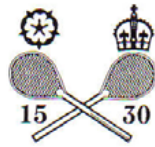


THE ROYAL TENNIS COURT

Hampton Court Palace



BUBBLES ALL ROUND

CHRIS CHAPMAN AND NICK WOOD LEAD THE WAY AS
RTC PICKS UP FOUR NATIONAL LEAGUE TITLES

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chairman's chat



We are fortunate in having a very successful real tennis club situated in an historic building in beautiful grounds. In my inaugural address at the AGM in May, I mentioned my desire to raise standards with regards to the club's amenities, and also to encourage juniors to play. I believe juniors are the future lifeblood of most sporting clubs, and we must do all we can to encourage them to come and play this fantastic game.

We have just held what I think was the most enjoyable club barbecue I have attended at the Royal Tennis Court. The food, presentation and live music were of the highest standard and were enjoyed by about 90 members and friends. A really big thank you to all those who came, and to everybody who helped to make the event so successful.

Our next major social event is the Annual Dinner on Saturday 19 October, again at Hampton Court Palace Golf Club. Like last year we shall limit ticket numbers in order to prevent overcrowding, so please buy your tickets early and support your club.

Before that, on Saturday 28 September, we propose to hold our very first Public Open Day. This is an opportunity for the public and friends of members to come along and spend some time on court. Details are yet to be worked out, but we will be asking for members to help the pros in hosting this potentially great event.

At the end of August, Stefan King will be leaving the club to pursue a career in education. I am sure that I can say on behalf of the members and other pros what a tremendous asset he has been over the past five years, not only through the skills he brings both off and on the court, but also through his enthusiasm for the club and its members. We are partway through the recruitment

process for another team member and hopefully this will be successful.

Last season the club entered teams in seven National League divisions. We had an outstanding season, winning four divisions, including the Premier, and reaching the final in another. Well done to all those who played. If you would like to play in a team in the 2013/14 season, please speak to one of the pros as soon as possible.

We are aiming to publish the members' handbook early next year. However, a significant number of members have not yet signed their authorisation sheet and confirmed their details. Please ensure that you have signed yours and returned it to the club before the end of September, so as to ensure your entry in the next edition. In order to reduce costs, we are looking for advertisers – please contact Helen Crossley for further information.

I am very fortunate in being helped and supported by nine other committed Board members, each of whom has responsibility for specific duties at the club. They are your representatives, so please feel free to approach them to discuss any issues, criticisms or recommendations that you might have – but please also remember to give praise and compliments when they are deserved. To assist you with feedback, you can complete the suggestion slips at the club or send an email, and we will make sure it is passed on to the person who deals with that subject.

Julian Sheraton-Davis

RTC ANNUAL CLUB DINNER

**7.30pm, Saturday 19 October
Hampton Court Palace
Golf Club**

**Tickets: £47.50
(from the professionals)**

*Prize-giving ceremony
Three-course dinner, with a selection
of wine and soft drinks*

Dress: black tie

COMING UP

RTC

- 1 Sep:** RTC v Hurlingham (social match)
- 7-8 Sep:** De Laszlo Bowl (handicap doubles)
- 20-22 Sep:** Chetwood Trophy (national event for club handicap singles champions)
- 28 Sep:** Club Public Open Day
- 5-6 Oct:** Barker Camm Cup Grade F weekend (hcp 60+)
- 12 Oct:** RTC v Jesmond Dene (social match)
- 19 Oct:** RTC Annual Dinner (Hampton Court Palace GC)
- 20 Oct:** RTC v Old Etonians (social match)

ELSEWHERE

- 16-18 Aug:** British Junior Open Championships (Queen's)
 - 13-19 Sep:** French Open (Paris)
 - 16-22 Sep:** World Doubles Championship (Paris)
 - 5-9 Oct:** European Open (Lord's)
 - 7-15 Oct:** IRTPA Championships (Manchester)
- See www.tennisandrackets.com for T&RA fixture updates

Changing of the guard

RTC has new club doubles champions, after they ended the Watsons' three-year reign

Charlie Crossley and Tom Freeman have succeeded in doing what so many have failed to do over the past decade, overcoming the 13-time champion David Watson to claim their first Harris Watson Trophy for the club level doubles championship.

