



April / May 2011 Newsletter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wimbledon Ticket draw	Fri 13 th May 19:30
Club Tennis, Champions League Final + BBQ Quiz	Sat 28 th May 17:00 onwards
End-of-season Club event (details to follow)	Fri 17 th June 20:00
Keep up-to-date on all the Club's activities at	Sat 24 th September

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

LADIES OVER 50s LEAGUE

Julie Leadbeater is organising the team and fixtures for this competition. If you're interested read on....

Matches are played in the mornings or afternoons of weekdays

Format as other doubles league matches: two doubles pair on each team play each other so four matches are played in total

The matches are each two sets - no championship tie-break (to be confirmed).

Lunch or afternoon tea is usually provided by the home team.

Match subs of £5 each player for each home game would amply cover the catering.

If you are eligible (over 50 and a lady) please contact Julie directly at julie.leadbeater@ukgateway.net or 07956 617565 ASAP. The first fixture is due to be played on the morning of 20th May 2011, so you'll appreciate the urgency.



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THE GARDENS LAWN TENNIS CLUB TOURNAMENT - RULES AND REGULATIONS 2011

Matches will be played over three sets, tie-breaks will be played where necessary in the first two sets, the third will be played in accordance with the two clear game rule.

General match etiquette:-

Calls: a ball must be clearly seen to be out, to be called as such (not just close to the line or 'felt' out).

Foot-faults: difficult to self-adjudicate, please warn your opponents if this is noticed as habitual.

The finals for all competitions will be played on **Sunday 17th July 2011**

The dates for which each round must be played are listed above each stage on the draw. It is the **first drawn entrant(s) responsibility to contact** their opponent(s) to arrange a mutually convenient date for their match to be played. This is the same for both the singles and doubles competitions.

If there have been two unsuccessful attempts to fix a match date, **before the round cut-off date**, then the first drawn entrant(s) **must** contact James Wright who will then attempt to secure a date. If the second drawn entrant(s) have not been contacted, **before the round cut-off date**, they **must** contact James Wright who will then attempt to secure a date. If this still proves impossible then the entrant(s) who did not respond to the attempts to play the match will be scratched, or if both teams are equally unavailable a coin will be tossed to decide the outcome. If you are away for an extended period of time, please try to play as many rounds as you can beforehand or arrange your next match in advance.

CLUB SESSIONS (Tues/Fri evenings and Sunday afternoon) TAKE PRIORITY ON COURTS 1, 2 AND 3 (Court 4 maybe used as a last resort for tournament matches during these sessions if it is deemed to be free)

Please play your matches as soon as possible, not a couple of days before the deadline!

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COACHING UPDATE

All details relating to the Club's coaching programme are available online

<http://www.gardenstennis.com/gardens-coaching-program.php>

Any further questions - email Ben - benrhal@talk21.com

In addition, Keith Brogan is also available for coaching, and can be contacted on (07905) 769230 or kbbrogan@gmail.com

TENNIS TEAM RESULTS (WINTER LEAGUE 2010/11)

Congratulations to the Men's 1st team, winners of their winter league - Heino, Hector, Thomas and Paul.



Summer League 2011

Ladies 2nd Team

vs Ashford drew 2-2

Winter League 2010

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

vs Ebbisham, won 4-0 a

vs St Georges Hill, drew 2-2

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 Spouse/partner of a full paying adult where Family Membership is also being paid	£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 JULIET CHILDS

How long have you been a member of the Gardens Club?

I've been a member of the Gardens Lawn Tennis Club since 1999, shortly after we moved to Southdean Gardens. But I remember a few years before that, when Simon used to go to The Gardens Nursery School, playing tennis with a couple of other mums once we'd dropped the children off (wouldn't be allowed now, and quite right too!).

Having been recently elected by the committee for the season 2011/12, what do you see as the duties and responsibilities for Club President?

As far as I understand them, the President's duties are to present the trophies on Tournament Finals Day, and to be involved in the September Club Ball, whatever form that may take (watch this space!). I'm told I may be asked formally to open the new ladies' loos, which would be appropriate! However, I believe they're now regularly in use, so maybe that won't be necessary

What do you consider to be your most memorable match?

I have no memorable match really. As those who have played with me will testify, I have virtually no competitive instinct, and prefer coaching drills and social tennis to matches

Last week, the local residents hosted a street party to celebrate the royal wedding. Could you briefly describe the event and was it a success?

