



Purley Lawn  
Tennis Club

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Terry Cooper

## Tennis Dinner Dance October

Once again the tennis social committee arranged a wonderful evening. Well done to Mike and Barbara Wells, Toni Malcolm and Teresa Fisher who organised the dinner-dance for 93 people in the Terrace Room at Purley Sports club on Saturday October 14 2006. The evening started at 7pm and by 7.45 when we sat down for our meal the room was buzzing. The three-course meal cooked by Clubhouse Caterers was excellent and was helped down with wine, which was with the compliments of the Tennis Section. After the meal Paul Cowen presented the awards to the 2006 tournament finalists of the Purley Closed Tennis Tournament. After the awards it was time for dancing to 'Emily's Cat', and the dance floor was full all night! Unfortunately it had to end at midnight, but there is always this year!! Make sure you book early as it is very popular and numbers are limited. The date for your diaries is Saturday 6 October 2007.



## Friday morning Club Sessions

Terry Cooper, our Club Professional is supervising a new adult club session on a Friday morning between 9.30 and 11.30am during term time. It is open to all members at no extra charge so please feel free to come and join in.

Tuesday evening club session will start on Tuesday 24th April.

## National Club League

This year the Ladies team are back in National Division 2 — they were very tough matches in Division 1 last year so hopefully the matches will be more closely contested this year. Mandy Willis and Louise Ryan will be joint captains for the coming season and then Mandy will retire and hand over captaincy to Louise. The Men remain in County Division 1 and are now under the captaincy of Peter Walsh — who is hoping he will have a strong enough team that he will not need to play!!

Sat Mar 31	LADIES HOME	Cumberland II
Sun Apr 15	LADIES AWAY	Compton (Sussex)
Sun Apr 22	MEN HOME	Wilton
Sun Apr 22	LADIES AWAY	Putney
Sun May 6	MENS AWAY	Wigmore
Sun May 13	LADIES AWAY	Weald
Sun May 20	LADIES AWAY	Windsordon
Sun May 27	MENS AWAY	Westside II
Sun Jun 10	MENS AWAY	Roehampton II
Sun Jun 24	MENS HOME	Wimbledon Lakeside

The players would love to have your support Home or Away—we are lucky the away games are not too far so please if you can spare an hour or two come and give the players your support.

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### Christmas Raffle

The Committee decided that on the last Saturday club session before Christmas (when we have our mulled wine and mince pies) we would hold a raffle. The club session was a great success with 8 courts of players participating and being warmed in between sets with mulled wine, hot ribena (for the kids and drivers!) and mince pies. We sold lots of raffle tickets and made £125 all together. £62.50 of this money went into the club coffers and the other £62.50 we added to the amount Joe Ryan had raised on his bike ride round Cambodia and Vietnam for Oxfam.

### Spanish Visitors

Having had a successful trip to Sierra Tennis Club in 2006 we are delighted to be able to welcome them to our club for a return encounter. We had an extremely close match against them with Purley being up after the morning round of doubles matches, but the tide started to turn as soon as the singles commenced after lunch. Our lead dwindled, and neither the rain nor the failing light could help us. Purley eventually lost by 3 matches having played over 40 during the course of the day!!

Their hospitality was second to none and we are very much look forward to receiving them at our club over the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of May. They are bringing a team of 40 for the match, which will take place on the Saturday. We hope to include as many Purley members as possible. The standard and ages will be mixed so as soon as we know more, we will be asking who would like to participate. For those that do not wish to be involved in the tennis we will be holding a dinner at the club in the evening- details to follow.



### Tournament News

Congratulations to Di Gellender who was awarded her County Colours at the Surrey Tennis AGM.

In the National Veterans Tournament at Dudley in January — Sue Hill lost in Over 60s singles final to Frances McLennan and won the Over 60's doubles with her partner Jenny Waggot. Pat Lovell with her partner Jean Porter got to Over 60s doubles semis. Congratulations to the Ladies Over 40 team—they have again got through to the final of the Surrey Over 40's Knockout competition.

The Ladies Over 60 team again got to the final of the Over National knockout and narrowly lost to St George's Hill. They will still be invited to represent Great Britain in the Over 60 International competition.

### Quiz Night

The annual tennis section quiz night will be held in the Terrace room on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>. Teams can be a minimum of 6 and maximum of 8 members. Other sections are very welcome to enter a team. Mike will run the quiz and a bangers and mash supper is included in the price of £10 per head.

This is becoming a very popular event so make sure you get your team together promptly. If you cannot raise a team but would like to be put into one—that's not a problem. Either way please email [mike.wells@ukgateway.net](mailto:mike.wells@ukgateway.net) or have a word with one of the social committee. The social committee consists of Barbara, Teresa, Toni or Christine Haeger Gibbs—who has just joined them. Also if you wish to have a vegetarian option please let us know asap.

### Christmas Fun Day

The weather on Friday 22 December was thick fog – not looking good for Terry's Christmas fun day. Terry managed to get himself out of his sick bed and with helpers encouraged 36 children to play tennis and fun games for 2 long, cold, damp hours. The advantage to this was that the children were so exhausted and cold by the time they came in for their tea and party games that they were extremely well behaved. The indoor games and party tea was organised by tennis Junior Co-ordinator Jeannette Ryan and Teresa Fisher who appreciated the help from Tracey and Georgina Cooper. The afternoon was rounded off with a small gift for each child from Father Christmas.