Only once in the previous ten years had David failed to win the title, having since 2003 won four times with his son James and five with Richard Harris (with whom he has won seven times in all). He and James duly reached another final, but not without one or two problems during a 6-5 6-2 semi-final win over Phil Dunn and James Sohl, while Charlie and Tom dispatched Simon Barker and Bernard Weatherill 6-0 6-5.

On their way to their 2012 win,



New champs: Charlie Crossley (right) and Tom Freeman (kneeling) with David and James Watson

David and James had taken care of Charlie and Tom with relative ease, 6-4 6-2, in a semi-final meeting. But a year later Tom is a far steadier player and more reliable complement to the gifted Charlie, and it was no great surprise as the final unfolded that the balance of power had shifted towards the newer pairing. Both sets were very tight, but a 6-5 6-4 scoreline in Charlie and Tom's favour points to their superiority when it mattered most, at the business end of the sets.

Having added their names to an illustrious list of RTC doubles kings (which includes legendary real tennis names such as Warburg, Lovell and Snow), the champions will no doubt be determined to hold on to their crown in 2014.

Club competitions latest

Barker Camm Cup (level singles)

Charlie Crossley has already claimed one club title by unseating the defending champion (see above), and he has a chance to do the same in the singles event. His final against reigning champion Peter Wright had to be postponed due to injury, and a new date has not yet been fixed.

While Peter strolled past Simon Barker on his way to the final, Charlie had more trouble with David Watson. After being taken into a third set, however, he pulled away to a 6-3 win to seal his final place. Keep an eye out for the rearranged date – it should be a match to savour.

Lathom Browne Cup (hcp singles)

We're also down to the last two standing here – and the two semi-finals could not have been more different.

In the top half of the draw, Grade A winner Chris Swan (25) did very well to upset Chris Bartley (30), one of the event's feared "improvers". But Chris then came unstuck spectacularly, with James Simpson (45) making a real statement with a crushing 9-0 win.

The second semi-final was a family affair, with John Mather (54) taking on

his little brother Peter (41), who has made great strides in the past year. Despite having to give his older sibling a significant handicap allowance, Peter nicked a 9-8 thriller. Already four handicap points lower than his designated 41 (he played the group stage off 46), Peter will take some stopping in the final.

Seal Salver 2011-12 (over-50s)

It has become an RTC tradition that the Seal Salver is destined to finish well after every other tournament – which is why the 2011-12 competition came to be completed in late April 2013.

With players' handicaps calculated on age difference, the odds were against 2005 winner Mike Seymour, who received 19 from David Watson compared to an 'actual' handicap gulf of 25. Mike made David work hard through nerve-jangling rallies, but David closed it out 9-5 to win the title on his debut appearance in the competition. It could be the first of many.

2013-14 season

Please complete your tournament entry forms without delay – the sooner the better for our dedicated professionals.

SUMMER NIGHT PENNANT (20-40 hcp)

This Night Pennant final was a close one. All three singles could have gone either way, and Scott Levy in particular dug out a win against John Dagnall that at one stage looked about as likely as Roger Federer being knocked out of Wimbledon in the second round.



The first doubles changed the balance of the match, with Matthew Haswell and Levy powering to a 6-2 win. The final two doubles were shared 6-5 and 5-6, leaving Haswell, Levy and Martin Daly the victors, 3-3 in sets and 31-30 in games.

Notably, it was Dick Cowling's first failure to be part of a winning Night Pennant team (this time as a sub), after three previous wins.

Premier party at the Palace

Chris Chapman and Nick Wood snatched the National League's Premier Division title from the table-toppers, as RTC picked up four trophies in a memorable campaign



No one could have predicted the climax we saw in the Premier Division of the National League.

Throughout March and April surprise followed surprise – and despite early season results that suggested a final between Hatfield House and Queen's, we somehow ended up with our own Chris Chapman and Nick Wood taking on Prested Hall on home ground, as the Royal Tennis Court was again the designated final host.

Firstly, the absence of British Open champion Bryn Sayers sent Queen's tumbling, and then, just as Hatfield seemed to have sealed first place, the Prested Hall duo of Ricardo Smith and Tom Durack put in a finishing sprint that took everyone by surprise, claiming top spot and a final place. This left Chris and Nick, having finished third, travelling up to Hatfield to take on prodigal son Ben Matthews and Jon Dawes. Nick had been well out of sorts when losing to Ricardo the previous week, but on the beautiful Hatfield court he was back close to his best, working Jon around the court on his way to a straight-sets win.

