



## February / March 2011 Newsletter

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AGM / SGM	March 25 <sup>th</sup>
Junior Tournament	April 30th
American Tournament	April 17th
Dinner evening	tbc
Wimbledon Ticket draw	tbc

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<http://www.gardenstennis.co.uk/index.html>

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### AGM AND SGM

The 2011 AGM will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Please make every effort to come along and support the committee. Your support and feedback is invaluable in ensuring the continued success of the best tennis club in Southfields!

The Committee of Management has also called an S.G.M. for the purpose of approving a new set of Club Rules. A copy of the proposed new rules has been sent to all members and shareholders.

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## COACHING UPDATE

After an awesome tour of New Zealand with the state of Otago regionals Ben is very excited to be back with the launch of the clubs 2011 coaching programme. He has a new year of courses, tournaments and events to look forward to.

Congratulations to all those who have managed to play through the winter. Keith and Ben are available for coaching for all members, and for those keen to brush up their skills coaching sessions have now started again.

### Regular Gardens Coaching Sessions

The regular club coaching sessions are Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. There are still spaces for people wishing to sign up late.

#### Mondays

4-5 Mini Red

5-6 Orange level

6 -7.30 Junior Squad 9-12

7.30 - 9 Club team coaching - pending interest. 7-8 Adult Rusty Rackets (Improver - Intermediate)

#### Wednesdays

4-5 Mini Red

5-6 Orange level

6-7.00 Junior Squad 9-12

#### Saturday

10am Mini Red

11am Improver - Intermediate.

12 -1 Team level. Currently only one player attending.

1 on availability by appointment for private lessons.

Remember adult members do receive £2 off each lesson.

All juniors can receive discounted prices by signing up in advance.

### Road to Wimbledon

Again this year we are entering the LTA's 'Road to Wimbledon' competition. I will be looking for the strongest and most enthusiastic junior players. I would love to hear from players keen to compete for the club.

More details are online <http://www.gardenstennis.com/gardens-coaching-program.php>

Any further questions - email Ben - [benrhal@talk21.com](mailto:benrhal@talk21.com) - email to reserve a place now.

## CLUB MEMBERS REQUIRED FOR THE BAR ... (what is Nigel wearing? - Ed)



In able for us to keep the bar open for the members convenience and the drinks at a reasonable cost throughout the season we are looking for each member to volunteer to do at least one club session throughout their membership year.

Please volunteer by sending an email to [gardens.tennis@btconnect.com](mailto:gardens.tennis@btconnect.com)

## COACH CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A requirement of an LTA licensed coach is that they continue to develop their coaching expertise through professional development. As part of this requirement Keith Brogan, one of the club's coaches, has completed his 'Performance Coach Licence' at the National Tennis Centre. This course covered the new methodology adopted by the LTA to teach the mechanics of the stroke (with an emphasis on junior tennis) and link it with the six tactical intentions players exhibit in the game.

"I really liked the course because it linked the tactical intention of a player with the ball characteristics. In essence what happened to the ball and what the player wanted to happen in terms of height, depth, speed, spin etc in specific situations. The course tutor was of exceptional quality (he had taught Andy Murray) and was interested in providing a learning environment not just in imparting knowledge. I came away a better coach" said Keith.

If people want adult coaching or junior coaching please contact either Ben (07812250921) or Keith (07905 769230) [kbbrogan@gmail.com](mailto:kbbrogan@gmail.com)

## TENNIS TEAM RESULTS (WINTER LEAGUE 2010/11)

### Ladies 1st Team

vs Esher II won 4-0  
 vs West Surrey III won 4-0  
 vs Surbiton won 4-0  
 vs Coombe Wood III 4-0

### Ladies 2nd Team

vs Barnes II Lost 3-1

### Men's 1st Team

vs Richmond won 4-0  
 vs Surbiton won 4-0  
 vs Westside won 3-1

### Men's 2nd Team

vs Ashford. won 4-0  
 vs David Lloyd Epsom won 4-0  
 vs Sheen won 3-1  
 vs Oxshott won 3-1  
 vs New Malden won 4-0

### Men's 3rd Team

vs Cedars won 4-0  
 vs Wentworth III won 3-1  
 vs RAC II drew 2-2  
 vs Ashstead Squash won 3-1

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND FEES FOR 2011/12

Details of the club membership and fees for 2011/12 are outlined below :-

<u>Type</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Full adult	18+	£215.00
Family	Any amount of children, under age 16, joining with a full paying adult	£70.00
Concession	Senior citizen above 65 years	£140.00
Day member	Between the hours of 09h00 and 15h00 Monday to Friday only (excl Bank holidays)	£100.00
Student	In full time education – proof required	£100.00
Junior 1	Under 16 on 1 April 2011 (if not joining with full paying adult)	£55.00
Junior 2	Over 16 and under 18 on 1 April 2011	£75.00
Social	18+; non tennis playing member	£25.00

