



# BTC TENNIS TIMES

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## Club Tennis Finals Day - Saturday, 16 July starting at 1pm

The Tennis Committee is looking forward to seeing everyone at our Finals Day which is incorporating a Family Tennis Day:

- ❖ Junior Finals and Parent/Player Finals
- ❖ Senior Championships from 1pm
- ❖ Singles Finals not before 4pm
- ❖ Grass-Court Club Play Session from 1-4pm
- ❖ Refreshments served from 2:30pm
- ❖ Prize Giving with past Wimbledon champion Maria-Esther Bueno, followed by Pizza Supper

## The Official Opening of our New Artificial Clay Courts held on Saturday, 18 June



Article published in the News Shopper:

### Mayor could take on MP in tennis feat on clay

A nail-biting match between the Mayor and an MP could be on the cards at a tennis club's new artificial clay courts.

Bromley's Mayor Councillor David McBride and Beckenham MP Colonel Bob Stewart are both now honorary members of the Beckenham Cricket Club's tennis section following the courts' official opening by the mayor.

Guests at the event included club honorary member Maria-Esther Bueno, a winner of three Wimbledon and four US singles championships.

During the day the crowds watched an exhibition match before a jazz band played during afternoon tea.

And tennis chairman Sue Thomas expressed the club's gratitude to her predecessor as chairman, Gary Eldridge.

She complimented his "vision and hard work enabled the tennis section to boast courts of four different surfaces: acrylic, grass, hard and artificial clay courts".

The tennis section at Beckenham Cricket Club, Foxgrove Road, Beckenham was established in 1879.



Just 45 minutes before the official opening a heavy rain shower waterlogged the new courts, but quick work by members enabled the ceremony to start on time at 2.30pm.

The first game of the exhibition match was a marathon but then both players settled down and produced some excellent shots. Experience shone through in the end and Gary Le Pla beat James Oni 6-3.

An excellent tea, as always, was served by Sue, John and Angie whilst Brought into Blues entertained members and guests with their alternative jazz.

Many thanks to all those members who took a break from their tennis to support their section.

## Tennis Club Hog Roast - Saturday 2 July



The Hog Roast attracted around 100 guests (thanks to the sales expertise of Liz, Don and Sue). It was a very successful evening with excellent food and music from Ania and her group. There was lots of dancing, fun and laughter, an entertaining raffle and auction.

Don did a superb job hosting the raffle and auction. The auction was a great

success with some very competitive bidding. Both the events raised a very good sum of money to help with the equipment we need to maintain the courts.

There are so many people to thank for their hard work and apologies for anyone I've missed. Thanks go to Noel and Don for producing a very succulent pig. Liz for organising all the salads, Laura for raiding her fridge?, Sue for being a very proficient "barmaid", all the helpers who got the tables, etc ready, Don and co. for digging another hole? for our "camp fire", everyone who helped with the cleaning and washing up, all the helpers who got up very early Sunday morning to clear everything away.

## AEGON NCL Team

Many congratulations to our men's National Club League squad who gained promotion to the South East regional division of the AEGON National Club League on Sunday, 10 July.

Jim May, Andy Searle, Gary La Pla and James Oni teamed up to beat West Worthing 4-2 in a play-off match to reach the top regional tier.

Next season the top two teams from each of the four regional divisions go through to the knock-out quarter-finals stages of the national competition.

## Summer Tennis Matches

From June until middle of July our teams Won 9 matches and Lost 9 matches.

Don't forget to follow all our teams' results on the Tennis Club website: [www.beckenhamtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.beckenhamtennisclub.co.uk).

## Home Matches during July

There are only six matches left this season and unfortunately they are all away.

## Ladies Practices/Trials for Winter Teams

All our Ladies interested in playing in teams or to be reserves are invited to attend the Practices/Trials which will begin in September for five weeks. The days have been alternated so hopefully everyone will be able to come. Please try to attend at least three if you want to be considered for teams.

Tuesday 6 September	7-9pm
Monday 12 September	7-9pm
Sunday 18 September	10am-12pm
Monday 26 September	7-9pm
Sunday 2 October	10-12pm (depending when matches start)

## Floodlights

REMI NDER - Floodlights cannot be switched on until 15 August. This is an agreement we have with our neighbours.

## Court Etiquette??

The Tennis Committee are pleased everyone is enjoying the new clay courts and thank you for dragging and sweeping them after play. Please hang the drag mats and sweepers on the hooks next to the relevant notices. The notices re. care of the courts from AMB Sports are now up on each clay court as a reminder.

Also for the acrylic courts - please make sure the squeegees are hung up on the hooks as if they are left sitting on the ground the rubber perishes.

## Tennis Booking Sheets

Tennis booking sheets will not be in operation until September. The following rules apply until September:

- ❖ Matches have preference at all times:
  - ❖ Inter-club matches.
  - ❖ Club Tournament matches.
  - ❖ "Friendly" matches.

## Clive Best Coaching

Please contact Clive (Mobile 07977 900383) for all your coaching requirements.

## Beckenham Cricket Club Information

20-20 Finals Lunch

The Kent League Twenty20 Finals Day returns to Beckenham CC on Sunday 24th July 2011. A FEW SEATS STILL AVAIL ABLE FOR LUNCH I N MARQUEE. £20 per head inclusive of wine and beer. Contact Errol Valentine for details. We hope as many of you, your families and friends may be able to visit the event for the day, or for part, to both support the Club and watch some entertaining cricket.

Membership Cards

The Club will be issuing 'lifetime' photo membership cards in September. If the Club does not hold a photograph of you, please arrange urgently with the office for one to be taken. These cards will also become a 'debit/discount' card, and from early in 2012 you will not be able to access the Clubhouse without one. If this applies you, please contact the office now.

Beckenham Cricket Club Website

[www.beckenhamcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.beckenhamcricketclub.co.uk). Log on to see the Club's forthcoming events plus links to all the Sections within the Club.



This will be the last Newsletter for a while as I'm off on holiday for the next six weeks. Planning to catch up with Steve Bristow in Singapore for a beer on the way home.

Please keep up to date with all the tennis comings and goings on our website - [www.beckenhamtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.beckenhamtennisclub.co.uk).