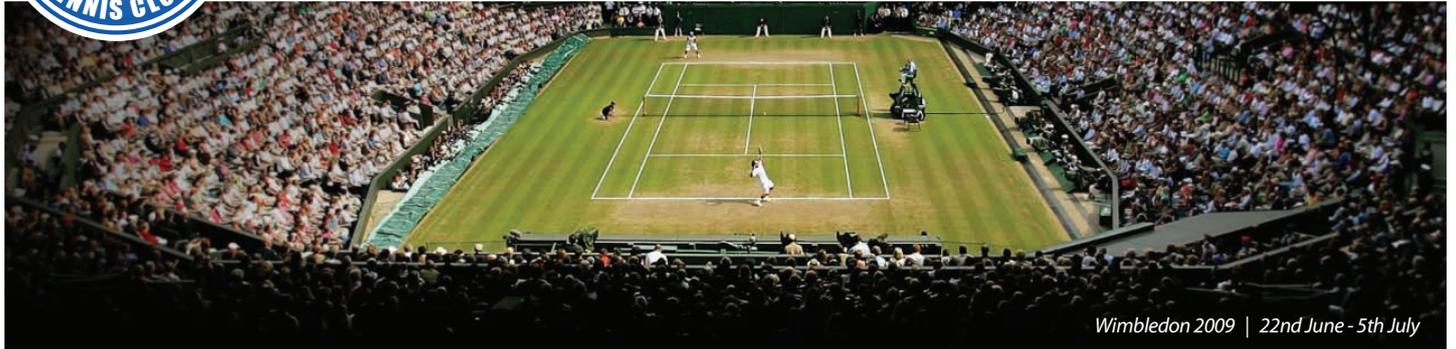




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Wimbledon 2009 | 22nd June - 5th July

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Introduction - editors view

Well two months in and we have been blessed with some good tennis weather so far! Club nights are in full swing and it is good to see the courts being used so often outside of club nights.

The first bacon roll and tennis morning went 'crackingly' well (there were worst pork jokes than that on the day!) So keep an eye on the diary for a re-run at some point. Many thanks to Simon for the loan of the cooking appliance; it was appreciated by all in attendance!

By the time you read this the draw will have been made for the club tournament. This year, as well as the normal classes (singles, doubles and mixed) the tournament will also feature a junior class. This will be run under a handicap system to make the playing field a bit more level and to encourage more to partake. Best of luck to you all, but most importantly enjoy it!

It is also with great pleasure I announce that our club coach Allan Saul has become our first resident contributor to TopSpin! He really wanted to run an Agony Aunt column but instead we have put him in charge of the hints and tips column. No more excuse boys and girls! Get reading, and get implementing!

So as you are already doing hopefully, settle in with that cup of tea and try not to let your biscuit drop off into the mug! Enjoy the third edition of Top Spin.

Upcoming Tennis Events

Wimbledon at Wimbledon

Tennis World Tour Final (Masters Cup) at The O2

Blackrock Masters at The Royal Albert Hall

22nd June – 5th July 2009

22nd – 29th November 2009

1st – 6th December 2009



The Jolly Players outing to the Blackrock Masters will be on **Thursday 3rd December** for the 1pm session. To ensure we get good tickets (the plan is to try and get stall tickets so we are near to the action) we need to book ASAP. I will be booking tickets on Monday 15th June (pay day for me) so please let me know by 9am on the 15th if you want to come. See <http://www.theblackrockmasters.com/tickets.asp> for more details. (British Tennis Members get a 10% discount on tickets so hopefully we can try and leverage this for all of us).

Team updates

Winter league

Well the winter league seems a long way back now but the final results are below. The mens team finished 4th and were saved from the drop zone by one point! The mixed team came home in 5th so room for improvement for next time! Thanks again to all those who played. Lets hope next year is more comfortable for us!

Mixed - division 3:

Division 3	Games Played	Points
Camberley C	10	39
Ald Methodists C	10	28
Phoenix A	10	17
Johnson Wax	10	12.5
Badshot Lea	10	12.5
Phoenix B	10	7

Mens - division 4B:

Division 4B	Games Played	Points
Headley	10	31
Farnborough C	10	30
Camberley D	10	29
Badshot Lea	10	13
Frensham	10	12
Ash C	10	5

Summer teams

The summer season is here and off to a not so bad start! At the time of writing the mens team were fresh off the back of handing out a 9-0 whitewash to Ash B, which meant Ash were a tad low on confidence when the mixed team arrived the next day for their first match of the season and stole another 3 points from them. Well done both teams! So far the mens team have taken 21 points out of a possible 36 with several matches being lost 7-6 or 7-5. Literally a point either way in some of these games could have made the difference!



