

# WEST HEATH NEWS

April 2010

## CLUB IMPROVEMENTS

There have been a number of improvements to the Club's facilities in the last few years including new fencing and a new watering system. Improvements will continue to be made this year. So far, we have had the clubhouse repaired and repainted but, more importantly, there will be considerable investment into the shale courts.

## SHALE COURTS



The shale courts obviously suffered this winter with the snow and frost and we apologise for their recent poor condition. However,

we are about to work on their repair. This may entail closing the courts for a few days but we will advise you if this is the case.

From the start of the season, the courts will be watered automatically at 5am and again from 5.15pm – 5.45pm in dry weather. The coach will do additional watering as necessary. Please help to keep the shale in good condition by ensuring you brush/drag the courts after use.

## GRASS COURTS

The grounds men are working hard to be able to open the courts on the first weekend in May but we will confirm their opening date by e-mail. The courts will then be playable as follows, weather permitting:

From 1 May	2pm – 8pm
From 24 May	1pm – 8.30pm
From 31 May	12 noon – 9pm

Please *do not* play on the courts outside these times or if they are wet as this can damage them. This applies to adults and children alike.

## FLYERS

Our membership numbers were down slightly last year so we need to make a big effort to ensure our numbers return to the level at which we can maintain an active and successful Club. Because of this, enclosed with this newsletter you will find some flyers and we would appreciate it if you could either

pass them to friends or neighbours who might like to join the Club, display them in a local shop or other public place or just tuck them under the windscreen wipers of a couple of cars in the area. If you can help to deliver more leaflets please contact Marjan.

## NEW MEMBERS

Anyone interested in joining can come along any weekend from **8 May – 13 June between 3pm and 4.30pm** for a play-in. Alternatively, ask them to call Marjan (8452 1455) or Moira (8458 1627) to arrange a time. The joining fee for new members is held at £55 (including the key deposit).

## VISITORS

Do invite your friends to come along and play **free of charge in May**. At other times our visitor fee is £3 – just enter this in the Visitor Book.

## COACHING

Lessons with our coach Michal Forys cost £25 an hour. Call him on 07840 347730 to book.



## WIMBLEDON TICKETS

Under a ruling from the LTA, the Club's allocation of tickets for The Championships, Wimbledon, may only be sold to British Tennis members who are lucky in a ballot. Winners receive a pair of tickets and are asked to take another club member on the second ticket. Full details are in the clubhouse with the ballot entry list where you need to add your name and BTM number. **The ballot will take place on Saturday 15 May at 3.30pm** in the clubhouse so you must sign up by that time.

YOU ARE INVITED to the  
**101<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
on **WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2010**  
from **8PM - 9PM**  
in the **CLUBHOUSE**  
Refreshments provided  
Papers have been distributed by e-mail but  
may also be collected from the clubhouse.

### ***DOUBLES COACHING***

Improve your doubles skills by coming along to a free evening of coaching with Michal, on the **Tuesdays of 11, 18, 25 May & 1 June from 7pm to 8.30pm.**

### ***SOCIAL TENNIS - TEAS***

From 1 May social play is on **Saturdays and Sundays from 2.30pm to 6pm and Tuesday evenings from 6pm.** Please ensure everyone is made welcome and that members who have been sitting out the longest are invited to play before those who have just come off court. If any courts are not needed on Tuesdays arranged games may be played on the far grass court and the shale. Please keep our weekend teas tradition going by taking your turn at making one – the rota is on the notice board.

### ***TENNIS LADDER***

The singles ladder is still in operation and it is up to you to arrange to play your matches. If you would like to join the ladder then please e-mail [marjan\\_denis@hotmail.com](mailto:marjan_denis@hotmail.com)

### ***TEAM TENNIS***

Sultan Gangji & Ros Norkett are the 1<sup>st</sup> team captains and Paul O'Flynn & Julia Abbot captain the 2<sup>nd</sup> teams. Congratulations to the men's 2<sup>nd</sup> team who gained promotion. Our match fixture list is attached.

### ***ST MARGARET'S SCHOOL***

The school will be using the shale courts at the following times: *Mon* 26 April – 5 July 3.15 – 5.15; *Tues* 15 June – 6 July 9.15 – 10.15; *Wed* 16 – 30 June 10.45 -12.00 & *Wed* 28 April -7 July 9.00 – 10.15 & 3.15 – 5.15; *Thurs* 22 April – 1 July 9.00 - 10.15 & 1.15 – 2.30; *Fri* 23 April – 2 July 1.15 – 2.30.

### ***"AMERICAN" TOURNAMENTS***

The "American" tournaments allow you to play with and against a variety of players in a fun, competitive environment. A small charge is made to cover tea and prizes and provide a small profit to the Club or a donation to charity. Please arrive promptly at **2.30pm on 31 May, 19 June and 30 August** to take part. **Saturday, 19 June** is our charity tournament, which is being organised by Paul O'Flynn in aid of the UCH Head and Neck Cancer Charity.

### ***40-YEAR CELEBRATION***

Vince Sudbery has been a member for 40 years and will be holding a small celebration at the Club from 6pm on 22 May.

### ***COURT CLOTHING***

Please remember that proper tennis shoes and appropriate sports clothing should be worn. **Euro Sports** in Finchley Road (near Swiss Cottage) gives members 10% discount on clothing and 15% on racquets.

### ***WEST HEATH POLO SHIRTS***

Short-sleeved, white cotton polo shirts can be ordered and paid for on your renewal form. All shirts have the Club logo embroidered on the front and are terrific value at £15 each. Shirts can either be collected from Moira at the Club or can be delivered to you.

### ***CLUB TOURNAMENT***

The highlight of the summer is the **Club Tournament** from **Thursday 8 – Saturday 24 July** and all members are urged to take part. Just sign the list that goes up in the clubhouse well before the tournament starts. The draw is posted on the web site and in the clubhouse.

Sultan organises the '**Gourmet Dinners**' held in the second week. Watch the later round matches before enjoying a delicious meal in good company. Add your name to the lists that go up in the clubhouse during the first week.

**Finals day** is on **Saturday, 24 July** when those not participating can encourage the players and enjoy a slap-up **tea**. Everyone is invited to the evening **BBQ**. Volunteers to act as line judges and make cakes, sandwiches, salads or desserts are always needed.

### ***CLUB WEB SITE***

Peter Davies maintains the web site at [www.westheathlhc.co.uk](http://www.westheathlhc.co.uk) and during the tournament it is updated nightly.

### ***MANY HANDS ...***

Many hands really do make light work and if everyone does a little no-one has to do a lot so *please* always leave the Club as you would wish to find it. Washing your glasses, disposing of the rubbish sack with your own household waste or taking bottles for recycling all help to keep the Club running smoothly. Gardening, collecting stray balls or small repair jobs are also always appreciated.

### ***THANK YOU***

A big thank you to the committee and to the additional volunteers who have helped in many different ways over the past year.

***Have a great season!***