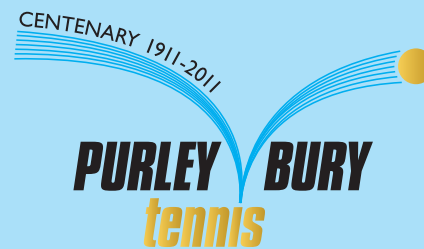


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THE PURLEY BURY TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER • APRIL 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday 8 May

Midday: Wimbledon tickets and Club tournament draw

Saturday 9 July

Adult Finals from 10am

Sunday 10 July

Junior Finals from 10am

New Honorary Member

Ann Allison is to be given Honorary Membership of Purley Bury Tennis. Ann is our longest-serving member, joining the club in 1964. She was club secretary for 15 years and is still today, after 25 years, secretary of the Liaison Committee, which unites the tennis, bowls and croquet facilities. She is the only one to be a members of all three sports clubs!



Ann says, "I truly appreciate the friendship, help and support in my life so many members have offered." The presentation is on 17 April.

Good news for 'Improvers'!

To encourage whole families to get interested in tennis, Purley Bury offers a special Improver membership category for adults. This helps adults who would benefit from coaching to achieve club play standard; the sub of £55 includes one free group coaching session.

The good news is that this is now available on Saturdays from midday for an hour!

If everyone in a family can play tennis, it brings them together on court for a lot of mutual enjoyment as the children grow up.

Two Open Days this Centenary year

Local families interested in playing tennis at Purley Bury have their own Open Day on Sunday 10 April. Players interested in joining the club



will be able to explore the club's facilities, and young children, teenagers and adults will all have a chance to take part.

The committee, senior members and coaching staff will be present to organise and answer questions. Play will be for juniors in the morning and adults in the afternoon.

The following Sunday, 17 April, a second Open Day will be held for members to come along for club play in the morning and a special fun Centenary American Tournament in the afternoon. To enter – see noticeboard.

A barbecue lunch will be available both days and the bar will be open from 10am.

This successive-Sundays Open Day format will ensure we can concentrate on introducing prospective members more personally to the club's many facilities and ensure plenty of play for all ages. Members who join on the first Sunday will, of course, then be able to play the following Sunday too!

OPEN DAY FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

SUNDAY 10 APRIL

10am Juniors
12.30pm BBQ lunch
2 – 6pm Adults

Bar open from 10am

OPEN DAY FOR MEMBERS

SUNDAY 17 APRIL

10am – 12.30pm Club play
12.30 – 2pm BBQ lunch
2-5pm Centenary American Tournament
5.15pm Prize-giving

Bar open from 10am

When we play

Club play

Sunday morning

Monday and Thursday evenings

Wednesday morning – ladies

Thursday morning - men

Men's/Ladies' League Matches

Saturday morning and afternoon, Sunday afternoon

Mixed League Matches

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings

Friendlies

Saturday afternoon or

Thursday evening

Men's Match Practice

Tuesday evening

Ladies' Match Practice

Wednesday evening

Juniors

Friday from 4pm, at other specified junior times, and when courts are free, other than adult club sessions.

We encourage competition and enter seven teams in the Aegon Team Tennis events, from U9 to U16. Juniors can also pick up rating points in our timed tennis competitions held during coaching sessions – without needing to travel to Surrey-wide events.

A list of juniors whose standard is good enough for them to be invited to play with adults is kept in the clubhouse.

100 years of tennis

It's rather a long time since the local paper reported that a tennis club was being built in a "secluded wooded valley" in Purley, ten years before the first houses overlooked what are now Brancaster Lane and Purley Bury Avenue! It was to become the biggest tennis club in the south - until Wimbledon - with 15 grass courts.

Today we have a much less formal, family-oriented club, geared for enjoying tennis every whichway from the age of four. We have a thriving membership of over 400 and a hugely enthusiastic junior section. Passers-by often stop just to watch the magic of dozens of colourfully dressed youngsters cavorting about the courts playing non-stop ball games designed by Mark Love's coaching team to make them tennis players for life. And Friday Junior nights are excitingly "manic", reports one member.



Busy courts are the sign of tennis club success and last year they were constantly in use morning and evening for club activities.

And suddenly, it's the club's Centenary. For it, we are having two Open Days, the first to attract new players, the second for members, with a Centenary American Tournament in the afternoon. There will be other celebrations before we translate the highly successful first Dinner and Dance of last year, organised so well by Amy Farrin, into a full-blown Centenary Ball near the end of the year.

A very happy hundred years to us all!


