

Faringdon Tennis Club

Newsletter September 2006

Number 2

What's On!

AGM

**Friday Sept 29th
2006 AT 8pm Old
Town Hall**

**PLEASE support this
important club event**

**Date for your diary
Wed 20th September -
first NEW adult club
session 10.00-12.00**

Club Officers 2006

Chairman:

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Don Cain (01367) 240474

Treasurer:

Lin Ross (01367) 241638

Club Secretary:

Pat Perkins (01367) 241077
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Membership Secretary:

Sjoerd Vogt (01367) 241707

Committee Members:

Bec Ross, Siobhan Greal
Paul Silver, Alan Elbourn

Welcome to the Winter Season 2006!

I will be stepping down as Club Chairman after 4 years, so a new chairman is required and possibly other committee members. The Committee has suggested that the term of office for Club Chairman be limited to two years. It is hoped that this would prevent the post being seen as a 'life sentence' and possibly encourage other members to become involved in the running of this members club.

A feature of the past year has been the help provided by non-committee members, Sjoerd Vogt has totally overhauled the membership system and Jill Elbourn has really livened up the format of the newsletters. Sincere thanks from the committee for both these major improvements.

There may be other tasks that could also be done by non-committee members, so if you feel you could help in some small way please contact the Secretary or any other committee member.

I hope that as many members as possible will be able to support the club by attending the AGM which is on Friday 29th September 2006 at 8pm in the Old Town Hall. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of the AGM to a voluntary membership Club - we really need the support of as many members as possible.

And finally, on behalf of the Committee I would like to wish all members a happy, healthy and successful Winter of tennis.

Anne Sawyer (chairman)

Relocation

The revised plans for a new site have been approved by the Vale of the White Horse District Council. An offer of a lease has been received from the landlord's agent and the terms of this are being considered with professional & legal advice. It is hoped to give more details at the AGM.

Winter Adult Club Sessions

Social Doubles - just turn up & play, balls provided. Evening sessions stop on Thursday September 14th

Throughout winter sessions will be held on:

Sunday session - 10.30 - 12.30

NEW Wednesday session - 10.00 - 12.00 starting on 20th September.

Some of the better Junior members have been invited to join adult club sessions, please make them welcome.

Guests

Members are reminded that they may bring guests to play at Club sessions or at other times, but a guest fee of £2 per session (£1 for junior guests) **must** be paid, to give the guest temporary membership of the club. Guest fees should be paid to any committee member, or sent to the Treasurer.

Several members have brought guests to the club this summer, could they please pay the guest fees as soon as possible.

Winter Match Secretary:

Anne Sawyer (01367) 870285
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Licensed LTA Coaches

Alan Elbourn (01367) 243872
Jill Elbourn (01367) 241174
Susanna Hunt (01367) 241452

A WARM WELCOME

to all the new members
who have joined the club
in 2006:

Adults

Samantha Bannister
Paul Deveroux
Sarah Gee
Margaret Lawson
Steve Rundle
Tim Strongman
David Walden
Caroline Whiteford

Ruth Whittaker

Juniors

Ben Gee
Guy Mobey
Imogen Strongman
Thomas Strongman
Jack Whiteford

THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON!

" The depressing
thing about tennis is
that no matter how
good I get, I'll never
be as good as the
wall".

Mitch Hedberg -
American comedian
(1968 - 2005)

Adult League Tennis

Once again there are 5 teams in the Thames Valley Winter Tennis Leagues, matches are on Saturday or Sunday afternoons, starting at 1pm. Each team usually has about 12 matches spread from the beginning of October until Easter, the format is 2 couples per team, this means that you play 4 sets of tennis and are home by 5 or 6pm at the latest. If you are interested in playing for a team please contact the appropriate captain:-

Mens A	Sjoerd Vogt	241707
Mens B	Steve Perry	244757
Mens C	Andy Sawyer	870285
Ladies A	Susanna Hunt	241452
Ladies B	Pam Walsh	244804

Club Sweatshirts and T-shirts

NEW Faringdon Tennis Club Sweat shirts and T-shirts have been designed and these will be on display shortly in the clubhouse at club sessions together with ordering details. For further information please contact Bec Ross 07863 326809

Farewell to Olga

Many players will remember Olga Saunders who was a very active member of the Tennis Club for many years. She and her husband, Jeff are now moving away from Faringdon to enjoy their retirement in Wales. Olga was a valued member of the Ladies teams and many times won the all-important last set, deep into the evening, in the era of the 3-pair Summer league! Olga and Jeff generously welcomed members of the club for many years to a Wimbledon finals day party at their home and these were always very relaxed and lots of fun. Many, many thanks Olga and Jeff, we will all miss you and wish you every happiness for the future.

Coaching at Faringdon Tennis Club

Juniors - Saturday mornings until end of October 10-11am mini red (5-7 yrs), 11-12 noon mini orange (8-11yrs). New schedule will start in November. For more info. Tel. 243872 Alan Elbourn (LTA licensed DCA Coach)

Ladies - Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30 -10.30am during school term time only. Doubles coaching for beginners/rusty rackets/improvers!. Fun and exercise in the fresh air. Pay and Play. For more info. tel. 241452 Susanna Hunt (LTA licensed DCA Coach)

The Committee regret that courts are not available for general play when coaching or matches are taking place. A list of home fixtures and coaching sessions will be placed on the club notice board.

Tennis balls

Balls are provided for official club sessions only. Members can buy tubes of 4 tennis balls (new) at the special price of £4.50 from:

Lin Ross	(01367) 241638
Andy Sawyer	(01367) 870285

Parking

Members travelling by car are asked to continue parking the Faringdon Business Centre, Volunteer Way. Many thanks for your continued co-operation.