



APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Members quiz 9pm	23 rd April
Wimbledon Ticket ballot 9pm	14 th May
Auction of Promises 9pm	tbc – Autumn

(maybe worth thinking in advance of possible “promises” for this eventful fundraising evening)

NEW TENNIS COACHING TIMETABLE

The new coaching season has commenced. Full details of weekly, weekend and Easter tennis camps is available at the following url : <http://www.gardenstennis.com/2010-program.php>

The GLTC Coaching Newsletter April 2010	
<p><i>Well done to all of you have signed up early for courses starting next month.</i></p> <p><i>Places are filling up quickly for the Junior Holiday and Easter camps. We cater for ages 4 through to 14.</i></p> <p><i>Junior Term Tennis begins from Monday 19th of April. Please check club notice board or website for more details.</i></p>	<p>Adult Coaching</p> <p>The club will continue with more fantastic adult group coaching.</p> <p>Saturday 11 - Noon: £8 for members Saturday 12 to 1pm: £8 for members Monday 7-8 pm: £8 for members Wednesday 7-8pm: £8 for members</p>
<p><i>New to The Gardens</i></p> <p>Our Saturday morning programme will now include an additional morning junior coaching/training session. Places can be booked consecutively or players are able to drop-in and pay for classes weekly.</p> <p>Junior Training Saturday 10-11am: £6 Pre-paid or £8 on the day.</p> <p>Players will just need to have the basic skills to serve and keep a rally going.</p>	<p>Spring Leagues now running!</p> <p>Match play is both fun and great for developing match tightness. Be sure to sign up on the club notice board for this coming seasons Junior and Adult leagues to develop your game.</p> <p>Private Tuition</p> <p>Private tuition is available with Ben at the following times.</p> <p>Saturday 9 -10am. Saturday Afternoons Monday 8pm – 9pm Wednesday before 4pm</p>
<p>Don't forget to visit the club coaching website for more information www.gardenstennis.com Or contact Ben directly on 07812 250921 or benhal@talk21.com</p>	

MERCHANDISE

The club has commissioned a range of sportswear bearing the Gardens Tennis Logo. Attached is the range and prices. All these items can be ordered via Tony at tony@tonymcconnell.com



2010 AGM

The 2010 AGM took place on Friday 26th March, with a number of members attending and having the opportunity to hear the latest updates on the finances, maintenance and club development, as well as providing valuable feedback to the committee members on a range of issues. In addition the attendees had the opportunity to hear the latest on the new set of club rules being drafted, which are subject to an SGM to be scheduled for some time soon.

The AGM also covered the election of officers, with details of the serving committee provided in the final section of this newsletter.

THE GARDEN'S TRIATHLON RESULTS

Well the form book was well and truly turned on its head! Congratulations to James Wright and Robin Reeves for making the darts final, even though it caused Nigel considerable heartache!

DOMINOES

Finalists were Jean Martin vs Nigel Tabbron – winner Nigel Tabbron

TABLE TENNIS

Finalists were John England vs Robin Reeves – winner Robin Reeves

DARTS

Finalists James Wright vs Robin Reeves – winner James Wright

OVERALL CHAMPION Robin Reeves

So that's it for another year. Thanks to Nigel for organising, and for all members who entered and/or turned up to lend their support. See you all again, same time, same place.

LATEST TENNIS TEAM WINTER LEAGUE RESULTS (2009/2010)

Men's 1st Team

vs Leatherhead won 4-0
vs Epsom won 4-0
vs Sheen II won 4-0
vs Camberley won 4-0
vs Sheen I won 4-0

Men's 2nd Team

vs West Surrey drew 2-2
vs Ebbisham lost 4-0
vs Reigate won 3-1

Men's 3rd Team

vs Coombe Wood drew 2-2
vs Surbiton lost 3-1
vs Pensford drew 2-2

Men's 4th Team

vs Grafton won 3-1
vs Spencer won 4-0
vs Ashstead won 4-0
vs Selsdon won 4-0
vs Sutton Churches won 4-0
vs Sanderstead Village won 4-0

Ladies 1st Team

vs Bourne lost 1-3
vs Sheen lost 1-3
vs Epsom won 4-0

Ladies 2nd Team

vs Epsom lost 3-1
vs Wigmore won 4-0
vs Ashford drew 2-2

NEW MEMBERSHIP RATES 2010

A remainder of the new membership rates for this year. Early payment discounts expire on the 15th April 2010.

