



BTC Tennis Times

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Clay Courts

Our clay courts are now ready for play. They need lots of playing in to bed the clay into the carpet after which the contractors will spread more clay onto the courts and they will be ready for match play.

Many thanks to the LTA for supporting our project with a grant of £20,000 as well as an interest free loan of £12,000 repayable over 10 years, without their help the project couldn't have gone ahead.

Official Opening of the Clay Courts

The official opening of the new courts will be on Saturday 18th June - more on this later.

Opening of the Grass Courts

Saturday 7th May brings the opening of the grass courts and our new clay courts. Afterwards come and join the Committee for a Pimms and nibbles at 5.30pm and also to welcome our new members.

Open Tournament

Don't forget entries for the Open Tournament close on 15th May. Get your entries in **NOW**.

The Tournament starts on 21st May and Finals Day with BBQ and Auction of Promises is 16th July.

Tennis Spring Clean

A successful Spring Clean was held on 3rd April thanks to the members who assisted. Before the winter we will need to do a repaint to the back of the pavilion.

Tarmac Court Cleaning

The cleaning of the Tarmac Courts has proved a major project but with the help of our new powerful jetwasher and thanks to the hard work from Chris Lamb, Hugh Reynolds, Emmanuel Oni, Steve Bristow and Don Sperring this is almost completed.

Honours to the Tennis Section

At the club AGM in March 2011 2 of our tennis members received prestigious awards.

James Oni was presented with the Tim Gardiner cup given to the overall club junior for the year, James who is 15 years old now plays regularly for our first and mixed teams in both the Kent and Aegon Leagues.

Gary Eldridge received the Mike Press Cup for outstanding service to Beckenham Cricket Club. Gary was Chairman of tennis for 4 years, member of the general committee and has worked hard to encourage all sections to work together for the good of the club.

Well done to them both

American Tournament

The final American Tournament before the summer break was held on 2nd April and Geraldine Pickthall is the overall leader and Ian Barker is the leading male. The tournaments will start again in October.

Winter Tennis Matches - Kent Finals

Mens 1 lost to Tunbridge Wells 1 by a set.

Mixed 1 beat Knoll 1 (3 rubbers to 1) and are now Division 1 champions.

Ladies 3 beat David Lloyd Beckenham 2 by a set.

Mens 5 lost to St. Johns 1 by 3 rubbers to 1.

Mens Vets 2 beat Parklangley Mens Vets 2 by 3 rubbers to 1.



Our famous Vets 2 finalists!

Men's Aegon Team Tennis Division 1

Beckenham men's team won the second of their Aegon league matches on Sunday 17th April by the narrowest of margins against Bromley CC, the team consisted of Jim May, Andy Searle, Gary Le Pla and James Oni.

Wins for James and Jim meant that after the singles it was 2 rubbers all, Jim and Gary then won their doubles whilst James and Andy lost meaning it was 3 all and a champions tie break singles was required, Jim won and James lost meaning it was now 4 all and a final champions tie break doubles was needed to settle the match, Gary and Andy raced to a 5-1 lead but they lost momentum after missing a couple of high volleys and were match point down at 8-9, however 3 consecutive points meant a win by the narrowest of margins.

Births

Gary Le Pla became a father for the second time on 10th March, baby Iris arrived weighing 8lbs 3oz and mother and baby are doing fine as is proud sister Flo.

Summer Tennis Matches

Don't forget to follow all our teams' results on the Tennis Club website: www.beckenhamtennisclub.co.uk.

Brian Dodsworth Tournament - 14th May

The Tournament and BBQ will be held on Saturday 14th May commencing at **2pm sharp** followed by a BBQ. Winners move and losers stay on the court and split.

Home Matches during May

Please come and support our teams playing at home during May:

Sun 01 May	10:30	Mixed 1 vs. Herne Bay 1
Sat 07 May	10:30	Ladies 1 vs. Sevenoaks 2
Sun 08 May	10:30	Mens 5 vs. Bromley Wendover 4
Sat 14 May	10:30	Mixed 4 vs. Blackheath 2
Sat 14 May	10:30	Ladies 2 vs. Sevenoaks 3
Sun 15 May	10:30	Mens 3 vs. Blackheath 2
Sat 21 May	10:30	Mixed 2 vs. Knoll (Orpington) 1
Sun 22 May	10:30	Mens 1 (NCL) vs. Maidstone
Sat 28 May	10:30	Mixed 1 vs. Sevenoaks 1
Sun 29 May	10:30	Ladies 4 vs. David Lloyd Beckenham 3

Wimbledon Ticket Ballot

Every year the tennis section receives an allocation of tickets (tickets are issued in pairs) for The Championships at Wimbledon. The grass-court major is being held this year from Monday 20th June to Sunday 3rd July.