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## Darts Evening

What better way to spend a wet cold Saturday night in February than playing darts? It was the annual dart's night on February 10 and 40 keen (maybe some not so keen) dart players were ready on the ockey to play in Mike Wells' tournament. As usual it was very well organised with a round robin system which involved pairs trying to get as many of the number that Mike announced within the time span of a 70s record. From each group 2 pairs went through to the quarter finals. This year saw some new darts faces to the final— Jackie and Peter 'Wally' Warnock against Paul and Gilly Malcolm. They had 5 minutes to get as many 20s as possible but unfortunately for Paul and Gilly this was Wally's favourite number!!! The winners received a 'Bullseye' DVD game – including a real bully and £10. They were then given the opportunity to gamble their winnings and win £50 by reaching 101 in 6 darts. Of course they rose to the challenge and Jackie (the non-dart player) went first and was amazing getting 84 with 3 darts which left an easy target for Wally. Congratulations to them both. The evening, costing just £10 included a meal of steak and mushroom pie, peas and mash was very good value so start practising for next year!



## 200 Club Winners

Jul 1 <sup>st</sup>	Les Davis	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Helen Gilbert
Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Warnock	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Roe
Sep 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ray Harris	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Morris
Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	Marcel Nadal	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Debbie Clark
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lynda Larcombe	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Danielle Fichera
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary Roe	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lynda Davis
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	John Higham	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Martin Stanley
Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Cowen	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phil Wakefield

You'll notice the name Davis twice on the list of winners—they are related to Andy Clark—there's a surprise!!!

## Introductory Offer

You should have received details in your renewal letter that the club is offering an incentive for you to introduce a new member to the club – if you introduce a new member you will receive 25% of their annual subscription deducted from your annual subscription – so if you introduce 4 new full tennis members – you will get your subscription paid for!! Sounds like a good deal to me!

## Courts

A copy of the court bookings for the coming fortnight is posted on the tennis noticeboards each week – the first one down the corridor to the courts and on the noticeboard in the tennis hut. This will tell you what courts are being used for tournaments and matches during the coming weeks. Please remember that during the Junior Open Tournament starting at Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July there will be limited availability for courts so please check with the tournament referees before going on court.

## "The Tennis Hut"

The committee are currently looking at the feasibility of replacing the rather dilapidated hut down by the acrylic courts with something more in keeping with the rest of our facilities. We are discussing with the cricket section the possibility of a joint venture to provide us with a facility which overlooks the courts on one side and the cricket field on the other. If you have any comments please talk to Paul or Mike.

Following the sad loss of her brother, Nicky Slim wishes to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and support during this sad time.

## Tennis Diary 2007/2008

February			July		
Sat	3rd	Team Tennis 2pm start	Sat	14th	Club Tournament - Finals Day
Sat	10th	Darts Evening 7pm	Sat	14th	Junior Tournament Finals
			Wed	11th	Club AGM
March			Sun	29th	Surrey Postal Tournament Finals
Sat	3rd	Team Tennis 2pm start	Mon	30th	Junior Open Tournament
Sat	31st	Open Day	Tue	31st	Junior Open Tournament
Sat	31st	Ladies NCL Match 12 noon			
			August		
April			Weds	1st	Junior Open Tournament
Sat	7th	Team Tennis (2pm)	Thurs	2nd	Junior Open Tournament
Sun	15th	Ladies NCL Match Away	Fri	3rd	Junior Open Tournament
Sun	22nd	Men's NCL Home 11am	Mon—Fri		Holiday Activities
Sun	22nd	Ladies NCL Match Away			
Sun	29th	Surrey Postal Finals	September		
			Sat	1st	Team Tennis 2pm start
May			Sun	9th	Mixed One Day Tournament
Sat	5th	Club Tournament Entries Close	Tues	18th	Annual General Meeting 8pm
Sun	6th	Men's NCL Match Away			
Weds	9th	Club Tournament Starts			
Sat	12th	Quiz Night	October		
Sun	13th	Ladies NCL Match 12 noon	Sat	6th	Team Tennis 2pm
Tues	15th	Wimbledon Ticket Draw after Club Session	Sat	6th	Tennis Dinner/Dance 7pm
Fri	19th	O45 Mixed Match	Mon—Fri	22nd-26th	Holiday Activities
Sun	20th	Ladies NCL Match 12 noon			
Thu	24th	45 Club Match	November		
Sun	27th	Men's NCL Away	Sat	3rd	Team Tennis 2pm start
Tue-Fri	29th—1st	Holiday Activities			
			December		
June			Sat	1st	Team Tennis 1pm start
Sat	2nd	Pimms Tournament			
Sun	10th	Men's NCL Away	January 08		
Thu	14th	45 Club One Day Mixed	Sat	5th	Team Tennis 1pm start
Sun	24th	Men's NCL Away			
Thu	28th	45 Club versus Danes			
Fri	29th	45 Club versus Danes			