

# Catford Wanderers Tennis Club

## Finals Day 2010



**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010**  
**12:00pm**

### WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

"It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone – club members and visitors – to Tennis Finals Day at Catford Wanderers Sports Club. A special welcome also to Mayor Steve Bullock, who is taking time out from Lewisham People's Day to be with us this afternoon.

Catford Wanderers has a long history as a sports club, going back to the formation of the cricket club in 1906. The tennis club – the only tennis club in the Borough of Lewisham – can trace its origins back to 1914, and in the last 96 years has collected no fewer than 42 Kent titles and 24 North Kent titles. The club remains extremely active in these leagues, currently fielding four men's teams, three ladies teams, two mixed teams and two vets sides. Today's Finals Day looks set to live up to this exciting history, with a number of intriguing clashes - notably Angela Rezki, appearing in the Mixed Doubles, aiming to collect a club record 28th title.

A big thank you to Dean Smith and Simon Qureshi, who have organised this year's tournament, and to all of today's umpires and ball boys/girls. Finally, thanks to those of you visiting the club for the first time; the presence of an audience is a big part of Finals Day, and I know the players appreciate your support. Hopefully the tennis on show will inspire some of you - adults and juniors - to join Catford Wanderers. We welcome members of all standards, and whether you are interested in league tennis or social tennis we would be delighted to have you join us."



**Steven Le Comber**  
**Chairman, Tennis Section**

## ORDER OF PLAY

**11:45** Tournament Opening Ceremony and Welcome

**12:00 COURT 3** - Ladies Singles Final

**Claudia DeSOUZA vs Kathy ALDRIDGE**

Umpire: Angela REZKI

**12:00 COURT 4** - Junior Singles Final

**Thomas ALLEN vs Rachel LeCOMBER**

Umpire: Steve Roberts

**13:00 COURT 3** - Mens Singles Final

**Adam CHAPMAN vs Raphael URBANI**

Umpire: Denis Costello

**13:00 COURT 4** - Vets Doubles

**S ROBERTS/A HELLIER vs D ELKINS/J ALLEN**

Umpire: Brian Grey

**14:00 COURT 3** - Ladies Doubles

**K ALDRIDGE/S JAMES vs J MARTIN/J QURESHI**

Umpire: Sue RICE-VINE

**14:30 COURT 4** - Mens Doubles Final

**N SMITH/A CHAPMAN vs R URBANI/C GILBERT**

Umpire Steve Hubbard

**15:00 COURT 3** - Vets Singles Final

**Andy HELLIER vs Steve ROBERTS**

Umpire: Val O'Brien

**16:00 COURT 3** - Mixed Doubles Final

**A CHAPMAN/J McCALLUM vs N SMITH/A REZKI**

Umpire: Raphael Urbani

**17:30** Tournament Close

## EVENING ORDER OF PLAY

**19:30** BBQ (REMEMBER: Bring your own food to cook on the Bri **BUT ALSO BRING SOME FOOD TO SHARE PLEASE!** Don't just give £2.00 and rely on others. It's not hard to make or buy something that everyone can share.

**20:30** Music To Eat To - Courtesy of Dean's Got DJ Talent

**21:00** Presentation Ceremony

**21:30** D.I.S.C.O. - again, thanks to the Deafening Noise of Dean and his Decks

**00:00** Evening Close and time to book and get in cabs.....did someone mention The Ministry?!

### THANK YOU

Our deepest thanks go to:

- **YOU THE MEMBERS** (without you no club – simple!)
- **THE NON-MEMBERS** who come to the day anyway (you all know who you are and it is great that you have joined us)
- Our Sponsors (erm....there weren't any!)
- Our Umpires (as previously listed)
- Our Ball Boys and Ball Girls (**Thomas Allen, Leo McCallum & Rachel Gould**)
- **Val Elkins** (for keeping the bar open long after she planned to!)
- Our Pimms and Strawberries & Cream Organisers
- Our Groundspeople (Both official and unofficial)
- Dean's Mate (for letting us borrow the Disco stuff)
- Simon's Mate (for letting us borrow the PA)
- Anyone else who isn't in the list who thinks they should be!



## **PLAYER PROFILES**

Here you'll see snippets of some of our finalists profiles and what it means to them to be playing at Catford.



### **Kathy Aldridge**

'Having won 8 Tournament Titles in 6 years, I'm going for the Ladies Singles Club Record of 4 in a row, gonna be my toughest match so far as I'm playing a well tricky opponent: The Queen of the Slice, my good friend Claudia. So bring the challenge on England v Brazil here we come!'

### **Adam Chapman**

Adam has been a member of the club for over 10 years – man and boy! He's recently finished at the University of Birmingham having got his Law Degree.



