



WIMBLEDON BREAKFAST AT BERKELEY Sunday, July 3 What time? Ten-ish

At this traditional Berkeley gathering for members, we will be “serving” bagels, strawberries & cream, juice and coffee courtside on the patio.

Play some tennis, have a bagel with a shmear and watch the matches!

SHARON’S SIDELINES

We are at the end of June already! It seems like yesterday that we opened the club, and with all the rain we have had it still feels like the beginning of the season. Let me tell you what’s going on and what lies ahead:

On behalf of the Board and the general membership I want to thank Roz & Stewart Brown for their gift of the plaque that shows the champions that have played here over the years. An impressive group of players; next time you are at the club take a look.



A few housekeeping reminders. Don’t forget to buy **GUEST PASSES** either by the book or individually. Please contact Beth Teitel at bethteitel@gmail.com. This is a simple way for you to save some money and add a few dollars into the Club’s coffers.

On the same note please remember that we are not in the habit of allowing guests to play for free. . .If you see someone you do not know, as a member owner, you should ask them who they are with and be sure that a guest fee been put in the little gray book.

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A GIFT FROM BERKELEY TO YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. . .

After July 15, those who have never been a member at Berkeley can join, for the remainder of the season, for only \$275 plus tax. That gives you almost four months of tennis—a sweet deal to play on the clay!

Get the word out and help increase our membership count so we can grow towards tomorrow !

MORE INFO: Contact membership chair Robin Bohan @ 973-202-6796 or rbohan@optonline.net

2011 MEN’S TENNIS TEAM

Turn to page 3 to see photos and read Bernard Jones’ exciting saga, “**A Season to Remember,**” about our Men’s Tennis Team. The full text is available on our website, www.berkeleytennis.com.

Men’s Tennis Team Members:

- Mike Chlopak
- Bobby Cunningham
- Tom Edwards
- Art Fredman
- Hal Garwin
- George Hrab
- Bernie Jones
- Alan Kane
- Simon Locke
- Charles Smith
- Bob Teitelman
- Mike Winds
- Bob Zeckhauser



2011 WOMEN’S TENNIS TEAM

Cheers to the Berkeley Women's team! Last week was the final match at home. After all the tallying, Berkeley remained in **FIRST PLACE** with a 21-11 record. Three clubs were tied for 2nd place. In our league the top two teams move up to the next series. We were clearly the top team week after week, so we had no worries. We will be moving up to Series 9 next year.

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SHARON'S SIDELINES, continued from page 1

We hold many **OPEN HOUSES** to encourage new membership, something we must do this year especially. Everything we hope to accomplish relies on having not only a broad membership base, but also new members to go forward with us to help build on what we have. We need new members this year to help meet our budget needs and to help repay those who have helped us out in the past year. We are all responsible to make sure that our future is solid. We are all *member/owners* at Berkeley and therefore we are all responsible for doing a little more than just coming to play on our beautiful clay courts.

When I ask you to join a committee or to help at a membership/open house, think of it as your job for the moment. We are in need of help at our open houses so please contact Robin Bohan at rbohan@optonline.net to offer your assistance.

Also this year for the first time we are installing a fundraising committee. We could certainly use a great deal of help here, not only with creating ideas but with implementing them as well.

I know that we are all busy people, and I know that I rely on the Board for a great many of these jobs, but it's time for more people to "step up to the court," so to speak, and lend a hand with the day to day projects that come up. You all know how wonderful a club we are; now we need your help to keep it that way.

A preview of what's coming this season:

- **MOVIES AT THE BERKELEY CINEMA** will be done again by Dickie Ellis. We had such a good turnout last year and are hoping you will make it your evening out this year as well.
- **JUST SHOW UP! OUR NEW MONDAY MORNING ROUND ROBIN** runs from 8:30 am—11:00 am. Please come and play for as long as you wish. Thanks to Marcia Weisslitz for organizing.
- **JUST SHOW UP! HEAVY HITTERS** is underway on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm.

- The **BERKELEY TENNIS LADDER** is being set up by Tom Edwards
- We will once again under the brilliant direction of Peter Kean have our **CLUB TOURNAMENT** at the end of the season.

More on these events to come! Have fun, everyone, and see you on the courts!

Sharon

**2011 WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM,
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Co-Captains Robin Bohan and Robin Blackburn-Ellis steered the team with 13 players including: Katherine Benfer, Gloria Bryant, Judy Gold, Lois Kay, Kimberly Maier, Elizabeth Neill, Kathy Penniman Nickelsen, Sharon Selenfriend, Lila Silverman, Marsha Weisslitz & Ruth Zowader.

Big thanks to JB who gave us strategies to work on in our clinics. Also, thanks to Art Fredman for his generous donation of Berkeley Tennis Club hats for the Women's and Men's team members.

Congratulations to the Women's Team!

**IMPROVE YOUR
GAME AND HAVE
FUN AT THE SAME
TIME!**

Our pro, JB Kittio, offers a variety of lessons and clinics. Talk to him at the Club, call him at 973 493-4520 or email him at jb@ancientformula.net.



**2011 BERKELEY MEN'S TEAM
A SEASON TO REMEMBER
by Bernard Jones**

Kudos to Hal Garwin for stepping up and filling in for George Hrab.

