

Pit Farm Tennis Club Newsletter



July 2026

Please take a moment to catch up on all the latest news and results from the club.

July is a good month to...

Celebrate our tournament winners!



Please send your tournament pics to membership.pitfarm@gmail.com so we can share online.



Congratulations to all our finalists who competed in the Club Tournament Finals last weekend. Our Club President, Tim Martin, will provide a full report in the August newsletter. In the meantime, here are the results and a few photos of our finalists. The standard of tennis was exceptional, with some outstanding matches throughout the weekend. Off the court, everyone enjoyed a delicious selection of homemade cakes, sausage rolls, salads and a barbecue. Thank you to Alex Webb for organising the tournament, to Tim and Nicky for their continuous support throughout the weekend, and the committee for all their hard work. A huge thanks to the players for the excellent tennis and to our members for their enthusiastic support. It was wonderful to see familiar faces, including Derek, alongside so many new members enjoying the occasion.

Boys' Singles Champion – **Oscar Habens** vs Carlos Silva Jr – 6-1, 6-1

Women's Singles Champion – **Bridget Parker** vs Yuri Marutani – 6-3, 6-4

Boys' Doubles Champions - **Oscar Habens & River Kozak** vs Carlos Silva Jr & Thomas Morgan – 6-1, 7-6

Mixed Doubles Champions – **Alex Webb & Dawn Davies** vs Thom Van Every & Yuri Marutani – 4-6, 6-2, 7-6

Men's Singles Champion – **Ethan Newbold** vs Tim Campbell – 3-6, 6-3, 6-2

Men's Doubles Champions – **Tim Campbell & Greg Bacon** vs Alex Webb & Owen Habens – 6-4, 6-3

Girls' Singles Champion – **Bella King** vs Emmerson Ivey – 6-0, 6-2

Women's Doubles Champions – **Yuri Marutani & Karen Smith** vs Bridget Parker & Dawn Davies – 3-6, 4-0*

*Dawn sadly had to retire due to injury



July is the time to...

Sign up for the Pit Farm Pickleball Tournament

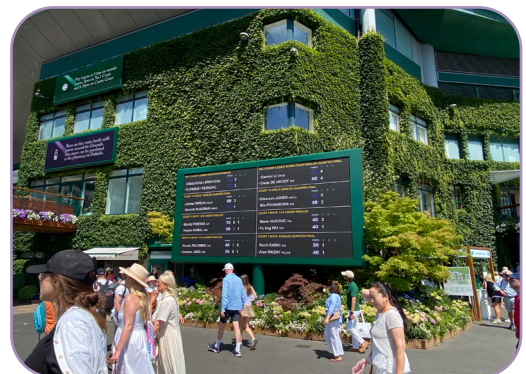
The sign-up sheet for our inaugural Pit Farm Pickleball Tournament is waiting for you in the clubhouse. Places are limited, so don't hang about – secure your spot before they're gone. Players should enter individually and will be matched into pairs for the tournament draw, making it a great way to meet fellow members and enjoy some friendly competition. Whether you're a pickleball regular or picking up a paddle for the very first time, come along for an afternoon of fun and competitive spirit. Get your name down and be part of Pit Farm pickleball history!

From 4pm on Saturday 18 July



Take a Wimbledon Quiz by Tim Martin, Club President

With Wimbledon now in full swing, it's the perfect time to test your tennis knowledge! Pour yourself a cup of tea, grab a few strawberries and see how you fare in Tim's Wimbledon-themed quiz. Each answer has two parts - the first is general knowledge, the second is the name of a tennis player who has been a Wimbledon champion. But the final letters of the first answer overlap with some of those at the beginning of the second so you have to merge the two answers together. eg Patriotic song/ US Open ladies champion in 2021 would be National Anthemma Raducanu



- 1 Pirate flag/ Multiple Men's Singles Champion.
- 2 What Robin Hood did to feed the poor/ Dutch Men's Singles Champion from the 1990s.
- 3 British boxing World Champion/ Serbian serial winner.
- 4 Madness hit/ Young Spaniard, already twice champion.
- 5 Children's TV favourite/ Aussie winner in the 1980s.
- 6 Huge American store/ Women's Champion for much of the 1980s.
- 7 The four major tournaments/ Won the Women's Singles, then coached a British champion.
- 8 Capital of Germany/Women's Singles Champion in 1999.
- 9 Cartoon character under the sea/Won three Men's Doubles titles with his brother.
- 10 Australian state/Won Men's Singles while wearing hair extensions.
- 11 Punk band/ Won the Women's Singles, then retired aged 26.
- 12 Used to help the hard of hearing/Twice Women's Singles Champion.
- 13 Madonna song/British Women's winner in a jubilee year.
- 14 16th English philosopher/Women's Champion in the 1990s and now a successful coach.
- 15 Welsh University City/Memorably won a rain delayed Men's final on a Monday.