The Gardens Royal Wedding Street Party was a really enjoyable occasion (some pictures below). It took one person to start the ball rolling and lots of people pitched in with ideas and offers of help. Some of us could see no need to do anything beyond getting our garden tables and chairs out and cracking open a few bottles, but sensibly, those with small children realised the need to organise a few activities. These included face painting, street art (kept the kids happy for hours!), a fancy dress competition, egg and spoon and three-legged races. But what the children enjoyed most was, when the numbers of people had dropped, having the freedom to ride their scooters up and down the road at top speed without having to worry about cars. There was also a cake competition, table tennis and excellent two-piece live band. Our club lent the PA system which provided background music, thereby adding considerably to the ambience of the event. The system was insured by the organisers and, I trust, returned none the worse for wear! The party was a great opportunity to get to know our neighbours better.

Do you believe the club could play a wider role in supporting the local community in hosting these types of events?

I think it's a very good idea for the Club to be involved with the local community, and to broaden its appeal. I am always surprised that more Gardens residents are not members of the Club (and often remark on this to them!). I hope that developments such as the off-peak membership which is being offered this year will appeal to parents of young children, which can only be a good thing for the future of the Club. I would particularly like the Club and its neighbours to be on good terms and feel that it is important for both 'sides' to look at issues from the other's point of view.

And finally, what are you most looking forward to in this year's sporting calendar?

I'm not a particularly sporty person, but I always look forward to Wimbledon. I've tried to get me interested in the Snooker and the Golf on the telly recently, but to no avail!



SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE MEETING (THURSDAY 7TH APRIL 2011)

Minute	
1.	<p>Finance</p> <p>Monthly accounts were presented, and in particular the following was noted :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YoY subscription income for 2011 already strong (see membership figures below). • The stock-take for the bar will take place soon • Finance approved for Ladies changing area to be refurbished.
2.	<p>Membership</p> <p>Reported that the current 2011 membership numbers are (figures updated 5th May):</p> <p>Full = 85 Junior = 38 Social = 13</p> <p>The next step for the new club rules is to submit them to the FSA for approval.</p>
3.	<p>Club Maintenance</p> <p>Following recent complaints from some neighbours, the committee consulted with Wandsworth Borough Council, who confirmed that we have permission for netting up to a height of 2 metres.</p> <p>The Committee is considering a new entry gate system for the Club, and a number of options are being considered.</p>
4.	<p>Social Events & Newsletter Items</p> <p>It was suggested organising some BBQs on social evenings during the summer months. The idea was warmly received.</p>
5.	<p>Coaching</p> <p>Reported that KB is progressing with the contracts for the club coaches.</p>
6.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Some members have expressed interest in the singles box leagues being re-instated. Options for how to operate this effectively will be considered.</p> <p>David proposed formally suspending those monthly meetings which have historically been less well-attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July – Wimbledon fortnight • August – summer holidays • December – Christmas holidays.

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FINAL WORLD FROM THE EDITOR

The American Tournament held on the April 17th was a great success. Congratulations to the winners John England, Liz Denton, Thomas de Wijn and Pam Wood..... and thank you to Keith for organising the tournament.

The pop-up restaurant evening held at the Club was also a tremendous success. Thank you to Karen and Tony McConnell for organising the event.

Please note that this years membership fees are now overdue. Please could all renewals be forwarded to Richard Jervis with a **FULLY** completed form, including your BTA number. If your BTA number is associated with another club please could you change this to The Gardens Lawn Tennis club as this will impact on your eligibility for the Wimbledon ticket ballot.

A reminder that the draw for this years ballot will take place in the bar at 19:30 on Friday 13th May.

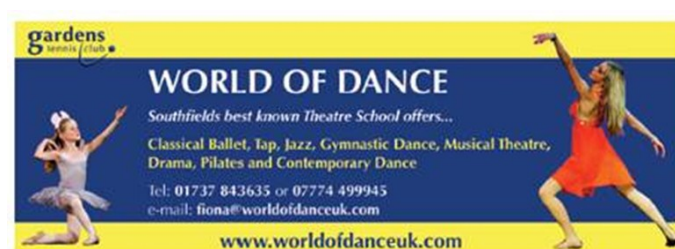
An email was sent out with the entry forms for this years internal competitions along with the rules and dates. Please complete these and return by Friday 20th May at the latest.

Finally a reminder that to participate in the ballot and the competitions you must be a fully paid up member and have submitted your completed membership form, together with your BTA number by 10 May 2011.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hon. Secretary	David Riggs	Membership Secretary	Richard Jervis
Treasurer	Andrew Elliott-Frey	Comms Officer	Michael Cole
Men's Captain	James Wright	Facilities Manager	Brian Hoban
Men's Vice Captain	Rob Richman	Bar Manager	Tony McConnell
Ladies Captain	Sarah Groves	Bookings & House Manager	Tony McConnell
Ladies Vice Captain	Riette Du Toit	Entertainments Secretary	Nigel Tabbron
Coaching Liaison Officer	Keith Brogan		

Committee Members can be contacted via the Club's email address gardens.tennis@btconnect.com



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