

## What's On!

### Tennis Club Workday Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am

Please come along for a short while and help to get the Club spruced up for the Summer season. There will be gardening, cleaning in the clubhouse (eg. washing crockery, cleaning toilets, fridge). Please bring any equipment which might be useful.

## Club Officers 2007

### Chairperson:

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### Treasurer:

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### Membership Secretary:

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### Committee Members:

Bec Ross, Siobhan Grealy  
Paul Silver, Alan Elbourn,  
Anne Sawyer

## Welcome to the Summer Season 2007!

I am delighted to be the new Chairperson of Faringdon Tennis Club and to welcome you all to the Summer Season 2007. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our previous Chair, Anne Sawyer for all her hard work over the past 4 years, especially her continued and tireless efforts in relation to the re-location of the club. I am delighted that Anne has agreed to continue to serve as a member of both the club and relocation committees. The future now looks bright in terms of relocation to a new 6-court site and this newsletter provides the latest update. I hope that members will visit our splendid new website [www.faringdontennis.org.uk](http://www.faringdontennis.org.uk) which Sjoerd Vogt has put together. The web-site will help to keep us all up-to-date with everything that is happening at the club. I would like to thank Sjoerd very much for all his hard work in this venture. If you are reading this as a prospective member, please come and visit a club session, or contact one of the officers to find out more about our thriving, local club which provides tennis opportunities for everyone of all ages and abilities. It just remains for me to wish all our members a very happy, healthy and successful Summer of tennis.

*Don Cain (chairperson)*

## Subscriptions 2007/8

Full details of subscriptions and downloadable application form are available on the website ([www.faringdontennis.org.uk](http://www.faringdontennis.org.uk)) or from the membership secretary Sjoerd Vogt 01367 241707 or [sjoerd@vogt.org.uk](mailto:sjoerd@vogt.org.uk) or can be collected from the clubhouse during organised club sessions. There is a VERY significant discount for any adult subscriptions which are paid by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2007. Please remember that the Club relies on its subscriptions to cover running costs and prompt payment can really help to smooth the financial situation. All existing members are automatically sent their Renewal Forms.

## Relocation

This is the latest update about the pending re-location of Faringdon Tennis Club to a new 6-court site at Steeds Farm on the Coxwell Road. In November, a revised offer was received from the owner of Steeds Farm giving the options of a lease or a freehold. The relocation committee have subsequently taken the following action to evaluate the possibility of the freehold option:-

- Advice has been taken from our solicitor on the conditions of the offer
  - An estimate of the possible selling price of the Southampton Street site has been sought
  - New estimates of costs for the construction of a new club have been obtained
  - Advice has been taken from the OLTA Development Officer concerning loans & grants
- It has been decided that the freehold offer should be the preferred option and our agent has been asked to attempt to obtain an agreement on this. The planning permission for development of the current Southampton Street site was obtained in 2002 and will lapse in October 2007, so our architect has been asked to renew this permission.

*Anne Sawyer - Re-location committee*

## Faringdon Tennis Club Website : [www.faringdontennis.org.uk](http://www.faringdontennis.org.uk)

Simply type "Faringdon" and "Tennis" into Google, and you will find that the Club now has a new website! The site comprises information about adult and junior club sessions, coaching and matches. There are downloadable application forms for 2007/8, information for match captains, maps of how to get to club and where to park and there is even a link to the local weather forecast!!

### Summer Match Secretary

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### Licensed LTA Coaches

Alan Elbourn (01367) 243872

Jill Elbourn (01367) 241174

Susanna Hunt (01367) 241452

## Summer Adult Club Sessions

### Social Doubles (just turn up & play, balls provided)

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm starting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Sundays 10.30 – 12.30 (ongoing throughout the year)

Wednesdays – 10.00 – 12.00 (ongoing throughout the year)

Adult Club sessions are intended for all members of any standard. If there are players waiting, short sets are played (first to 6 games). Everyone is expected to mix-in and make up a four regardless of ability. If courts are not full, members arriving should joint a game which does not have the full compliment of players. Some of the better Junior members have been invited to join adult club sessions, please make them welcome.

## Adult League Tennis

There are 5 teams in the Oxfordshire Summer Tennis Leagues, matches are on Saturday or Sunday afternoons, starting at 1-30pm. Each team usually has about 6/7 matches spread from the end of March until the second week in September. The format is 2 couples per team, playing 2 sets against each of the opposing pairs. If you are interested in playing for a team please contact the appropriate captain:-

LADIES A	Susanna Hunt	(01367) 241452
LADIES B	Pam Walsh	(01367) 244804
MENS A	Sjoerd Vogt	(01367) 241707
MENS B	Steve Perry	(01367) 244757
MI XED	Juliane Spiers	(01367) 241432

And there is also a Mens' midweek (Monday ) Swindon League – please contact Joe Moore (01367) 243583 .

## Coaching

**Juniors** - Lots of mini-tennis going on!

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 new tennis balls (Slazenger) at the special price of £4.50 from:

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

## Guests

Members are reminded that they may bring guests to play at Club sessions or at other times. A guest fee of £2 per session (£1 for junior guests) **must** be paid, to give the guest temporary membership of the club. The visitor must be signed-in on the guest list which is situated on the outside notice board. Guest fees should be paid to any committee member, or sent to the Treasurer.

## Parking

It is now extremely difficult to park in Southampton Street because of the housing development. Members travelling by car are asked to continue parking the Faringdon Business Centre, Volunteer Way. There is a map of how to get there on the website [www.faringdонтennis.org.uk](http://www.faringdонтennis.org.uk). Many thanks for your continued co-operation.