### **Highlights:**

He was the youngest finalist in the Mens Doubles competition aged only 15 – he lost to Steve Roberts and Mark Smith!

Adam has won 2 Mens Doubles and 3 Mixed Doubles. Could this be the year that he takes the Mens Singles too? In the past he has lost this one 3 times!!

### **Chris Gilbert**

'I have been a member of Catford Wanderers since the age of 8, joining with my Dad and my sister. Since then I've been playing regularly for the Mens and Mixed teams over the years and have most recently captained the Mens 1 team throughout the past two seasons.'

### **Highlights:**

'Career highlights include playing the Junior Doubles Final with Dean Smith (he'll know what I'm referring to...) and winning Most Improved Player a VERY long time ago...!'



### **Stephanie James**

'I came relatively late to tennis, having enjoyed a school career of athletics, netball and hockey. It was the constant runs to Homebase which inspired me to try out tennis and I quickly became the most famous protégé of Steve Doyle, the then long-time coach.'

### **Highlights:**

'I joined the club in 2002 and won the Ladies Handicapped Tournament that year, only to be given a handicap of -40 ever since so there's no danger of me winning it ever again.

I have been Singles Runner-Up twice and Mixed Doubles Runner-Up. I am the current holder of the Pimms.

I've always dreamt of winning the Catford Ladies doubles championships ever since I visited the hallowed ground of Homebase.'



### **Rachel Le Comber**

Rachel Le Comber is 12 and a pupil at Prendergast Hilly Fields College.

### **Highlights:**

This is her first season competing at Catford, and she has already represented the club in Ladies 3, Mixed 2 and Mixed 1. She also plays at Park Langley and Bromley Tennis Academy and is currently rated 20th in the county in the 14 and under girls.

### **Jane Martin**

Jane and Eamon have been members of the club for approx 23 years and so have seen many comings and goings. From Jane: 'I would say that in terms of women players we are in a very strong position as during the early 90s there was only a few of us and so I would quite often be in the Womens Doubles finals! (sadly always on the losing side) Anyway that brings me back to this year and how me and Jayne are in the final! Our road has been very short with winning one match and then getting a bye due to Janice's eye injury. However we will give it our best shot and having recently been seen to put some volleys away you never know what could happen!!!'

### **Julia McCallum**

Julia joined Catford Wanderers in 2000 and proceeded to win the Pimms that year. She says: 'I can't remember what I've won since then - Ladies Doubles with Lisa Lowe back in 2001 (or thereabouts!), Ladies Singles we think in 2001 and then the Mixed with Adam last year.'



### **Highlights:**

In 1981 she became the 8 year old champion of East Region Short tennis Championships. A star in the making? Then in 1984 Julia became Seeded No. 1 in Under 12's Cambridge County Tennis Team (she had County Coaching under Sue Rich for a number of years - from 1981 until 1988).

She was Captain of University of Sussex Tennis Team from 1991-1994.

### **Jayne Qureshi**

'I have played at the club for 3 years. This is my first Final. I Captain Ladies 3 with, so far, no success at all.'



### **Highlights:**

'Winning the Larry Logan trophy in 2009 (nothing to do with playing tennis that)

Playing for the Mens Over 70's team (lost that one too...)

My stunning coffee walnut cake (unless you happen to be allergic to nuts...)'

### **Angela Rezki**

Angela joined Catford in 1982 and used to be Head of PE at a school in Blackheath.

### **Highlights:**

Angela has won so many titles at the club that she is unable to fully remember! Either that or she's getting old!!!! She even won a Mixed Doubles title with Mr Denis Costello until she traded him in for a younger model!

She has done the treble 3 times.

One of her most memorable and proudest finals was partnering Jess in the ladies doubles even though



they lost!!!!

She needs that one more title to equal the club all time record would be 28.



### **Steve Roberts**

'Began playing competitive tennis 14 years ago whilst coaching at Coombe Wood LTC in Surrey; after early retirement from PE teaching due to rheumatoid arthritis.'

### **Highlights:**

'Been a member at Catford for 8 years, competing for various teams and appearing in all Finals days.

Graduated kicking and screaming to Vets Tennis now and have to play with other grumpy old men. I feel quite at home there now!!!'

## **REFRESHMENTS**

Don't forget that you can get refreshments from our volunteers selling Pimms, Strawberries & Cream, Ice Cream, Tea & Coffee, Beers & Spirits, Cakes, Biscuits - the list is almost ENDLESS!!

- **Tea & Coffee**

Price: 50p for an unlimited amount

- **Pimms**

Price: Per Jug (6 Glasses): £12.00  
Per Glass: £2.30

- **Strawberries & Cream**

Price: £1.50 per portion

- **Ice Cream**

Price: £1.00 per cone