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Junior coach Amanda Chan trains youngsters with "Quick Start" foam balls. Photo Scott Borowiak

It's time for summer Love, 15-Love, that is. The Junior Tennis Summer Camp, held at the Moraga Valley Swim and Tennis Club, is a "match" for young players looking for fun and to improve their tennis game.

"We mostly have neighborhood kids attend," said camp Director Scott Borowiak.

Campers are as young as 5-years-old, but Borowiak has a few high-school aged attendees as well. Through his instruction, Borowiak hopes to give young players a love of the game and a future as high-school caliber players.

Borowiak's venue allows him to break their day into two sessions to avoid fatigue and boredom. "What makes our camp unique," Borowiak said, "is its structure. We play tennis for 90 minutes and then the kids get to swim or play ping-pong and then they get another set in the afternoon." This differs from other camps that only allow campers one session of tennis a day.

Borowiak's camp also uses newer training techniques so even young and inexperienced players can have a sense of the game. For instance, he has six different types of tennis balls, "quick start balls" that are different weights and are easier or more difficult to hit. He also uses a new type of foam back board that purposefully slows the game down so even youngsters who have never played before can move through an actual game.

The Summer Valley Junior Tennis Camp runs for nine weeks and usually has 40-45 campers attend each week. For the player who wants to compete, there are weekly

matches with other area tennis clubs held every Thursday.

Borowiak's measure of readiness? "I always ask my campers: what can you do if you know how to serve?" The answer: play tennis for the rest of your life.

The camp continues through August 12. For more information contact Scott Borowiak at 376-4190.

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