Golf Club with the full use of the clubhouse facilities for their vibrant and active members.

There are a wide range of activities available from Social Tennis, Coaching for Adults and Juniors, Camps, Club Competitions and Organised Play, League tennis and much more.

A full Calendar of Events can be viewed on their website.  http://donabatetennis.com/

Fingal County Council Chief Executive Paul Reid said: “I’m delighted to see that this recreational space is being recognised with a Silver Clubmark accreditation as well as receiving funds to develop its existing facilities. The presence of sports clubs like the Donabate-Portrane Tennis club creates a space for communities to meet and engage while allowing them to pursue a hobby and develop a skill.”

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley also offered her congratulations: “This is a fantastic achievement for a club that has been operating for just two years. The addition of this accreditation and the Sports Capital Grant funding will allow the club to continue with the development of what is an extremely valuable facility to residents in the Donabate-Portrane area.”
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Photo caption: Tennis Ireland Fingal Regional Development Officer Tara Congdon and Club Development Convener Leinster Tennis Eugene Bergin presenting the award to the club Chairperson Robbie Harold and Honorary Secretary Anna Kiernan, along with the club’s committee members and head coach Hugh O’Loughlin.

(More on Tennis Ireland Clubmark here: https://www.tennisireland.ie/clubs/tennis-ireland-clubmark/)