

# ST. JOHN'S LAWN TENNIS CLUB

## WELCOME TO THE SUMMER 2010 SEASON

The Tennis Club at St. John's Church has been in existence since the 1920s, and over the years has been a constant source of enjoyment to hundreds of members. It is located in Rathgar Avenue (behind Kemsley Court flats) very close to St. John's Church. It has two grass courts and is available for play between May and the end of September.

### Programme for 2010

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Marking out the courts and setting up the nets 10am
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Start of the playing season: American Doubles 2pm
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	American Doubles 2pm
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	American Doubles 2pm
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Women's singles tournament preliminary rounds 2pm
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Men's singles tournament preliminary rounds – 1pm
Mon 14 <sup>h</sup> June	Junior tournament
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	American Doubles 2pm
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Mixed doubles tournament preliminary rounds 2pm
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	American Doubles 2pm
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Finals Day – tea and evening BBQ (Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> July if wet)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	American Doubles 2pm
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Junior Tennis afternoon 3-4pm
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	American doubles 2pm
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Junior Tennis afternoon 3-4pm
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	American Doubles 2pm
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Putting the courts to bed, 10am (Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> if wet)
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### Membership Fees for 2010 and How to Join

Membership fees are due at the start of the season. The fees for 2009 are given below, but **you can renew your membership at a discounted rate (in brackets) if you join on or before May 9**. The rates are as follows:

- Ordinary Membership (single adult membership) £29.00 (£27.00)
- Joint membership £48.00 (£44.00)
- Family membership (couple and children 14 and under when they join and playing with the adult members) £50.00 (£46.00)
- Single parent and 1 child £30.00 (£28.00)
- Student (15 years +) and unwaged £10.00 (no discount)
- Visitors Fee £2.00

To rejoin before 9<sup>th</sup> May please return the completed membership form and membership fee to John Quinn (c/o the Parish Office) in the envelope provided, or bring the completed membership form to the tennis courts on the court preparation day (in April), the American Doubles sessions listed above or contact the Captain, Secretary or other officer of the club (details listed below). The code of conduct is included with this leaflet. Admission to the courts is by combination lock. You get the number after you have joined!

### **Midweek play**

It is sometimes difficult to arrange a game or be sure that other members will be down at the courts. If you are keen to play midweek please indicate on the membership form which evenings suit you best and whether you are willing for your email address to be given to other members - to make it easier for members to arrange games.

### **What is American Doubles?**

A number of Sunday afternoons have been set aside for American Doubles. Those present are allocated a partner and each couple plays every other couple in short sets (four games) swapping partners after two games. You get a point for each game that you win. It may sound complicated but you get to play with everyone and you don't have to worry about your level of play. Just turn up. Visitors are welcome at these afternoons, paying the visitor's fee of £2.00. This fee is waived for the opening day of the season (2 May) for potential new members to try out the courts or find out more about the club before joining.

### **Tournaments**

For the Singles tournaments this year we will repeat the arrangements we introduced a few seasons ago. The preliminary round will be played on a single day – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June for the women and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June for the men (with reserve days for bad weather). The idea is that entrants get to play against all the other players in a series of short sets, gaining points for each game they win. The two players with the most points will go through to the final. This format does away with the problems associated with organising a large number of three set matches, and gives players of all standards a greater participation in the tournament. Please indicate on the membership form if you would like to enter the tournament and further details will be forwarded to you on the format. The finals will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July. If rain prevents play, the finals will take place the following Saturday (17<sup>th</sup> July). The Mixed Doubles Tournament final will also be held on 10<sup>th</sup> July. The preliminary round takes place Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June starting at 2pm. You may enter with a partner, contact another member from the membership list or simply be allocated a partner on the day. The Club Captain, Chris Surgenor, is in charge of the arrangements for the tournaments and will email details nearer the dates to those who have expressed an interest in taking part.

### **Adult Coaching**

Are you interested in receiving professional coaching? If there is sufficient interest we will organise 1-hour coaching sessions at £4.00 per person (charge depending on numbers) on a weekday evening (7.00-8.00) during May and June. Possible dates are Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> June. If you are provisionally interested in taking part (we won't hold you to it at this stage!), please indicate on the membership form and we will notify you by email if we plan to go ahead.