In the top singles match, Chris trailed Ben in both sets but put together two storming runs from 3-5 to 6-5



Above: Nick Wood in classic, balanced pose. Below, Tom Durack and Ricardo Smith of Prested Hall with Ben Matthews (marker), Chris Chapman and Nick Wood

and then from 1-3 to 6-3 to seal a mightily impressive triumph and send RTC into the final.

Having rediscovered his mojo, Nick made mincemeat of Tom Durack in the first rubber of the final. To watch an in-form Nick Wood is a lesson in itself, such is his guile, technique, preparation, footwork and tactical nous. Sadly for your correspondent, he won so quickly, 6-0 6-0, that my rush away from work was in vain and the spectators were already munching their dinners by the time I arrived.

Ricardo Smith is a man reborn in 2013, so Chris knew his match would be tough. However, Chris carried the confidence of an improving player and a determination not to be beaten on home turf. The first set contained a few long games, but Chris eased away to 6-2. The second was tight all the way, with both players having chances in several games, but in the end Chris found enough targets and eked out a

6-4 success that completed a remarkable week for him and Nick. The doubles was lost, but to an elated Chris and Nick it had become a mere exhibition: the job had already been done.

All that was left was for the victors to toast the title with the ubiquitous Pol Roger. It was certainly well-earned.



Photographs by Tim Edwards

Division 5: away v Canford



Division 5 (25-30) has been very tight in recent years, and this season was no different. A late charge by the RTC quartet of skipper Simon Fox, Simon Edmond, Fred Satow and Stephen Goss lifted them briefly to the summit of the eight-team league, before Canford snatched top spot.

While Canford took care of Leamington with ease in their semi-final, RTC beat Oxford 2-1, with Fred sealing the decisive rubber with almost embarrassing ease, 6-0 6-0. So off we went to Canford. Simon Fox, who had won 14 sets and lost none during the season to win the division's MVP award, had trouble with "Prof Wright", Canford head pro Steve Ronaldson's right-handed alter ego. But the captain

is a battler, and he fought back marvellously from a 5-6 3-5 deficit to snatch a three-set win.

Fred bounced back from a 0-6 first set to win the second against familiar foe Dugald Lockhart, but despite getting redder and redder in the face, the home player continued to run everything down and took the third.

The first-string players were on court last, with Simon Edmond up against fellow RTC member Chris Swan. Again the first set was lost, but like his teammates Simon dug in and the errors finally started coming from Chris, and by the time the third set began the momentum had shifted. Eventually a 6-3 win for Simon gave RTC a thrilling and exhausting away final win after 5½ hours of action.

Division 2: home v Seacourt



The four players competing in the Division 2 final were also the top four in the MVP league table for the season.

A hard-fought battle seemed inevitable, then, for RTC's Charlie Crossley and David Watson.

In the last match of the group stage, Seacourt had ventured to the Palace looking to pinch the top spot in the league. In that match the two singles rubbers were split and the doubles went to RTC, so it was to be a return to London for the south-coast team of Adam Player and Louis Gordon.

David and Louis were first up, in the No 2 singles, in what was always going to be a contrasting match, with the cut and wisdom of David against the hard hitting and raw talent of Louis.

As the match progressed, it was clear that David had learnt more from their previous encounter (won by Louis), as he played with the clear aim to restrict his opponent's forcing game. There were moments where Louis found his range, but it just wasn't enough against an inspired David, who served very accurate railroads, retrieved well and delivered his cut shots with measured accuracy. A 6-2 6-4 win was exactly what RTC were hoping for.

The next match was more about home-court advantage. Seacourt senior pro Adam is no easy opponent down south on his favourite court, but on home ground Charlie looked a clear



Charlie Crossley and David Watson

favourite to close out the match. Would the heightened sense of occasion produce the nerves? Well, no. Adam battled hard but on the night Charlie played in a sublime manner, called upon the spirit of calm and composure and produced a great performance. Making use of his superb cut volley, court speed and racket dexterity, he didn't allow Adam into the match. A 6-2 6-2 win for Charlie gave the Royal Tennis Court the Division 2 title.

