

## Spring Newsletter

April 2014

### Sprucing up the club

The working party did a great job on Saturday 12 April, getting to grips with the many chores that needed to be done after the winter.

Many thanks to the dozen or so members who came to help - Claire, the two Peters, Barbara, Mercedes, Lenka, Maggie, John, Snookie, Mark, Karin, Esme and Bill (with apologies if anyone got missed out)!

They accomplished a lot - putting the sign back up, oiling the gate, steam-cleaning the downstairs furniture, washing down the paintwork, cutting back the shrubbery around the courts (a very big job!), weeding the patio, cleaning the barbecue, tidying up the kitchen and sorting out the shed!

It was a mammoth effort but there are still some tasks to be accomplished so look out for a second call to arms soon.

The more the merrier as many hands make light work!



Maggie weeded the patio...



John squeezed behind the stop netting to spray weed killer on the bamboo shoots on the side of court 4...



... and Karin did an incredible steaming job on the furniture. Esme, who helped with the shrubbery outside, ducked in for the photocall!

### Subscriptions



It is that time of year again, when members must pay up their annual dues on 1st May.

The committee has decided to freeze the subscriptions at 2013 rates and renewal notices will go out shortly.

Please check that we have your correct details on file and if you could pay on a timely basis, it will be appreciated!

### Supper Club Wednesday

We are happy to see new members joining and the Committee would like to revive Club Sessions so that they can integrate into the club more easily.

Starting on 7 May, the first Wednesday of every month will be a Supper Club Session, with food provided for those who sign up by the Monday evening.

Karin or one of the coaching team will be on hand to make up balanced fours and to introduce newcomers to existing members.

Start time is 7pm, with food around 8.30pm, for which there will be a small charge.

For food, please let Claire know by email to [Clairelean@email.com](mailto:Clairelean@email.com) by the Monday prior.

Regular unsupervised Club Sessions will continue to be available to members:

- Wednesdays from 10am - 1pm and 7pm - 10pm
- Fridays from 10am - 1pm
- Saturdays from 2.30pm - 5.30pm
- Sundays from 3.30pm - 5.30pm (after the Sunday Pay-&-Play session from 2.30pm - 3.30pm)

Snookie will still continue to text members to remind them of the opportunity to get together and play, play, play!

### Winter Mixed Handicap Finals

Sign up for the finals of the Mixed Handicap Winter Tournament if you want any food on Saturday 26 April - it's a barbecue and will, no doubt, be delicious!



Play starts at 3pm when the third place play-off will be decided ahead of the final match of the tournament.

If you fancy umpiring or taking a line, please let Lenka know - [lenka\\_dohnalova@yahoo.com](mailto:lenka_dohnalova@yahoo.com)

### The Balcony

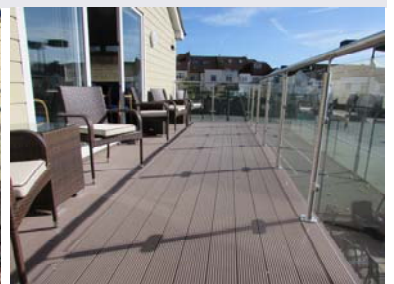


Isn't it cool? If you haven't sat up there, try it next time you are at the club.

The new balcony has comfy furniture and a great view of the courts - the perfect place for that coffee before you play or to watch the Handicap Finals!

Cushions are kept on top of the lockers in the Ladies Changing Room - help yourself but, please, put them back before you leave the club.

It is quite the sun trap so the committee has decided to invest in a couple of shade-providing parasols.



The Balcony... before and after!

Some more pictures to remind us of the enormous improvement the new balcony has made to the club

## Millennium Cup time

### We are Millennium Cup Champions!

It's time to defend our title!

WGTC defeated Wigmore, 7-2, on Saturday 28 September, 2013 to win the Millennium Cup for the first time on our first appearance in the final!



It was a great day, with a delicious barbecue produced by Alex and team. For full details click > [Here](#)

Millennium Cup matches start on Saturday 27 April when WGTC plays away to Telford Park.

#### Our ties this year are:

- Saturday 27 April - Millennium Cup match v Telford Park (away), from 10.30am
- Sunday 11 May - Millennium Cup match v Grafton (away), from 10.30am
- Sunday 1 June - Millennium Cup match v Wigmore (home), from 10.30am
- Sunday 22 June - Millennium Cup match v Norbury Park (home), from 10.30am

It started out as a means of promoting tennis clubs in Streatham to the local community and, thirteen years on, has turned into a closely-fought inter-club friendly annual campaign.

The idea is to involve players who do not ordinarily play for their clubs in county events and so give them an opportunity to compete in matches at a local level.

In order to keep the standard equitable, the Committee agrees with each club to exclude specific team players so it is a fun way to get into matches.

Each club has to find players to compete in the following disciplines at each tie:

#### Singles

- 16 \* & Under Boys
- 16 & Under Girls
- Men's Open (no age restriction)
- Women's Open (no age restriction)
- 45 & Over Men's
- 40 & Over Women's Doubles

- Men's (no age restrictions)
- Women's (no age restrictions)
- Mixed (no age restrictions)

Alex and Claire are responsible for getting our team together so if you are interested in being considered, please drop them an email: [Clairelean@email.com](mailto:Clairelean@email.com) and [alex.kyle@yellery.com](mailto:alex.kyle@yellery.com)

There is food too and spectators are more than welcome to cheer our team on...

## New Millennium Cup website



The Millennium Cup Committee, comprised of representatives from the five participating clubs, has commissioned a new website which is now up and running at [www.millenniumcup.org](http://www.millenniumcup.org).

Check it out! It's the place for all things Millennium Cup!

## American Tournament fb Wine Tasting

Karin is organising a rootin' tootin' American Tournament on Saturday 10 May from 4-6pm, which will be followed that evening by a Wine Tasting evening.



Sign-up sheets are up at the club so take your pick or come to both! You can also register with [karintennis@hotmail.com](mailto:karintennis@hotmail.com) and/or [clairelean@email.com](mailto:clairelean@email.com).

For those who don't know, the American Tournament mixes everyone up so you get a variety of play with a prize at the end for the player who wins the most games. It's good fun so why not participate? It costs just £5 to cover the cost of balls and prizes.

The 'All About Wine' event costs £12 and will give you a chance to sample some fine wines and learn a thing or two about wine tasting. There's usually a bit of a quiz alongside too.

## Open Day

The club will open its doors on Sunday 18 May from 1pm to 4pm to allow visitors to see our facilities and try out the courts.

The coaching team and committee will be on hand to show people around so this is an ideal opportunity to encourage your friends to come along and, hopefully, join us!

Members can earn themselves a discount on their subs of 10% for every new adult member introduced, signed and delivered!

Please spread the word!

## New courts



After a lifespan of nearly sixteen years, the acrylic courts will be re-surfaced over the last two weeks of August.

We have managed to keep them in very good repair but they are now showing increasing signs of wear and tear.

The three acrylic courts will be out of action during this period but Court 4, which will be repainted earlier, will be available for play and coaching.

## Other Dates for the Diary

- The Club Tournament starts in May and will be played through June, with the finals on Saturday 12 July
- There will be a social event on Saturday 6 September - watch this space!



The Millennium Cup trophy  
Won by WGTC for the first time in 2013,  
the team will be doing their best to hang on  
to it.  
Please support them if you can!

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