



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Presidents Ball	Saturday 25 th September
Intra-Southfields club social	Friday 3 rd or 10 th September (tbc)
Auction of Promises 9pm	Autumn (tbc)
Keep up-to-date on all the Club's activities	http://www.gardenstennis.co.uk/index.html

CLUB TOURNAMENT 2010

This year produced another day of memorable finals. The winners and runners-up for all competitions were as follows:

Ladies Singles: winner Sharon Gibson	Men's Doubles: winners James Wright & Heino Von Wielligh
runner-up Sue-Ellen Wright	runners-up Mark Page & Keith Brogan
Men's Singles: winner Heino Von Wielligh	Mixed Doubles: winners Monique Kox & Thomas De Wijn
runner-up Thomas De Wijn	runners-up James & Sue-Ellen Wright
Ladies Doubles: winners Sharon Gibson & Lana Currie	Men's Plate: winner Damien Nieras
runners-up Sue-Ellen right & Anne Knight	runner-up Neil Simpson



PRESIDENT'S BALL

*** Tickets are now on sale for the President's Ball on the 25th September and selling fast ***

Contact Mark, Nigel or Julie for tickets (details on the poster).

**THE GARDENS TENNIS CLUB
PRESIDENT'S BALL**

**the 70's
DISCO**

SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 8 PM

**GET OUT YOUR FLARES AND DUST OFF THOSE
PLATFORMS FOR A NIGHT OF DISCO GLAM**

- ★ 1970S THEME FANCY DRESS
- ★ BEST FANCY DRESS PRIZE BOTH MALE AND FEMALE
- ★ 1970S THEMED BUFFET
- ★ LIVE BAND PLAYING GLAM ROCK
- ★ DISCO PLAYING ALL YOUR FAVOURITE 70S HITS
- ★ FREE BABYCHAM ON ARRIVAL

TICKETS £25
AVAILABLE FROM NIGEL TABRON 07711 846365
OR EL PRESIDENTE - MARK PAGE 07779 759319

If anyone has any 70's objects that they would like to lend the club to enhance the 70's atmosphere, then we would only be too glad to accept them. Perhaps the odd bottle of Mateus Rose still lingers, or raffia clad Chianti bottles as candle holders. Also any lava lamps, optic fibre lamps, space hoppers, Chopper bikes etc ... the stuff many of us grew up with!

Collection or receipt of any such items can be arranged by contacting Nigel or Mark, their contact details are on the poster.

Thanks in advance and we look forward to seeing you all on the 25th suitably attired.

TENNIS COACHING

"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*

Autumn is approaching and the new schedule is out. For online details you can find more information at <http://www.gardenstennis.com/2010-program.php>.

Junior Term Tennis begins from Monday 6th of September. Please check club notice board or website for more details.

New Junior Courses

Due to demand for U7 tennis starting in September there will be junior mini tennis provided on court 5 & 6 for U7s on Saturdays 10-11am as well as an afternoon training session for U14s which will be an hour and a half of training and competitive match play.

Autumn Leagues are also now running!

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.

Adult Coaching

The club will continue with more fantastic adult group coaching. Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Remember members do receive 20% off all group coaching at the club.

Places can be booked consecutively or players are able to drop-in and pay for classes weekly.

Private Tuition

Private tuition is available with Ben at the following times.

Saturday 9 -10am

Saturday Afternoons

Monday before 4 pm

Wednesday before 4pm

Don't forget to visit the club coaching website for more information.

www.gardenstennis.com or contact Ben on 07812 250921 benrhal@talk21.com

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.

TENNIS TEAM NEWS – SUMMER LEAGUE 2010

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS

Men's 1st Team

vs Claygate Won 4-0
vs David Lloyd Epsom Won 4-0
vs Pit Farm Drew 2-2
vs Coombe Wood Drew 2-2

Men's 2nd Team

vs Claygate Won 3-1
vs Epsom Won 3-1
vs Ember Lost 3-1
vs David Lloyd Epsom Drew 2-2

Men's 3rd Team

vs Worcester Park Won 4-0
vs Gardens IV Won
vs Ashford Won
vs Ebbisham Lost

Men's 4th Team

vs Gardens III Lost

Ladies 1st Team

vs Barnes Won 3-1
vs Claygate Won 4-0
vs Ember Drew 2-2
vs Pensford Drew 2-2
vs Merrow Drew 2-2

Ladies 2nd Team

vs South Croydon won 3-1
vs David Lloyd Epsom drew 2-2
vs Barnes lost 3-1

Mixed 1st Team

vs Sutton Churches Won 4-0
vs Oxshot Won 2.5- 1.5
vs Epsom Won 4-0
vs Hensford Won 4-0