Some excellent doubles was played in good spirit. The RTC duo, now on a heightened plane of confidence, closed out the match 8-2.

The successful evening, well supported by friends and fans from both clubs, was duly topped off with some Pol Roger champagne.

Division 6: home v Petworth



It would have been a bold gamble to bet against the RTC line-up in their final against Petworth. On paper they were formidable

favourites, and skipper Paul Wright even had the luxury of being able to leave both himself and John East out.

Up first was Nicola Doble against Richard White. Both sets were tight to start with, but as Richard began to fade the younger RTC player stepped up, easing away to a 6-3 6-3 win.

Next the rapidly improving Rob Oglander, a big man with balletic movement, struggled to find any rhythm against the solid Richard

Acklam. Despite being on the brink of losing the first set, though, Rob pulled a rabbit out of the hat and emerged victorious, 6-5 6-4. Fraser Shorey had been waiting to do the job if required, but as it turned out his 6-0 6-1 win was the cherry on the cake. A superb end to a fine season, and for a third year in a row, the division was RTC's.

➤ In Division 7 there was a thrilling finale, with captain Owen Saunders locked at a set each and 5-5 against Oxford's Roger Nathan in the deciding rubber. Leading 40-15, Roger drove the ball to the backhand corner with cut to win the chase, the game, the set, the match and the title.

NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	Pts
Prested Hall	6	4	31
Hatfield	6	4	30
RTC	6	2	23
Queen's	6	2	14

Eliminator: Hatfield 1-2 RTC
Final: RTC 2-1 Prested

DIVISION 1

Radley/Petworth	8	7	53
MURTC	8	4	40
Holyport	8	5	40
Oxford	8	4	32
Queen's	8	4	31
Oratory	8	0	9

Final: Radley/Petworth 3-0 MURTC

DIVISION 2

RTC	8	7	53
Seacourt	8	6	50
Cambridge	7	4	33
Queen's	7	2	22
Petworth	7	2	22
MCC	7	1	12

Final: RTC 3-0 Seacourt

DIVISION 3

Prested Hall	8	7	50
Oxford	8	6	43
RTC	8	5	40
Hatfield	8	2	23
Holyport	8	0	8

Eliminator: Oxford 3-0 RTC
Final: Prested Hall 2-1 Oxford

DIVISION 4

Cambridge	8	7	45
Moreton Morrell	8	4	37
MURTC	8	5	35
MCC	8	4	34
Oxford	8	4	29
RTC	8	0	23

Final: Cambridge 2-1 MURTC

DIVISION 5

Canford	8	5	45
RTC	8	6	44
Oxford	8	6	44
Leamington	8	5	41
Hatfield	8	5	37
Cambridge 3	8	4	36
MCC	8	0	15
Cambridge 4	8	1	14

Semi-final: RTC 2-1 Oxford
Final: Canford 1-2 RTC

DIVISION 6

RTC	8	6	43
Petworth	8	5	39
Holyport	8	5	36
Prested Hall	8	3	31
Cambridge	7	3	25
Canford	7	1	12

Final: RTC 3-0 Petworth

DIVISION 7

RTC	8	6	45
Oxford	8	5	42
Oratory	8	5	34
Petworth	8	3	27
Hardwick	8	1	20

Final: RTC 1-2 Oxford

Advantage receivers

The recipients of handicap allowances prospered over the givers in the King's Goblet

The headline above last summer's report of the King's Goblet was "The acts of Peter and Paul", reflecting the heavenly play of winners Peter Mather and Paul Casha. Anyone who suspected a higher power might just be influencing this competition will now be feeling distinctly eerie, as once again a Peter and Paul combination has claimed the prize. And again, one of them is a Mather.

The success of young Peter last year and his brother John in the Lathom Browne Cup clearly gave father Paul pause for thought. He and partner Peter Brown made the most of the allowances they received with their 69 handicap to punish any ill-discipline on the part of their opponents – but it was not all plain sailing. The final itself could not have been closer.