The Draw to select the daily tickets will take place in the Summer Pavilion at 6pm on Saturday 14th May after the Brian Dodsworth Tournament.

The rules of entry are as follows:

⇒ Every tennis section member aged 9 and over who is a member of British Tennis and who has signed up to the Club direct debit scheme or paid their full membership fee no later than 1st May 2010, is entitled to enter the draw.

⇒ You must be present at the time of the draw; and bring with you:

⇒ your British Tennis membership number (you must be registered to Beckenham);

⇒ payment - cheque or cash

Any winner of a pair of tickets must use the tickets for themselves with a guest. The guest can be of the winner's choosing and does not have to be a BTM.

If you are unable to use the tickets allocated to you please contact the first member on our reserve list.

Any winner who is under the age of 16 must have permission from a parent / guardian in order to purchase the tickets and be accompanied by an adult when he/she attends The Championships.

A list of winners will be put on the tennis notice board after the draw.

The Tennis Committee reserves the right to remove your name from the draw if you do not fully comply with any of the above rules.

Tickets are not available on the night of the draw but are sent to the club once we have notified the Kent LTA of the result of our ballot. Winners must collect their tickets from Sue Buddell after Friday 10th June. Proof of identity will be required.

Auction of Promises

We are running an auction of promises to raise funds for the new clay courts equipment. Can you give some of your time free of charge to provide a service instead of donating money? Members, relatives or friends can bid for this promise (bit like ebay).

Examples of promises already committed are a dinner party for 8, family portrait, tennis lesson, villa in Spain, fitness and racket lessons, cottage in Cornwall, lawn mowing, dinner for 2, babysitting. We would also accept donations of unwanted new gifts. Please let Don don@plugin.ltd.uk or Sue

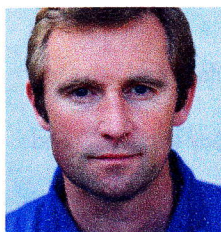
susi.thomas1@ntlworld.com know or any other member of the Tennis Committee your promise as soon as possible.

On finals day, 16th July, we will be doing the Auction of Promises, the proceeds of which will go towards purchasing the 3 drag mats and 3 line sweepers required for the new courts and a tower so that we can service the floodlights ourselves. Thanks to the generous support of our members, the list of promises is growing but we understand many of you are a little unsure of how you can play your part, so here are a few ideas:

- ⇒ Alcohol is always a winner, perhaps 6/12 bottles of wine.
- ⇒ Perhaps you have tickets to an event that you would be willing to donate.
- ⇒ Lift to the airport / West End.
- ⇒ Computer Help.
- ⇒ Lessons in your specialist subject.
- ⇒ Donate an unwanted gift.
- ⇒ Makeover/Facial.
- ⇒ Dog walking/sitting.
- ⇒ Plumbing, electrical, decorating.

We will run a raffle to run alongside the auction of promises, so whatever you can find will be gratefully received. Don and Sue will be down most Saturday afternoons to receive any items or promises.

New Tennis Coach - Mark Siddall



Mark joined our Coaching Team on 16th April. Over the next few months he would like to get to know our members so will be attending our club sessions on Saturday afternoons and will start to work regularly initially on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday running Junior and Adult classes. Mark can also work during the day on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mobile: 07811 210 905 and Email: sid67@mac.com

Clive Best Coaching

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

Beckenham Cricket Club Information

20-20 Finals Lunch

After the great success last year, the Kent Cricket League Twenty20 Finals Day returns to Beckenham C.C. on Sunday 24th July 2011. The cricket commences at 10.00 a.m. and ends at circa 7.00 p.m. and a buffet lunch with half a bottle of wine will be served at 1.00 p.m. The aim is to make this a good fundraiser for the Club in particular for the desperately needed new clubhouse roof and hope that you or your section might like to raise a table of ten in the marquee at £20 per head to support the Club. Please contact Errol Valentine if you would like to come

errol@beckenhamcricketclub.co.uk

Beckenham Cricket Club Website

www.beckenhamcricketclub.co.uk. Log on to see the Club's forthcoming events plus links to all the Sections within the Club.

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