Alan Browne
Chairman

MEMOPAD - keep in touch

Please look at the club's web site from time to time, especially our Memopad feature. The web site isn't just for telling prospective members about us. Not only will it keep you up to date with changes, updates and reminders of what's happening – but also, by the end of the season, you will have had a complete coaching course from leading international tennis champions!

We give Court Quotes every time there's a big tournament, concentrating on advice helpful to any player. Kuznetsova, for instance: "It's just concentration."

Also, please make sure we have your correct email address. The Committee always welcomes suggestions for activities, and is still open to ideas to add to our Centenary celebrations, and for social activities during the year..



PURLEY BURY
TENNIS CLUB

Memopad

COURT QUOTES:
"I will step in and try to be aggressive. It's the only way."
Djokovic on how to play Nadal - 20.3.11
"Just told myself this time I was going to see it through and not let the nerves get the best of me."
Donald Young after beating Murray - 14.3.11
"The most important thing is that I'm not losing one and one. I'm getting closer and closer every time."
Elena Baltacha - 14.3.11
"The focus was there"
(Djokovic) v Federer (I can't play great every time.)
Dustin 27.2.11
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SUPERSET FINALS: SAT 9 APRIL
Senior: 12.30. Final: 2.30
An action-packed one-set men's singles tournament between members of Purley Bury and Penwortham. Organised by Alastair Horsford. Aggressive play has had fancied players struggling - but seeds through. Come along and watch on 9 April!

TO HIRE OUR BAR
Available for members to hire Saturday afternoon and evenings. Sunday late afternoons and evenings for parties, get-togethers and so on. Details about costs, staffing, music, drinks, food, equipment and extensions from Alastair Horsford (Lettings Manager).
Email him at a_horsford@hotmail.com giving your name, address, daytime and mobile contact numbers and the date, time and nature of the event you are planning.

BACK TENSION?
To prevent back tension stand against a wall with a tennis ball between your spine and your shoulder blade and move up and down. Repeat on the other side.
- advice in the Guardian from Trevor

YOUR 2011 COMMITTEE

Chairman

Alan Browne

Club Captain

John Lowe

Ladies Captain

Amy Farrin

Treasurer

Graham Potton

Club Secretary

Cheryl Jack

Social Secretary, Junior Representative, Child Protection Officer

Jenny Krekis

Maintenance

Ian Livermore

Bar Representative

Ian Livermore and Steve Cooke

Club Play

Alastair Horsford

Membership Secretary

Steve Cooke

Communications

Matt Sorensen

ORGANISERS

Thursday night rota

John and Janet Brotherhood

Monday night rota

Glenys and Chris Baker

Sara Crouch

Friendly matches

Mike Goodwin

Tennis Balls

Katherine Willis

Web site

Nick Bygrave

Committee members' and organisers' contact details are listed in the club house and on the web site.

Our bar's for hire!

Any member can hire our bar, as long as they are in attendance and take responsibility. It's ideal, for instance, for kids' parties, with the plus that tennis can be part of the fun. And for family get-togethers, social events for friends, even for a work-related leisure evening or celebration.

Times are Saturday afternoons, Saturday evenings, late Sunday afternoons and evenings. One month's notice please, especially if you need a bar extension. We provide bar staff, after-party cleaning, fridge, oven, microwave and CD player, and simple snacks. Drinks must be bought from the bar, of course, but you can arrange your own more ambitious catering and music. For full details contact Alastair Horsford, Lettings Manager, a_horsford@hotmail.com

Having a Ball!

What a good time everyone had at our very first Dinner and Dance last November - here are some pictures to prove it. It went off in style at Purley Downs Golf Club with excellent food and wine, and an exhilarating disco, from 7pm to one in the morning.

Eighty-six glamorous ladies and sophisticated gents, some men in kilts, some in dinner jackets, representative of all our membership categories.

So what next? A Centenary Ball, obviously.



REFERENDUM

The Council has reserved the club for polling on May 5th 2011

ON-COURT DRESS CODE

Nowadays any accepted tennis clothing – doesn't have to be white. But it is important to wear proper tennis shoes – not trainers – to protect the court surface. Kids – please, no football shirts!

FAMILY SESSIONS

Courts can be booked for families to play together from 8.30-10pm on every Friday except the last of the month, and parents of juniors can also join in. On last Fridays there are Junior American Tournaments

RESTRINGING

Offered by John Haggis through MDL Coaching. Rackets can be done in 48 hours. New tennis shoes and rackets also on sale.