Up against the impressively steady combination of Rebecca Kashti (from Radley) and Doris Siedentopf (60), Peter and Paul trailed all the way in the final, right up until they managed to level the



Four of the best: finalists Doris Siedentopf, Paul Mather, Peter Brown and Rebecca Kashti

scores at 5-5. With the clock ticking down (all matches in the King's Goblet are timed affairs), Rebecca and Doris fought their way back from the handicap deficit to 30-all in the decisive 11th game, and it looked as if they were going to save the match. But then Peter slapped a left-handed forehand to the base of the tambour for 40-30, and the buzzer sounded before the next point

could be played, signalling another result of biblical proportions. A thrilling finale to an intriguing tie.

In the semi-finals, the two pairs had taken care of much lower-handicapped opponents. In both cases the losing pair were allowed only one serve and the tambour was banned. These restrictions were a bridge too far for Dick Cowling and Karen Prottey (40), who succumbed 7-3 to Peter and Paul. The mother/son duo of Sue and Matt Haswell (28), however, came very close to overcoming the obstacles – just a loose shot from Matt at 5-6 and 40-all ended their hopes close to full time.

As ever, it was perhaps the most enjoyable and keenest fought of all RTC club competitions, and great credit must go to the professionals for their tireless marking over the three days. Only they will know just how many times they had to suppress grimaces at our collective failings in handicap doubles tactics and decision-making.

PALACE SHOCK: KING TO ABDICATE

Stef King will soon move on from RTC to pursue a career in teaching. To see him off, and to give him our thanks for his five years of sterling service, there will be an informal get-together at the club from 8–10pm on **Wednesday 21 August**, to which everyone is warmly invited. Please let the professionals know if you wish to attend and if you would like to eat, as we will provide food (for a nominal price). Members who wish to give something towards Stef's leaving present, meanwhile, should leave contributions with Nick or Chris.

NEWS IN BRIEF ● NEWS IN BRIEF ● NEWS IN BRIEF

Ladies' British Open/World Championship

Claire Vigrass retained her British and World titles with relative ease in April, despite the best efforts of her sister Sarah in both finals. Injury scuppered the hopes of our own Karen Hird, who was still suffering in the US Open in June, won by 18-year-old Tara Lumley.

Men's pro tournaments

Just when you thought he couldn't lose, Camden Riviere came unstuck against Steve Virgona in the Australian Open final in Melbourne – the venue for next year's World Championship Challenge. The American bounced back to win the US Pro Singles, however, against Rob Fahey.

After reaching the quarter-final in Melbourne, RTC's Chris Chapman turned his attention to the all-new British Pro Challenge at Middlesex University. Seeded third, he beat Ben Matthews in a tight 6-5 6-5 6-5 encounter to earn a final berth against Ricardo Smith, who had stunned

everyone by beating hot favourite Bryn Sayers. The Essex man carried that great form into the best-of-13-sets final, outplaying Chris on the first day on his way to a 7-2 win.

Over-40s British Open Singles

Peter Wright brushed all opposition aside with some ease to claim the Over-40 British Open Singles title at Seacourt. His final victim, John Prens, was the only player to win a single game against Peter – but one was all he managed. Ruthless.

World Masters

RTC members were prominent in the UK's assault on the Masters events in the USA in May. David Watson, Simon Barker, Bernard Weatherill and John Ward helped the UK to success in the Cockram (over-50s), Bostwick (over-60s) and Danby (over-70s) Cups. In the individual events, John again took the over-70 title, while David reached the over-50 final before succumbing to Mike Happell.

RTC events

We have recently seen two wonderful events at the club: the King's Goblet (see opposite) and the RTC Summer Barbecue (see photos below). Both were a huge success and a lot of fun.

The King's Goblet again achieved maximum occupancy and the tennis was excellent and entertaining. The whole event was played with a fantastic spirit, of which RTC can be proud.

The barbecue could not have been such a success if it were not for the much-appreciated group of volunteers. The old adage – the more you put in, the more you get out of it – certainly applied. A great amount of effort went into the preparation, and a great night was had by all.

The RTC has a raft of possible events, just not the volunteers to make them happen. If you would like to help with one of the existing activities or help to create a new one, please contact Nick.

• HUGE thanks to an RTC member who would like to remain anonymous, for purchasing on behalf of the club a wonderful new Weber gas barbecue. You know who you are: THANK YOU.