### **Children's Tennis**

We are hoping to organise coaching for children 6.00-7.00 on Mondays 17<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May, and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. We plan to hold a junior tournament on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Please complete the section on the membership form if you have children who would like to take part in the coaching and/or the junior tournament. We will notify you of the final arrangements by email.

There will be Junior afternoons of tennis on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 3.00-4.00pm organised by Phil Bryan. The club provides equipment for short tennis (rackets, balls and net) suitable for 6-10 year-olds. Children will be able to play on the vacant court while their parents play. Short tennis should not be played at busy times when adult members are waiting for a game.

## **Visitors**

Members may bring visitors to the Club. We charge a visitor's fee of £2.00. Members should sign in their visitors in the Visitor's Book in the pavilion and put the visitor's fee in the box fixed to the wall. Any visitor subsequently joining the club will have their visitor's fees subtracted from the membership fee.

## **Using the courts**

The Code of Conduct on the back of the Membership Card sets out the 'rules' for using the courts. Members are asked to sign the log each time they play so we can monitor usage of the courts for future planning. The book is kept inside the pavilion. As there is no formal booking system, members are requested not to hog the courts if others are waiting to play. The use of courts is not permitted during Church Service times on Sunday mornings (i.e. 10.00-12.00).

## **Club Committee for 2010**

The Tennis Club Committee is elected at the AGM and is responsible for the Club administration, organising court maintenance and the season's programme. Membership information can be obtained from any of the committee members:

- Captain: Christopher Surgenor 8579 9709 christophersurgenor@hotmail.com
- Vice-Captain: Phil Bryan 8998 1163
- Treasurer: John Quinn 8997 6264 jmquinn@waitrose.com
- Secretary: Maggie Gold 8567 6158 m.gold@londonmet.ac.uk
- Catering: Judy Bothamley 8567 9327
- Head Groundsman: Peter Cranmer 020 8579 3506
- Consultant Groundsman: Rupert Burrington
- Steve Taylor 8579 0090 (in charge of the Saturday mowing rota)
- Sue Deans
- Tim Harrison
- Marion Taylor

## **Ground Maintenance**

Grass courts require constant care and attention if they are to remain in good condition. We desperately need your help with the following:

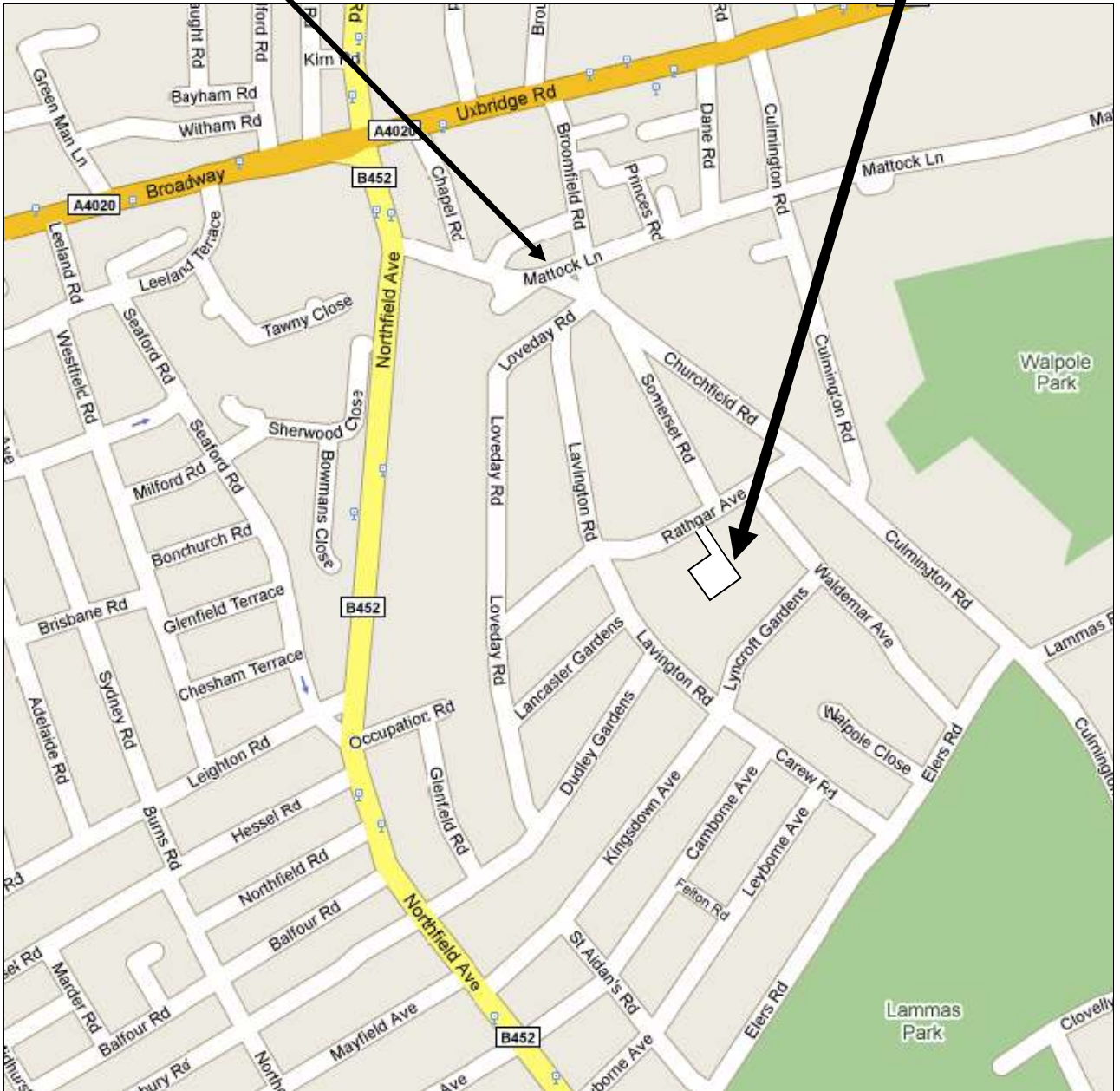
- Ground preparation at the start and end of the season - pruning, cutting, sweeping, mowing etc. on the following Saturday mornings 24<sup>th</sup> April (including marking out the courts) and 20<sup>th</sup> November 10.00-12.00 - refreshments are provided.
- Help with mowing, marking the courts and strimming/pruning the edges during the season. Ideally three people are needed each Saturday morning during the playing season. Steve Taylor will be organising a rota. We have a petrol-driven mower and tuition will be given to those willing to tackle the mowing. Please indicate if you are able to help with this on the membership form. If you are unable to volunteer, we are offering members the opportunity to make a donation towards ground maintenance (see membership form).

