



Top Spin

Coaching

Allan Saul coaching to start again in March or April, so watch this space for more details!

March 2009 - see next page for details

Club AGM Meeting

Tennis Quiz

Test your tennis knowledge by taking the Top Spin Tennis Quiz on page 3

Introduction

Introduction - editors view.

Welcome to the new Badshot Lea LTC Newsletter! The newsletter has been out of press for a few years but it's now back with a touch of make-up here and there to keep you up to date on what's new and happening in the club. The plan is to release a new edition quarterly with maybe a few special editions over the summer. Please feel free to drop me a line with comments, suggestions or articles. Alas, there will be no agony Aunt pages so none of your personal problems please. So all that is left is to say, go get a cup of tea, some of your favourite biscuits and then settle down to read this collectors item first edition of Top Spin.

Past Events

Blackrock Masters Tennis! at the Royal Albert Hall, December 2008.

The first annual Badshot Lea Jolly Players outing kicked off last month with a trip to the Blackrock Tour of Champions. Eight of us made the pilgrimage to the Royal Albert Hall and were blessed to see some top quality tennis... not too unlike a club night... well maybe a slightly higher standard.

The first match up saw 1987 Men's Wimbledon Champion Pat Cash taking on the Former French Davis Cup Captain, Guy Forget. Cash was a replacement for an injured Goran Ivanisevic but the night before the match we were due to watch Cash picked up an injury himself. Fortunately the physios did their magic and he made it on court. Although the first set was close, Forget had the run of play taking it 6-4. Losing the first set seemed to spur Cash on who took the second set 6-4 pushing the match into a Champion Tie-break (first to 10 points). Whether it was age, injury or the fact that Forget just up'd his game, but Forget blistered through the tie-break 10-2 to take the match.

The next two matches were exhibition doubles and this was probably the highlight of the afternoon. Peter Fleming & Mark Woodforde teamed up to take on Anders Jarryd & Henri Leconte, followed by Jeremy Bates & Mansour Bahrami challenging Chris Wilkinson and Peter McNamara. The results weren't important but the level of play, types of shots and comedy were spell bounding.

Hitting a winning passing shot down-the-line is difficult at the best of times, but to do it by playing the ball between your legs is even more so. Then, to prove it was no fluke, Bahrami does the same again on the next shot by playing the ball with his back to the opponents! They should have put a 'Don't try this at home' warning out before the match, keep an eye out for these tricks and more from club members in the summer!

Hopefully we'll run this trip again next year if enough people are interested and would like to book tickets before all the good seats go. The tournament runs from 1st - 6th Dec. Drop me a line if you'd be interested before May 1st.



top: Pat Cash bottom: Mansour Bahrami

Team updates

The two teams have had mixed fortunes this winter. Hopefully we can build on the successes and improve over the summer.



League Positions:

Mens - Division 4B:

Division 4B	Games Played	Points
Headley	4	12
Camberley D	4	11
Badshot Lea	4	8
Farnborough C	3	6
Frensham	3	4
Ash C	4	3

Mixed - Division 3:

Division 3	Games Played	Points
Camberley C	3	11.5
Ald Methodists C	4	10.5
Phoenix A	3	7
Johnson Wax	4	7
Phoenix B	3	2.5
Badshot Lea	3	1.5

*results up until 01/12/2008

Club News

AGM

The clubs AGM will be held in March at a venue to be decided. This really is your chance to hear what the club has planned for the future (Membership drives, floodlights, swimming pools) and also your chance to have a say in how it is run.

Please try and make an appearance if possible.

The time, date and venue will be announced soon.



Upcoming Tennis Events

Wimbledon at Wimbledon	22nd June - 5th July 2009
Tennis World Tour Final (Masters Cup) at The O2 Arena	22nd - 29th November 2009
Blackrock Tennis Masters at The Royal Albert Hall	1st - 6th December 2009

Summer Teams

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Although it seems a long way off, we need to enter our summer teams shortly so that calendars can be drawn up. The plan this year is to enter two men's teams and a mixed team, with hopefully some of the juniors playing for both the men's and mixed. The summer format is as follows:

- 3 doubles pairings form a team (6 people in total).
- Each pair play 1 set against each opposition pairing (3 sets in total).
- You get a point for winning the set, nothing for losing. So a total of 9 points per tie up for grabs.
- Matches are held on weekday evenings, starting at 6 - 6.30pm.
- You play each team in the league twice (home & away).

Please let Bruce/Gillian know if you'd be interested in playing (or be a reserve) for one of the teams.



Club News

Breaking News!

Hold the presses, the club has just purchased and installed 2 spanking new nets for both courts! You might need sunglasses on court now due to the dazzling white strip along the top of both of them.

Thanks to Simon for sourcing them at a great price and to both Simon and Henry for fitting them over the cold new year.

Club News

Club days/nights

With Christmas just behind us and all those New Year resolutions to make good on, club nights starting in April seem a long way off.

Keep an eye on your inbox for the date of the first evening of the year.

There may be a few warm up events on Saturday/Sunday mornings as well, so that April doesn't come as too much of a shock.

(If the cold weather persists maybe we could hire a couple of indoor courts for a few hours between a group of us. Would anyone be interested?)



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Court Bookings

Once the season gets into full swing the courts will (hopefully) start filling up. Please keep an eye on the court booking calendar in the club house to make sure the courts are free when you want to play. Please note that club nights and matches take priority over bookings.

Social Events

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There has been some talk of maybe trying to organise a social event during the year. This might be a skittles or quiz night in a local pub somewhere or maybe tennis and bacon rolls one Sunday morning? Would anyone be interested?

Hints and Tips

Don't forget you're only as good as your racket and strings will let you be. Getting your racket strung just before spring (club nights) arrives will allow you time to get use to them while you get rid of the cobwebs in your game. It also gives you an excuse for the first few weeks 'I would of hit a winner from that shot usually, but I'm getting use to my new strings' always works for me!

Tennis Quiz

- 1) Who did Andre Agassi Beat to take his first US open title in 1994?
- 2) How old was Boris Becker when he won his first Wimbledon title in 1985?
- 3) Mansour Bahrami was born in which country?
- 4) In what tournament did Andy Murray win his first ATP tour title?
- 5) Who holds the world record for the fastest tennis serve and what is the speed (in mph) of this serve?

*the answers can be found at the bottom of the page.