Club rules and etiquette

In the coming months the T&RA will produce a new document laying out the guidelines for the marker and the players of real tennis. The RTC prides itself on exemplifying the expected high levels of sporting conduct and the club and professionals encourage you to:

- Keep hold of your racket at all times – ie do not throw it in a fit of pique
- Do not smash balls aggressively and unnecessarily – this also upsets the pros
- Civil language at all times. Bad language is unnecessary and unacceptable
- Always remain courteous to players and spectators

However, we still encourage passion and a desire to improve and win big matches.

Wood's Words

Head pro Nick Wood on the importance of shot selection

This time I am borrowing a premise from former RTC pro Ben Matthews. By categorising the shots your opponent hits to you as difficult, standard or easy, we can look at the measured responses that would best suit the situation.

Now, whether your opponent hits a good shot, or whether the shot ends up being tricky (a lucky one), the end scenario is the same: you have to deal with a difficult ball. On the other hand, your opponent could hit a great a great shot, miss the target by two inches and end up giving you an easy shot. Both situations require an appropriately disciplined and executed solution.

The standard shot becomes more important the better you become, where a player is unable to play an aggressive shot but simply hits to an effective length and width that doesn't allow any chance to attack. The emphasis of a standard shot is on staying in the rally (not making a mistake) and setting it up to gain the advantage (so that you then can finish the rally with an easy opportunity).

Difficult

If you find yourself in a difficult situation, great care and discipline is recommended. Firstly, lower your expectation of the result – be happy to get the ball back and make your opponent play another ball. This often requires just a simple touch to make the ball return over the net. Not an almighty swish! Give the ball as little pace as you can to allow time to recover

and so that your opponent has to create a winning shot.

Easy

On the easy ball, it is as simple to fluff a shot as it is to hit a winner, so again be disciplined in your approach. Pick your target and execute the stroke; if you have chosen well, the shot needn't have immense cut or pace. Don't forget, a huge majority of points are won on the floor. The floor represents huge winning opportunities.

Standard

Whereas difficult and easy tend to choose themselves, the standard shot allows for a variety of solutions, and this is where a clear game plan helps. For example, if your plan is to work your opponent's backhand, your standard shots are pre-determined for the backhand side of the court.

However, don't forget to use the crosscourt! It may well be to your opponent's forehand, but by using the low part of the net and the longer diagonal (rather than the length) of the court you are able to increase the usable size of the floor area, particularly when hitting from the service end.

Hitting a standard shot crosscourt under the winning gallery is often better than just hoping for a winner at the tambour. You may achieve a winning shot but if your opponent can get it back, their only real option is to return to your forehand, where you'll be waiting, giving you (potentially) an easy shot.



Seelig, farewell...

The club's AGM in May saw the culmination of a remarkable 21-year spell on the RTC Board for David Seelig

David Seelig's service on the RTC Board, which came to an end at the AGM in May, marks something of a modern-day record. David joined the RTC Committee, as it then was, in 1992, from when he served continuously on the committee and its successor for 21 years.

While it is true that General John Arthur Lambert served on the RTC Committee for at least 43 years before leaving in 1887, and many have served for 20 or 30 years since, we need to go back to 1973 to beat David's record, when Lord Aberdare left after 24 years. (All stats taken from David Best's excellent history of the RTC, and thus utterly reliable.)

For a number of years I served on the Board alongside David, during which time he rarely (if ever?) missed a meeting and always contributed positively to the discussion. As most people will know, David undertook a number of tasks, notably organising the



David Seelig receives a gift from the club at the AGM in recognition of his long service

annual Carol Service in the Chapel Royal and the annual Summer Barbecue. He also did much work behind the scenes, such as overseeing cleaning of the premises and acting as the club's health and safety officer. This is not to mention the hours he has put into organising the "stuffing" of envelopes for the despatch of the newsletter and other items. (I found out to my cost what a time-consuming exercise this was when David asked

me to stand in for him and take a number of boxes containing 600 envelopes to his local post office in Claygate, where he had persuaded the postmaster to stick a stamp on each one during his idle moments.)

It is nice to be able to add to the club's thanks to David already given at the AGM.