Club Nights

With the most popular time for tennis in the UK coming up please remember that on club nights we need to make sure everyone gets a chance at playing. If others are waiting to play, then please adopt the club night scoring system:



- Doubles matches to be played when possible.
- A total six games to be played per match, change ends after 3 games.
- Short deuces to be played at 40-40. i.e.

When the score gets to 40-40 you play the best of 3 points to decide the game.

- At the end of the match, please see what the score is on the other court. If it is nearing completion, then wait for them to finish and then mix the players up so everyone gets to play with and against different people.

Court Bookings

The court booking calendar is in place in the club house. Please use this to reserve a court when playing on non-club nights. This is especially important now that the club tournament is underway Please note that club team matches take priority over bookings. Please avoid booking tournament matches on club nights.

Tennis Quiz

- 1) What is the name of John McEnroe's tennis playing younger brother who was also the 38th Davis Cup Captain for the USA?
- 2) As of May 25th 2009 who was the WTA female no.1?
- 3) Martina Navratilova won how many Wimbledon Single titles?
- 4) British junior Laura Robson was how old when she took the Girls Singles title at Wimbledon in 2008?
- 5) The Davis Cup is named after who?

Hints & Tips by Allan Saul

I am not a great believer in multi-tasking when it comes to fine tuning your game of tennis so one tip at a time. Today, the serve.

The most important point of the serve, is to throw the ball up accurately. When throwing the ball up to serve, hold the ball with your fingertips, or hold it as high as you can in your hand. This will allow the ball to leave your hand more smoothly. Secondly, let go of the ball at the last possible moment, and not too early. The ball has less distance to travel, before it is struck by the racket, hopefully making the throw up even more accurate.

Social Events

Anyone for a sausage? How about a club bbq and tennis evening one night? We'd have to time the cooking so that the smoke didn't drift across the courts and give players excuses for missing shots but it might be nice over the summer to have a game of tennis and a burger after. If people are interested let me know and I'll go about fixing a date. Maybe a Friday night in July?

AGM



The clubs AGM was held on Wednesday March 25th at Badshot Lea Cricket Pavilion. The minutes of which have been circulated and are also posted in the club house.

The following members were elected (or re-elected) to the committee:

- Chairman:** Gillian Hyman
Secretary: Mike James
Treasurer: Henry Embling
Match Secretary: Bruce Plant
Committee Members: Nick Ward, Brad Hayes, Simon Wilson, Clive Raffo & Amanda Watson.
Ball Steward: Mark Willis



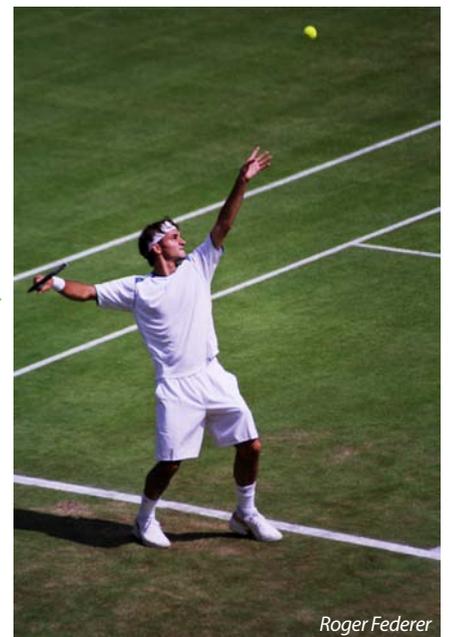
Coaching

The second term is starting shortly the dates and prices are below. If you are interested please contact Allan directly via email on alkimgary@btinternet.com, spaces are limited so book fast!

- Term 2:** June 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th **Term 3:** July 4th, 11th and 18th

There will be two groups run on each day. Times are 9.15am to 10.45am and then 10.45am to 12.15pm. Charges are per term.
2nd Term Members £36 and non members £40
3rd Term Members £27 and non members £30

No more than ten players to a group. Members are a priority.



Roger Federer

Answers: 1) Patrick McEnroe 2) Dinara Safina 3) 9 4) 14 5) Dwight Davis who commissioned the Davis Cup trophy in 1899