Mixed 2nd Team

vs Richmond Won 3-1
vs Cranleigh Lost 4-0
vs Cumber lost 3-1
vs Ashford lost 4-0

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 5th August 2010

Minutes

1.	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our year-to-date subscription income has already exceeded that for all-2009 • Bar trading is currently showing improvement on last month's gross profit due in the main to Wimbledon fortnight • Awaiting costings for lighting third phase upgrade, and court screenings. Clubs finance's sufficiently healthy to proceed with these projects, subject to final estimates.
2.	<p>Membership</p> <p>No update on membership numbers this month, although membership was recently closed pending committee discussion on membership capping. Committee decided to open up membership as the peak period had now passed, and in particular to those on the waiting list.</p>
3.	<p>Club Maintenance</p> <p>No matters discussed.</p>
4.	<p>Social Events & Newsletter Items</p> <p>Club President Mark age attended the meeting to present and discuss The Gardens Tennis Club Presidents Ball 2010. This would be themed as a 70s style party, including a live band, pre-recorded music, food and various other activities. The proposed date being Saturday 25th September. The proposal was given a unanimous agreement to proceed. Date for the intra-Southfields club evening social was proposed and agreed for either Friday 3rd or 10th September. The previously proposed "Auction of promises" event will now be scheduled to later in the Autumn, possibly November.</p>
5.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>Committee agreed to the following changes to the Committee members:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Richman to be appointed Men's vice captain (officer). • Sarah to be appointed Ladies club captain (officer) • Keith Brogan to be appointed Coaching Liaison Officer (with additional responsibility for LTA liaison) <p>A winter tournament was discussed and it was proposed to hold a handicapped doubles tournament. Next committee meeting will be Thursday 2nd September.</p>

BODY TONING – new group class on a Monday evening

Can You Answer Yes To Any Of These?

Is your racquet arm stronger than your other arm?

Is one side of your body stronger than the other?

Does music from the 80s & 90s ring any of your bells?

Would you say your waist tum and bum need as much of a work out as your arms & legs?

Would you object to a bit of Dizzee Rascal now and again?

Do you think you would enjoy a workout in balanced proportions to cheesy music from the 70s to present day?

If so we have just the class in our own club.

Our instructor is way older than Madonna (but her arms look younger!) and she'd like to expand her mixed ability/mixed age class from the present personal training class to a group on Monday nights between 8.15 - 9.15pm. Would you like to try it? Workout includes some of the following each week: body control, posture, adapted Pilates moves to music, flexibility, yoga moves adapted to music, muscle strength and endurance, face exercises, an aerobic component and circuit training. It could be a sociable way to meet up with your tennis set, work out and have a laugh especially if you can't make the matches on a Monday for whatever reason (held up at work, kids not in bed or bad weather stops play etc). If there are a few of you who'd like to stay behind after class perhaps we could see if the bar can be attended!

Worth a try?

For more details call Linda on 020 8870 0583 (eves)

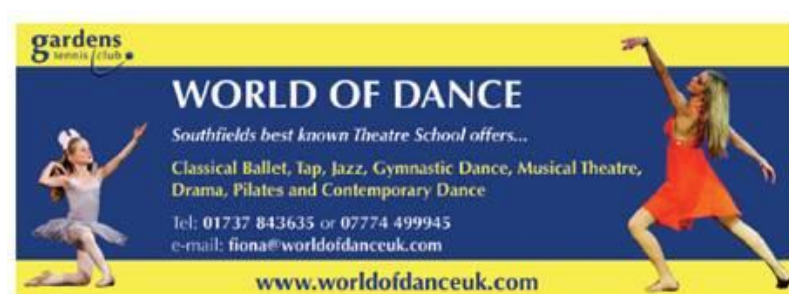
Or just turn up.

£5 drop in. £18 block of 4 consecutive.

Introductory offer ** first class taster - 1/2 price until 27th Sept 2010 ******

CREDIT CARD FACILITY

Just to remind everyone, 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.



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AN INTERVIEW WITH JOHN ENGLAND

For how many years have you played at the Gardens tennis club?

I am unsure how long I have played at the gardens as I used to be a social member for quite a few years. It was Ken Jessop who suggested I should become a full member. I think if you combined the two it would be around 20 years.

Could you describe your most memorable match?

I haven't really got a memorable match but I really enjoy the team matches, especially when we win.

What do you enjoy most about being a member of the Gardens tennis club?

I think the social side of this club is excellent. You can drop in at any time and more often than not there is someone willing to play a few games and have a pint or two. It's especially good to see the longer term members who are always present at club nights. I don't think you will find another club quite like this one.

As a keen football supporter of local club Fulham, and with the recent appointment of new manager Mark Hughes, how do you rate their chances this season?

I feel Fulham will hover around 10th position this season. I think it will be difficult for Mark to improve on Roy Hodgson's performance, although I feel Mark's appointment is good for the club. What's a shame is I don't think they can compete with the bigger clubs unless they are able to spend vast sums of money, and that's not going to happen.

And who are you predicting to win the premiership?

As my second choice team after Fulham is Manchester United I have to go for them, but I feel Chelsea may be too good this year and take the honours.

And finally I believe you celebrating a significant birthday this month?

Yes I am afraid I am joining the 60 club on sat 28th August frightening isn't it. I can't get any benefits as the Government has moved them all forward. Actually I don't feel fifty let alone sixty; it must have been all those years in BT doing no work and just playing table tennis!

FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR

A couple of final comments ...

At the last committee meeting, a number of changes to the committee were discussed and agreed.

- Rob Richman to be appointed Men's vice captain (officer).
- Sarah to be appointed Ladies club captain (officer)
- Keith Brogan to be appointed Coaching Liaison Officer (with additional responsibility for LTA liaison)

So a warm welcome to Rob and Keith to the committee, and also a thank you to Sarah for doing a fabulous job on coaching liaison over the past two years.

The committee would like to thank everyone who joined in the club tournament this year, and a special big thank you to everyone who helped on the finals day including Tony and Karen for the barbecue, Nigel behind the bar and the umpires Rob and Sarah.

If anyone was ever doubting the ability or accuracy of Roger Federer's serve, they may find this video on "youtube" interesting ...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTl3U6aSd2w>

... although don't try this at home as they say!

And finally, congratulations to those Club members who have recently celebrated "big" birthdays – you know who you are!

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