	2009/10 Rate	2010/11 Full Rate	2010/11 Discounted Rate *
Adult	£185	£215	£200
Concession (note 1)	£115	£140	£130
Family (note 2)	£55	£70	£60
Student (note 3)	£90	£100	£95
Junior U18	£65	£75	£70
Junior U16	£45	£55	£50
Social	£40	£25	n/a
Adult Joining fee	£25	£25	n/a
Adult new shares	£10	£10	n/a

* The early payment discount is for memberships paid in full by 15 April 2010.

note 1: Concession rate applies to:

- Members 65yrs and over

- the spouse/partner at the same address as a full Adult paying member where family membership rate is also being paid

note 2: Family membership covers all children under 16yrs old at time of joining, living at the same address as a parent/partner who is also paying the full adult tennis member rate.

note 3: those in full time education, with Student ID to be provided

Completed forms to our new membership secretaries Richard Jervis (07801 163999 or Richard.jervis@gmail.com) or Riette Du Toit (07958 530975 or Riette@btinternet.com) please.

Address details: 19 Radley Lodge, 25 Inner Park Road, London SW19 6DG

Please ensure a form is completed even if paying by bank transfer.

REMINDER CONCERNING GUESTS AND FLOODLIGHTS

Tennis guest fees are payable at £5-00 per adult visit and £3-00 per junior visit. Members bringing guests to the Club are responsible for collecting guest fees and passing them to a committee member. Payment can either be made to any of the committee members serving behind the bar, or when the bar isn't open, the club has now installed a new guest fee box which should be used when the bar is closed.

Non-members may play as guests a maximum of three times in any one season and must always be accompanied by a member.

Also a reminder for members to turn off the floodlights at the end of evening sessions, even when they go off automatically.

CLUB SESSION ETIQUETTE

Spring is here, the weather is improving and already the courts are becoming busier ... so just a little reminder regarding Club sessions.

Club sessions (Tuesdays and Fridays from 6pm and Sundays from 2pm) are the main opportunity to drop in and enjoy some social tennis (men's, ladies' and mixed doubles). Members should be prepared to mix in with whoever is there and at the end of a set, come off court to mix around again or find out who is waiting to play. These sessions have priority on courts 1, 2, 3 and 4.

At all busy times, unless playing in a match, members are asked to be aware of others waiting to play and not to stay on court indefinitely. As a general rule, members will be requested to play for no more than one hour if other members are waiting to play.

All members (and their guests) to show appropriate consideration to other players and be respectful of neighbouring houses when playing their games. Please keep court noise to a minimum.

Finally, junior members may participate in club sessions if they can play a reasonable game (including serving), but please note that adults have priority on court.

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SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 4th February 2010