Book your child's place at our first Competitive Summer Tennis Camp.

Led by **Ashley Mount**, the **Competitive Summer Tennis Camp** is a one-week intensive programme designed for committed junior players who compete, or aspire to compete, in competitive tournaments. The camp is one week in duration, Monday to Friday, with options to book this summer for:

17 - 21 August or 24 - 28 August.

- 8 to 10 year olds. Orange ball 11am to 1pm
- 10+ year olds. Yellow ball 1pm to 3pm

Ideal for players already participating in league or tournament tennis.

For members £30 per session per player for a 2-hour session each day.

Total cost for week £150.

For non-members £37 per day per player for a 2-hour session each day.

Total cost for week £185.

Click the button or email ashleymount87@gmail.com for more information or to book your child's place.

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COMPETITIVE SUMMER TENNIS CAMP



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 [Click here to book.](#)

Our Minis and Juniors sessions will take a break in August. The last session is Friday 7 August, then we will be back (on the bank holiday) on Monday 31 August.

Discover new Junior playing opportunities.

We offer plenty of opportunities for our Junior and Junior Limited members to get involved, improve their game and enjoy competitive play. From our Junior programme and competitive Box League to teams competing in external leagues, there's something for all abilities. Our popular Thursday Club Session (Junior Friendly Session) is also open to stronger Junior players and coaches. These relaxed and sociable doubles sessions are a fantastic way to gain match experience, play alongside adult members, and enjoy a fun club atmosphere. Sessions start around 5:30/6:00 pm and continue into the evening. If you'd like to know more, please contact Caroline or Paul. membership.pitfarm@gmail.com • pk@paul.tennis



Get some gardening advice

Our beautiful grounds are admired throughout the year, and we're delighted to share that our gardener, **Richard Carpenter**, is available to help our members too.

If you're looking for an experienced gardener or would like expert advice on transforming your outdoor space, Richard would be happy to help. He is offering club members a free garden-planning consultation, can source plants at trade prices and undertake gardening work in and around the Guildford area. To find out more or arrange a consultation, please contact Richard on 07508358624.



July is the perfect time to...

Get better at tennis!

Pick up new tennis skills and explore the excellent range of coaching options available at the club with **Paul Kozak** and **Ashley Mount**.

From personalised one-to-one coaching to relaxed, social pay-as-you-go group sessions, we offer a variety of sessions designed to suit all ages and abilities. Available to members and non-members. We're delighted to announce Ashley has a new three-year contract with the club and is looking to add some extra coaching sessions to our group timetable... so watch this space!

Please note the Wednesday evening and Thursday morning Intermediate coaching sessions are now both mixed sessions.

 [Click here to book.](#)



 [Click here for the group coaching timetable.](#)



GRAB A FREE GROUP COACHING SESSION FOR NEW JOINERS

If you have a friend who might be interested in joining Pit Farm Tennis Club, we'd love to welcome them along. We're now offering a complimentary group coaching session with Ashley as an introduction to the club, along with an invitation to attend a trial Club Session. It's the perfect way to meet other members, enjoy some tennis, and get a real feel for everything the club has to offer. To find out more or book a place, please contact Caroline at membership.pitfarm@gmail.com



This July, Pit Farm member **Gillian Blackburn** is raising money for Parkinson's UK by walking approximately 37 miles from her home to Shoreham, following much of the beautiful Downs Link footpath. She'll complete the solo challenge over three days, from 20 to 22 July. Every donation will help fund vital research and life-changing support for people living with Parkinson's and their families. If you'd like to support Gillian, please click [here](#) to visit her JustGiving page. Good luck Gillian!

Thank you for making it to the end. See you on court!

Your Committee 2026-2027

Tim Martin – President • Ian Kenyon – Hon Treasurer • Dawn Davies – Hon Secretary
• Alex Orr – Chair • Alex Webb – Club Captain

Other committee members: Richard Dvorsky, Laurence Fletcher, David Gould, Matt Jones, Nicky King, Bridget Parker, Phil Rowlands, Karen Smith, Paul Taylor, Thom Van Every, Cephas Vazquez-Howard, Barney Whiteman and Matt Wilkinson.

Non-Committee: Liz Hill-Smith – Welfare Officer, Caroline Rowlands – Membership Secretary, Richard Morris – Examiner

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Answers to the Wimbledon quiz:

1. Jolly Roger Federer
2. Steal from the Richard Krajicek
3. Frank Brno Novak Djokovic
4. Driving in my Carlos Alcaraz
5. Postman Pat Cash
6. WallMartina Navratilova
7. Grand SlAmelie Mauresmo
8. Berlindsey Davenport
9. SpongeBob Bryan
10. QueenslAndré Agassi
11. The ClAshleigh Barty
12. Ear trumPetra
13. Like a Virginia Wade
14. Francis BaConchita Martinez
15. BanGoran Ivanisevic.