Full details of club membership for the year 2011/12 are available at the following :-

<http://www.gardenstennis.co.uk/membershipforms.html>

**Please remember to fill our your form completely and correctly.**

## AN INTERVIEW WITH ..... ROBERT RICHMAN

### **How long have you been a member**

Seven years ( I think)

### **As the second team captain, how are the team doing this year**

I did not even prompt you to ask that but since you ask, we won all five winter matches, only losing two rubbers in the process. We will go up two divisions next winter to the dizzy heights of division R! ( yes they start at A)

### **What's your most memorable match at the club**

It has to be the mixed double semi final in last years club tournament against James and Sue-Ellen. Sharon and I won the first set, lost a hard fought second and then in the third set lost four match points. I had two match points on my serve, having not been broken all match. On the first of them I cracked a serve into Sue-Ellens backhand and i had that great feeling that was enough until she struck a backhand so sweetly it sailed past me with interest as I came into the net. In shock, I lost my serve and they went on to win 9 - 7.

I can't lie, even though it's a small club tournament it hurts but a great shot earned them the break and that is what sport is about coming up with goods at the right moment.

Wow this is like therapy, I can move on finally!

### **And your worst match ....**

That has to be the battle at Banstead downs. It's was an away match about four years ago and Andy and I played a couple of wise senior players . It was a sunny winters day and they played everything up in the air into the sun. We did not do the same and just got more frustrated with every game, as Andy would say "The red mist is closing in Rob". That day it did for us both and we promptly beat ourselves losing 6 - 2 , 6 - 2. Lesson learnt.

### **I understand you are the driving force behind the bid to create a new "arty" cinema for Southfields ... how's it all going**

Its become the second job that I start at 7pm everyday ( apart from Wednesday's when I play tennis). It's an amazing experience but I certainly now wish to achieve what we set out to do, after all the hours put in. We are slowly getting there and with great support from local councillors from all parties and Justine Greening MP along with Wandsworth planning who wish to see the buildings D2 status remain we have a good chance but as everyone knows until the ink is on the contract nothing is certain.

We have the funding in place to purchase the building at our offer price so we await the vendors decision.

I have made some fantastic new friends in the Southfields area and I think a couple want to join the club so we will have to discuss my commission.

## SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE MEETING (THURSDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2011)

Minute	
1.	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>Andrew presented the draft accounts for committee members' consideration.</p> <p>The nature of the current honesty-bar system was discussed.</p> <p>The committee decided the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to the till will be restricted; in future only Nigel and Tony will have the key and the till will remain locked when they are not in the bar.</li> <li>• Members will continue to enjoy free access to the bar stock</li> <li>• In the absence of Nigel or Tony, members will record what they consume in a book kept behind the bar; payment will be made at a later date, when a committee member is present.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>Membership fees for 2011/12 were discussed and agreed.</p> <p>The club has been asked to submit its application for Wimbledon tickets. In addition to the regular ballot, we can also apply for Court 1 tickets on the final two days of the tournament (Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, costing £60 &amp; £50 a pair, respectively). It was decided to apply for these and offer them to members along with the tickets from the regular ballot.</p>
3.	<p><b>Club Maintenance</b></p> <p>Reported that both the heating and the hole in the wall in the hall had been fixed.</p>
4.	<p><b>2011 AGM</b></p> <p>Some remaining questions and comments about the new club rules were discussed:</p>
5.	<p><b>Social Events &amp; Newsletter Items</b></p> <p>The Triathlon is underway.</p> <p>Tony has been volunteered to do the next quiz, to be called "The People's Quiz".</p>
6.	<p><b>Coaching</b></p> <p>Ben reported that he had a number of plans and ideas with which he would like to develop the coaching programme at the club.</p>



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## FINAL WORLD FROM THE EDITOR

A big congratulations to the winners of this years Triathlon

Dominoes	Paul Doerr,
Table Tennis	Hector Pinnington
Darts and	Rob Guest.
Overall Winner	Hector Pinnington

And of course to Nigel for organising the event.

If you haven't already, please ensure that you have both registered AND affiliated yourself to the Gardens Tennis Club (listed under Surrey) for British Tennis Membership (BTM).

Finally all BAR TABS to be settled at the end of each month please (other wise the facility may be withdrawn), and please all MEMBERSHIP FORMS to be fully completed and payment to be made on time.

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