Week #2:

Definitely the lowest point of the season for us. We traveled to Chatham Fish and Game, and it was, in a word, "rough." We went into the match with a few forfeits and needed to try to pick up at least 2 wins to even things out. With the loud roar of lawn

mowers, the usual calm of a Saturday morning was not to be. Tom Edwards and I lost at 2nd Doubles in a 3rd set "super-tiebreaker, while Mike and Alan lost a heartbreaker at 1st Doubles. The one bright spot that day was the addition of Charles Smith to our team at 1st singles. Charles came through for us in a big way with a workmen-like 6-2, 6-2 win. We departed Chatham with a 1-4 loss.

Week #3:

At this point in the season, we have a grand total of 3 wins and sit tied for last place with Short Hills and Orange Lawn. Well, I thought, we still have 5 more matches, and it's not too late to climb out of last place and make a run here. I know we have great players on our team, so it was now time for us to make things happen. Boy did we ever. *Week #3 proved to be the start of a historic 4 week run where we never*

looked back. Week #3 found us back for some "home-cooking" versus Copper Springs. We came out the day "guns-a-blazing and destroyed them 5-0. MVP awards were to be had by the entire team. Charles Smith was solid once again at 1st singles, while newcomer Simon Locke blitzed his opponent at 2nd singles, 6-0, 6-0. Mike and Alan bounced back at 1st doubles with a quick win. Bob Teitelman and I won rather routinely at 2nd Doubles while Bob Zeckhauser and Mike Chlopak put so much fear in their opponents that Bob and Mike ended up winning by default. Week #3 proved to be the start of an awesome run for us. *The 5-0 win puts us squarely back into the thick of things regarding our division.*

As proud captain of our 2011 Berkeley Men's Team, I am excited to have been part of this wonderful season, a "Season to Remember!" The 2011 campaign for our Men's Team was truly a successful and exciting one. A big "Hats Off" to all the guys who stepped up and gave their hearts and souls for our team.

Back before Berkeley opened for the season, I was approached by our President, Sharon Selenfriend. Sharon asked if I would like to take the reins and serve as captain of our Men's Team. Of course, my first thoughts had me hark back to when I served as captain a number of years ago. I remembered how difficult that experience was, despite the fact that playing on the team was quite fun. Funny but everything is wonderful when you are out on the court playing, but as captain, all the hard work and agonizing time is spend "coordinating" the matches. It took a few days for me to come to a final decision, but I eventually called Sharon back to let her know that I accepted the challenge, and, as they say, "the rest is history!"

I'd like to share with you highlights from the 2011 season as we prepare for our final match on Saturday, June 25. Here is a brief week-by-week recap:

Week #1:

We began our season at home and of course I was nervous. I wanted to have us get off to a great start. We played well, but lost 2-3 to Summit D. Our 1st and 3rd Doubles teams came up with big wins that day, Mike Winds and Alan Kane at 1st Doubles and Hal Garwin and Tom Edwards at 3rd Doubles.



Alan Kane & Mike Winds



Hal Garwin & Tom Edwards



Week #4:

We found ourselves on the road to the historic Orange Lawn Club in South Orange. Simon and Charles came up big for us once again at singles with convincing wins. With big Mike Chlopak away for the weekend, Bob Zeckhauser was paired with George Hrab and the pair took care of business at 2nd Doubles. I had the pleasure to be paired with Bobby Cunningham at 3rd Doubles and we did not disappoint with a relative easy win. The “Match of the Day” was at 1st Doubles. Mike and Alan were down 1-4 in the 1st set and things looked grim. These two warriors dug deep and pulled out the match in 3 sets. So for the 2nd week in a row, our Berkeley Men’s Team walked away with a 5 – 0 rout. *The 5-0 win keeps us near the top of the standings. We are currently in 2nd place, until we learn what Chatham F & G did over the weekend.*



Mike Chlopak & Bob Zeckhauser

Week #6:

Week #6 had us scheduled to play Beacon Hill at home, but the rains washed away the weekend for us. After going 16-0 the last 4 weeks, I guess the only thing that could slow down the “Berkeley Express” would be the weather. The match would be rescheduled to take place on Saturday, June 25 which is after the final week of the regular season.

Week #7:

With 1st place all that’s on our minds, we traveled to Short Hills looking to play well and win the match. Bob Teitelman came through on the same court he had a victory on last year while Mike Winds and I played 1st Doubles and won handily. Alan Kane played at 1st singles and sustained a hamstring pull after being up

4-1, in the 1st set. To round out the match, Bob and Mike prevailed with an easy 6-0, 6-1 victory at 3rd doubles. Berkeley now had its 4 match win in a row and we found ourselves 3 points out of 1st place.

Week #5:

Back home in week #5 to meet Canoe Brook. At this point the team was “flying high” after two straight 5 – 0 victories. I know that we were hungry for more, and went from last place to now challenging for 1st place in our division. If our team places either 1st or 2nd in the division, we would be eligible to move up to the “F” Division for next year. This was a team objective since the start of the season. We now see our objective within our sights. *The 5-0 win keeps us at 2nd place and hopefully inches us closed to Chatham F & G for 1st place, although we are running out of weeks, only two matches remain.*



Charles Smith & Bob Teitelman

Final Thoughts:

The current/final standings for the “G” Division can be seen at www.njtl.org/njtl2011standings.html. While we fell short of grabbing 1st place, we made our Berkeley Club proud by coming in 2nd place and becoming eligible to move up to the next division for 2012.

What an awesome season and what a great experience to be around a group of great guys. We will have a celebration on Saturday, July 25. I can’t think of a better “**Season to Remember!**”