Please do not play on the courts if conditions are wet. If you find the courts locked with an additional padlock this means the courts are unsuitable for play. At other times we ask you to use your own judgement

*We look forward to seeing you in the coming season.*

St. John's Church

The Courts Are Here



**ST. JOHN'S LAWN TENNIS CLUB: MEMBERSHIP FORM 2010**

**\*\*\*\*\* JOIN BEFORE 9 MAY AT REDUCED RATES \*\*\*\*\***

(see overleaf for fees)

Type of Membership	Number	Amount
Family*		
Joint		
Individual		
Student		
Total		

\* Family membership includes parents and their children 14 years and under on 9 May 2010 or when joining the club. Children included in family membership should **not** play unaccompanied. Children 15 and over should join in their own right at the student rate.

Please complete the table below for each person included in your subscription. Please tick the relevant box if you would like to play in any of the tournaments

Name	Age (children only) *	Singles Tournament	Mixed Doubles Tournament	Junior Tournament
				School Years 3-6

The Club may organise an Open Evening during a weekday if sufficient interest.  
If you would like to take part please ring the evenings you are available: M T W Th F

Please tick and complete where appropriate. I/we (name/s).....

- Will be able to help with mowing and marking the courts on at least one Saturday during the season
- We are not able to help but are willing to make a donation of £5.00 or £10.00 towards court maintenance (please ring the amount donated)

Please Note: Ground Maintenance on the following Saturdays: April 24, Nov 20 10am

I/we are interested in attending coaching: No. of adults ..... No. of children .....  
(coaching will only go ahead if sufficient interest from members – details to follow but the sessions would take place during May/June on a weekday evening with a small charge)

Address: .....

Telephone No. ....E-mail .....

**Are you willing for your email address and telephone number to be given to other members to help arrange the mowing rota or matches? Yes / No ?**

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- Visitor's Fee £2.00

**Cheques should be made payable to St. John's Lawn Tennis Club.**

Please return to the John Quinn, St John's Lawn Tennis Club, c/o St John's Church Parish Office, Mattock Lane, West Ealing, London W13 9LA