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PTR Releases New Educational Material & Course

Hilton Head Island, SC - - Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) has published a new educational supplement and Professional Development Course, entitled *Growing Kids, Growing the Game, a Developmental Approach to Teaching Under 10's*.

The 72 page supplement, written by Mike Barrell, an accomplished British tennis coach who has spent his career studying the nuances of teaching tennis to children, is available to PTR members for \$8. It covers every aspect of teaching tennis to youngsters, from understanding the physical, emotional and mental development of each age to structuring lessons specifically for each age group.

PTR has also developed a Professional Development Course with Barrell to correspond with the supplement. The course covers the essential skills needed for working with children, including age relevant coaching methodology, appropriate use of courts, equipment and balls. It is a developmental approach to building essential skills to get kids playing the game quickly and develop fundamentals to maximize long term potential. There are more than 50 games, activities and progressions to get kids playing while emphasizing balance, coordination, agility and motor skills. The course, which includes simple competition, programming and marketing, will debut February 17, 2007, at PTR International Tennis Symposium on Hilton Head Island, SC.

PTR is the largest global organization of tennis teaching professionals with more than 12,000 members in 123 countries. It has the greatest percentage of multicultural and women members of any such organization. PTR is dedicated to educating, certifying and servicing tennis teachers and coaches around the world in order to grow the game.

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