



Top Spin

Tennis Quiz

Test your tennis knowledge by taking the Top Spin Tennis Quiz?

Hints & Tips

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March 25th, 7:30pm - see page 2 for info.

Club AGM Meeting

Introduction

Introduction - editors view

So here we are, standing on the verge of the new season. The weather is starting to show signs of improvement (famous last words I'm sure) and hopefully so will our ground strokes after the winter lay off.

The club has had an influx of new members over the last twelve months and we hope to see this trend continue into 2009. The first club night is scheduled for Thursday 2nd April and no doubt the odd Sunday session will be added to the calendar during the year. We also plan to have a dedicated juniors night so there will be no excuses when it comes to the junior tournament later in the year! Watch this space and the club notice board for more information.

Hopefully we can also add a few more social events to the calendar to keep the spirits up, but the first event of the year will be the clubs AGM on Wednesday 25th March 2009 (See club news for more details).

So as ever, go get that cup of tea and some more of your favourite biscuits and settle into the second edition of Top Spin.

Summer Teams

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Due to numbers, the club has entered one men's team and one 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.



Events

Upcoming Tennis Events

Centre Court Opening Ceremony at Wimbledon	17th May 2009
Wimbledon at Wimbledon	22nd June – 5th July 2009
Tennis World Tour Final (Masters Cup) at The O2	22nd – 29th November 2009
Blackrock Masters at The Royal Albert Hall	1st – 6th December 2009

We plan to run the jolly players outing to the Blackrock Masters again this year. To ensure we get good tickets please drop me a line by May 1st if you'd be interested in going.

Club Nights

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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.

Tennis Quiz

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- 1) Who is the current Great Britain Davis Cup captain?
- 2) If you hit a very angled shot and your opponent gets to the shot, hits the ball and it goes around the outside of the net post and into the court and you don't touch the ball, who's point is it?
- 3) Which female has won the most Grand Slams?
- 4) Who won the 1995 French Open men's singles?
- 5) How many players enter a singles draw for a Grand Slam?

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

Team Updates



A few missed chances saw both teams finish adrift of the top. The final results are yet to be announced but the results as of Feb 1st are given here. Not a bad effort but hopefully the summer teams will convert the missed chances into valuable points. I hope all that played enjoyed themselves and learnt from it. Thank you all for turning out in the depths of winter, make sure you thaw out by playing for the summer teams as well!

League Positions:

Mens - Division 4B:

Division 4B	Games Played	Points
Headley	7	21
Farnborough C	7	21
Camberley D	7	17
Badshot Lea	6	8
Frensham	6	6
Ash C	5	3

Mixed - Division 3:

Division 3	Games Played	Points
Camberley C	8	31
Ald Methodists C	8	22
Badshot Lea	7	9.5
Phoenix A	5	7
Johnson Wax	7	7
Phoenix B	7	3.5

*results up until 01/02/2009 and 09/02/2009

Hints and Tips

The two most common errors in tennis strokes of most players:

1. They hit the ball too hard
2. They have too much motion in their strokes

A simple cure for these two most common stroke errors - For all balls that bounce before you hit them; use a proportional racket swing depending on your physical location on the court.

- **Deep back court position** - hit with full swing and full power (with top spin)
- **Mid court position** - hit with compact swing and reduced power
- **Front court position** - hit with no swing per se and very little power

Why not really sort those gremlins in your game and sign up for Allan Sauls coaching sessions now!

AGM

The clubs AGM will be held on Wednesday March 25th at Badshot Lea Cricket Pavilion. Please aim to arrive at 7.30pm for a prompt 8pm start. This really is your chance to hear what the club has planned for the future (Membership drives, floodlights, social events) and also your chance to have a say in how it is run. Please try and make an appearance if possible.



Club Days/Nights

There wasn't a great deal of interest in playing indoors over the winter, it seems the cosy fire and central heating was just too much of an appeal to you all. Obviously with the warm spring and summer we are now due after our Russian winter we expect to see you all at club nights starting on Thursday 2nd April. A dedicated junior night will be announced soon as well. Keep an eye on the club notice board!



Court Bookings

The court booking calendar will be in the club house from the first club night. Please use this to reserve a court when playing on non-club nights. Please note that matches take priority over bookings.

Coaching

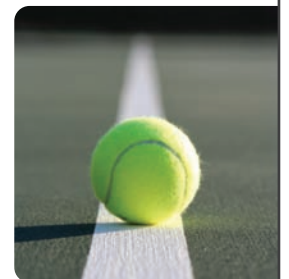
Allan & Gary Saul will start whipping us all into shape again this year in April. Please see the dates and prices below. If you are interested please contact Allan directly via email on alkimgary@btinternet.com, spaces are limited so book fast! Charges are per term.

Term 1 - Members £45 and non members £50
April 18th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

Term 2 - Members £36 and non members £40
June 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

Term 3 - Members £27 and non members £30
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. No more than ten players to a group. Members are a priority.



Social Events

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?