



JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- World Cup football coverage All England games will be shown in the Bar plus other key games (see Club notice board for up-to-date fixtures to be shown)
- Auction of Promises 9pm Autumn (tbc)
- (maybe worth thinking in advance of possible “promises” for this eventful fundraising evening)

Keep up-to-date on all the Club’s activities @ <http://www.gardenstennis.co.uk/index.html>

TENNIS COACHING TIMETABLE

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

"I love good footwork and dynamic tennis. My goal is to always deliver high quality tennis coaching with an emphasis on technique, movement & fun." Ben Halstead LTA DCA Professional coach

Also available on the website are full details of the children’s summer camp.

Summer Camp	Suggested Age	When	Ability Level	Start Date	Cost/course	Start Time	Finish Time
Morning Mini Red	7 & Under	Mon-Fri	Mini Red ¼ Court	26/07/10	1 week	9 A M	10 A M
Morning Camp	6 – 10	Mon-Fri	Beginner/Improver	26/07/10	1 week	10 AM	Noon
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CLUB MERCHANDISE

As a reminder, 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



“OTHER” TENNIS MERCHANDISE - PWP

We have arranged for Gardens LTC members to obtain 10% discount on goods bought at PWP in Southfields.(Excluding Rackets and Restrings).

As most of you will know PWP is a specialist racquets sports shop who offer an excellent service to all tennis enthusiasts. Their current address is: 260 Wimbledon Park Road, Wimbledon SW19 6NL.

The discount can be applied by mentioning your membership of Gardens when shopping in person. Please note that the discount does not apply to goods bought online which can be done at www.pwp.com or at other branches.

WIMBLEDON FORTNIGHT

The Wimbledon Championships are almost upon us, and once again it time to step forward and volunteer your services to work behind the bar. The fortnight raises much needed bar revenue for the Club, and is a valuable source of income. It is preferable that we have two members behind the bar for each shift session.

If anyone is able to offer their services, please contact Nigel or any member of the committee (contact details are provided at the end of this newsletter).

It goes without saying that all necessary training will be provided (and won't take long!).

LATEST TENNIS TEAM NEWS – SUMMER LEAGUE 2010

Results

Mens 1st vs *Claygate* won 4-0

Mixed 1st vs *Sutton Churches* won 4-0

Mixed 1st vs *Oxshott* won 2 ½ - 1 ½

Mixed 2nd vs *Richmond* won 3-1

Mixed 2nd vs *Cranleigh* lost 0-4

Mens 2nd vs *Epsom* won 3-1

Mens 2nd vs *Claygate* won 3-1

Fixtures

Saturday June 12th

Ladies 1st Team Match 10:00-13:00 Courts 1 & 2

Sunday 13th June

Ladies 2nd Team Match 09:30-14:00 Courts 1 & 2

Sunday 20th June

Men's 2nd Team Match – Courts 1 & 2 10:00-14:00

17th June

Mixed League Match Thursday 6.30 – 9pm Courts 1 & 3

22nd July

Ladies 2nd team match Thursday 6.30 - 9pm Courts 1 & 3

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.

Finally, any member bringing guests down to play must remain with his guests for as long as they are present at the club.



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CLUB SESSION ETIQUETTE

Summer's is here at last, the Club's competitions are under way and the courts are getting busier ... so just a little reminder regarding Club sessions and etiquette in general.

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.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 6th May 2010

Minutes

1.	<p>Coaching Ben attended the meeting and discussed progress around the Club's coaching programme. The idea that Ben run a coaching clinic during the Friday evening club session was aired and the committee agreed that this would benefit members and increase interest in the Friday evening club sessions, and therefore agreed to pilot the initiative.</p>
3.	<p>Finance There is nothing major to report on the expenditure front, other than our subscription income is already ahead of last year. It was agreed to investigate the next significant projects of floodlighting on court 2 and the re-installation of the backdrops.</p>
4.	<p>Membership Reported current membership levels as follows: Full = 110 Juniors = 33 Social = 4</p>
7.	<p>Club Maintenance To improve safety on the courts, it was reported that the direction of the doors leading from courts 1-3 to court 4, and from court 4 to courts 5 & 6 will be reversed.</p>
8.	<p>Social Events & Newsletter Items It was agreed to hold a sweepstake for the World Cup and proposed for an end-of-summer ball. Both ideas were warmly received. In addition, as part of the initiative to increase appeal of Club sessions, the possibility of arranging a social tennis match with players from other local clubs will be explored.</p>
	<p>A.O.B. It was reported that the club was allocated 15 pairs of Wimbledon tickets this year. The next committee meeting is scheduled for 3rd June 2010.</p>

AN INTERVIEW WITH RICHARD JERVIS

Ed How long have you been a member of the Gardens club?

Richard I originally joined at the beginning of 2008, but returned to South Africa in February last year to work. I came back to the Football Association in February this year (was previously on contract there) and rejoined GLTC.

Ed As the club membership secretary (a role jointly shared with your partner Riette), how's membership progressing this year compared to previous years?

Richard Membership seems to be on the increase, we have 138 adult members and 47 junior members. As it's the first year in this role, it's quite difficult to compare to previous years, but the resurfacing of the courts and the addition of court 4 seems to have had a positive effect on membership.

Ed Being from South Africa, how do the tennis facilities in London compare on the whole with those in your native home town?

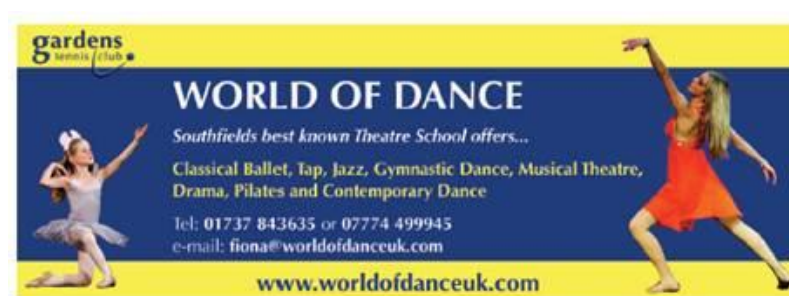
Richard London obviously has a lot more courts than most places, tennis isn't really a big thing in South Africa at the moment though the facilities are adequate. Not currently having a highly ranked player (the last was Wayne Ferreria at the start of the last decade) doesn't help the profile of tennis, however the South African Open each February does seem to be attracting more top players year on year, so that might help develop the sport more.

Ed Working for the FA and being South African as well, the imminent World Cup must represent an interesting time for you?

Richard There's a bit of divided loyalty on my part, I'd like South Africa to do well and it does appear like they've finally found some form (they're undefeated in their last twelve matches), but as I work for the FA, there's obviously a loyalty to England. England to have good chance this time around, and Fabio Capello is definitely the right coach. Most of us will be disappointed if England doesn't at least make the semi-finals.

Ed And who are you tipping to win?

Richard Whilst I'm hoping South Africa will make it to the knockout stages and England to the semis, realistically I believe it will probably be Spain or Brazil who end up as winners



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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

A couple of final points from me

- Remember to get the Club's competition games completed in time.
- Names of any volunteers for the bar for Wimbledon fortnight to Nigel pls.
- As mentioned in the May minutes and as part of the initiative to increase appeal of club sessions, the possibility of arranging a social tennis match with players from other local clubs will be explored. It is anticipated the event will take place on a Friday evening during a club session, followed by food in the bar. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Michael (details below)
- And finally, congratulations to Club members Tony and Karen, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in May.

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