John Yarnall

☛ *Departing board members: David Seelig, Paddy Sweetnam, Kate Lawrence (left mid-year). New board members: John Halliday, Richard Lawrence, Fraser Shorey.*

RTC Top Ten

Handicaps
July 2013

1	Peter Wright	4.1
2	Charlie Crossley	5.8
3	Dave Harms	7.6
4	David Watson	9.9
5	Tom Freeman	14.6
6	James Watson	15.5
7	Phil Dunn	15.7
8	Simon Barker	16.4
9	James Sohl	16.8
10	Ed Kay	18.6

'Sinister' Top Ten

Left-handers
July 2013

1	Sam Halliday	23.9
2	David Main	24.6
3	Sue Haswell	25.9
4	Alex Rozier-Pamplin	26.8
5	Richard De-Caux	29.0
6	Wayne Beglan	32.4
7	Nicola Doble	32.8
8	Robert Frost (w/h)	34.5
9	Simon Mansfield	37.9
10	Oliver Buckley	38.5

The Royal Tennis Court Newsletter

is published four times a year and the editor would love any contributions from members. Please get in touch if you have any ideas for the autumn issue, either via the professionals or by email at the address below.

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RESULTS

Barker Camm Cup

Grade A, quarter-finals: David Watson beat Phil Dunn 6-4 6-4; Simon Barker beat James Watson 6-5 6-5.

Semi-finals: Charlie Crossley beat D Watson 6-4 2-6 6-3; Peter Wright beat Barker 6-3 6-1.

Harris Watson Trophy

Final: Charlie Crossley & Tom Freeman beat David & James Watson 6-5 6-4.

Lathom Browne Cup

Quarter-finals: Chris Swan beat Chris Bartley 9-7; James Simpson beat Eric Butterworth 9-7; Peter Mather beat David Best 9-1; John Mather beat Larry Furness 9-7. **Semi-finals:** Simpson beat Swan 9-0; P Mather beat J Mather 9-8.

Seal Salver (2011-12)

Final: David Watson beat Michael Seymour 9-5.

King's Goblet handicap doubles

Semi-finals: Peter Brown & Paul Mather beat Dick Cowling & Karen Prottey 7-3; Doris Siedentopf & Rebecca Kashti beat Sue & Matt Haswell 7-5.

Final: Brown & Mather beat Siedentopf & Kashti 5-5 (40-30).

Summer Night Pennant

M Haswell/Levy/Daly	30
Bartley/Dagnall/Lawson-Smith	27
Fox/Buckley/Sheraton-Davis	25
Shorey/Cowling/Leith	25
S Haswell/Saunders/Callaghan	19

Preliminary final: Bartley/Lawson-Smith/Dagnall beat Fox/Saunders (sub)/Sheraton-Davis 9-4. **Final:** M Haswell/Levy/Daly beat Cowling (sub)/Dagnall/Leith (sub) 8-4.

Australian Open (Melbourne)

Semi-finals: Camden Riviere beat Frank Fillipelli 6-2 6-1 6-0; Steve Virgona beat Kieran Booth 6-4 6-4 6-2. **Final:** Virgona beat Riviere 6-1 1-6 6-4 6-2.

US Pro Singles (Newport)

Semi-finals: Rob Fahey beat Steve Virgona 5-6 6-5 6-2 6-4; Camden Riviere beat Bryn Sayers 5-6 6-2 6-5 3-6 6-2. **Final:** Riviere beat Fahey 6-3 6-5 6-2.

British Pro Challenge (Middlesex U)

Semi-finals: Ricardo Smith beat Bryn Sayers 6-5 6-4 1-6 6-4; Chris Chapman beat Ben Matthews 6-5 6-5 6-5. **Final:** Smith beat Chapman 6-2 6-2 6-3 6-2 0-6 6-4 6-3 5-6 6-3.

Ladies' British Open (Seacourt)

Semi-finals: Claire Vigrass beat Penny Lumley 6-0 6-0; Sarah Vigrass beat Freddy Adam 6-3 6-2. **Final:** C Vigrass beat S Vigrass 6-3 6-1.

Ladies' World Championship (Paris)

Semi-finals: Claire Vigrass beat Penny Lumley 6-3 6-0; Sarah Vigrass beat Karen Hird 4-6 6-1 6-3. **Final:** C Vigrass beat S Vigrass 6-4 6-1.

Ladies' US Open (Tuxedo)

Final: Tara Lumley beat Karen Hird 4-6 6-4 6-0.