MDL: 0208 668 5250

John: 07774 491 835

COURT BOOKING DIARY

Kept in kitchen drawer – please always give a contact number and replace the diary. Be aware of pre-booked club sessions. Team matches take priority

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Everyone welcome! Enjoy the Pavilion Bar and take part in social events and Quiz nights organised by Pam Hart.

Only **£18**

PAVILION BAR

NEW OPENING TIMES

Managed jointly by Ian Livermore and Steve Cooke.

Mon 8.15-11pm

Tue 8.45-11pm

Wed 8.45-11pm

Fri 5-11pm

Sun midday-2pm

Subscriptions

Subs, having been held at the same level for four years, are up a little for 2011 – but remain highly competitive, especially with the cost of tennis balls included throughout the season. But – to help us – please pay as soon as you can after receiving your subscription form. Contact Steve Cooke if you have any queries.

Adult	£172	Remote student	£69
Adult Weekday	£98	Junior 12-18	£69
Starter	£22	Junior 9-11	£54
Improver	£55	Mini tennis 4-8	£40
Young Person	£94	Social	£18

Family discounts are available to tennis playing members when at least one member is paying an adult subscription: 15% discount for two members, 20% discount for three or more members.

Club tournaments

Juniors who are agreed to be of sufficient standard may enter the adult tournament as well as the junior tournament. Entry sheets will be displayed in the club house from Saturday 26 March to Friday 6 May. Be sure to enter before the draw is made on **Sunday 8 May at midday**, to qualify you have to already have paid your sub. Also indicate if you wish to enter the Plate Tournament should you lose in a first round. Queries to the organisers, John Lowe and Alastair Horsford.

Please do not enter if you will be away on Finals day – **Saturday 9 July** for Adults, **Sunday 10 July** for Juniors

To free up courts for tournament play during the two weeks before the finals (w/c Monday 21 June and Monday 4 July) we have again asked the Rota (Monday and Thursday) and Match Practice (Tuesday and Wednesday) organisers to operate a 'just turn up' policy. Priority will be given to tournament matches.

Matches

Contact John Lowe, Club Captain, if you are interested in playing match tennis.

Mens		Mixed	
1st Team	Russell Smith	1st Team	Amy Farrin
2nd Team	Alastair Horsford	2nd Team	Katherine Willis
3rd Team	Graham Potton	3rd Team	Sarah Wilson
4th Team	Michael Vaughan		
Ladies		Friendlies	
1st Team	Jill Farrin	Mike Goodwin	
2nd Team	Sarah Wilson	Veterans	
3rd Team	Masaki Kumon	Ray Palmer	
4th Team	Sally Ludbrook		
Mid week	Val Cutmore		

Coaching

This year, on Saturdays, courts 4 and 5 are reserved for junior coaching between 9am and midday – followed by adult group coaching until 1pm.

Coaching is available daytime and evenings for adults, individually or in groups. After school for children, and during school holidays (1.30-4.30pm 'tennis camps'). On Friday nights it's Pay 'n' Play for juniors, from 5pm.

Coaching is run by Mark Love's MDL Coaching and includes running teams and competitions for juniors and mini-tennis.

Details on the club's web site or visit www.mdlcoaching.net or ring 020 8668 5250

Wimbledon tickets

To enter the draw, fill in the list in the clubhouse. The draw will be made at the club at midday on Sunday 8 May, just before the club tournament draw. Only British Tennis members who have paid the club subscription are eligible. Full LTA Wimbledon ticket draw rules are displayed in the clubhouse.

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PENWORTHAM/PURLEY BURY SINGLES

Superset Finals on 9 April!

We had 23 entries for this novel men's singles, one-tie-break-set tournament between members of Purley Bury and Penwortham tennis clubs. Come along to the semi-finals at 12.30pm and the final at around 2.30pm: organiser Alastair Horsford says that, if the early rounds are any guide, you are sure to see some action-packed, aggressive men's singles.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Their introduction last year has much reduced casual play by non-members. New cards will be issued for this season.

LEAGUE MATCHES

This season captains can book courts for matches on Saturday afternoons, as well as Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

TENNIS BALLS

Always available in the tea room. Supplies organised by Katherine Willis.

FLOODLIGHTS

Tokens £2, from the Pavilion Bar.

MAINTENANCE

If you notice any problem, tell Ian Livermore or email: maintenance.pbtc@googlemail.com

HOUSEKEEPING

Please help to keep the club tidy; use the litter bins

NEW: PRO SHOP

To be opened soon by MDL – for Asics and K-swiss tennis shoes, Wilson, Babolat, Head and Prince rackets.

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