Minutes

1.	Finance Reported that the club books are still at the auditors.
2.	Membership In Juliet's absence this item was not discussed, save to report current membership numbers: Full = 132, Junior = 67, Social = 11.
3.	2010 AGM/SGM & New Club Rules The new set of club rules were discussed. Unfortunately they will not be ready in time to hold the SGM on the same date as this year's AGM. Instead, it was decided to present an outline of the new rules at the AGM and invite early discussion and comments from shareholders. A date for the SGM will be scheduled.
4.	Election of Club President Nominations discussed and President elected for 2010.
5.	Coaching & Court Rental The current coach, Ben, has expressed an interest in becoming more directly involved in the running of the club. The committee welcomed this idea and it was agreed to invite him to committee meetings and make coaching a regular agenda item. It was also discussed that a local coach, Attila Papp, who currently teaches in Wimbledon Park has expressed an interest in renting a court from us for weekday mornings only. He would bring his own students (who he currently teaches at the park). Due to minimal use of the club during weekday mornings, and with the consent of Ben, it was agreed to allow this, as the club would gain an additional revenue stream for its courts, as well as potentially gaining new members.
6.	Advertising Two proposals for advertising were discussed: one a digital screen in local shops; the other in Time & Leisure magazine. It was decided to opt for the digital screen option, not least because it is particularly inexpensive (£6 p.w., with the first 4 weeks free).
7.	Club Maintenance It was reported that we have a requirement to display prominently both the alcohol and entertainment licence and the club's insurance certificates. This will be addressed. Also the need for additional sand. This has since been ordered.
8.	Social Events & Newsletter Items The Triathlon final will be held this Saturday, 6 th March.
	The AGM will be held on Friday 26th March.

A VIEW FROM MARK PAGE (OUR NEW CLUB PRESIDENT)

Editor - What does it mean to you to be elected the club's new President?

Mark - It is a great honour to be elected El Presidente and it's the only way I'll get my name on one of the roll of honour boards in the clubhouse!

Editor - We've had quite a few comments in previous editions re the new developments at the Club, what are your thoughts particularly on the court developments?

Mark - The new courts are fabulous, especially their ability to drain quickly and become playable straight after heavy rain. A big thank you to the committee and particularly to Brian Hoban and Nigel Tabbron.

Editor - Whilst in conversation at the club recently, there were discussions around a memorable game of tennis you had the privilege of playing in, against one of the other club members, Jean Martin I believe, would you like to elaborate?

Mark - I must say I can't recall that particular match against the very talented tennis player and previous club champion - Jean Martin. However I do recall the first nude tennis match at the club which involved a previous President and a fairly recent President - there was a full moon that night. This liberating experience was also repeated at James Wright's stag do which brings me nicely onto the most memorable match at The Gardens. James Wright managed to serve a ball out of the club grounds, in fact it cleared the conifers next to court 1 - a club first and a truly memorable moment.

Editor - Obviously it's the year of the football World Cup, as well as Wimbledon, who are you tipping to win the mens', ladies' as well as the World Cup finals this summer?

Mark - I tip Andy Murray to win the Men's at Wimbledon, Jean Martin to win the Ladies' and Honduras to win the football World Cup.

Editor - Finally, as a fond drinker of wine as I know you are, what would you said is your favourite tittle?

Mark - Ah, now onto serious matters - wine. I would say my favourite wine is Priorat form the Catalonia region of Spain. The key grapes are Garnacha and Carinena with a little blending of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. It possesses an endlessly deep garnet colour, smells like toasted black peppercorns on damp tennis socks, spicy paprika blackberries on the palate with a hint of astro turf. Delicious.

Looks like we're in for an amusing year of office with our new El Presidente - Ed ☺

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CREDIT CARD FACILITY

With the installation of a Barclays PDQ terminal, the Club is now able to accept debit/credit card payments for bar payments, as well as memberships and merchandise. This is for the convenience of our membership, as well as reducing the need for cash being taken over the bar.

FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Well, it's all change behind the bar with the installation of our PDQ terminal, no doubt the little red book will be taking a hit, with less need for bar credit on account. I wish to remind existing members that the cut off for the discounted membership this year is 15th April. Please take a look at the new club Merchandise currently on show in the bar, and remember to put the date of the Wimbledon ballot in your diaries.

May I take this opportunity to thank all members who came along to the AGM, and finally, on behalf of the club, to thank Juliet for her 5 years service as membership secretary and also to Sharon for serving on the committee as the Ladies Captain. And of course a warm welcome to the double act of Richard and Riette, our new membership secretary(s).

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