



REAL TENNIS

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2012

THE QUEEN'S CLUB, LONDON
24th – 28th APRIL 2012



TICKET APPLICATION BOOKLET

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WELCOME

TO THE REAL TENNIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2012



I am delighted that the 2012 Real Tennis World Championship will be hosted at The Queen's Club, London, from 24th – 28th April 2012. Queen's is London's premier private members tennis club, which hosts the AEGON Championships in June each year. The World Championship will be sponsored by Neptune Investment Management, the Tennis & Rackets Association's lead sponsor.

The Challenge will see the defending World Champion, Robert Fahey, take on the winner from the Eliminator series of matches involving the next four best players in the world. With the largest ever prize fund at stake (£80,000), plus the acclaim of taking the title from the most successful World Champion of all time, this is a sensational event not to be missed!

The Championship Court at Queen's has been totally overhauled, new lighting installed and the Upper Gallery has been renovated to accommodate more spectators with excellent viewing of the court.

Over the following pages we have summarised the three days of the challenge and the social events which populate the week and their associated costs. If you would like tickets, please complete the ticket application form and return this to Tessa Blazey (contact details below). No payment will be taken at this time, this is solely to gauge interest and allocate tickets.

I look forward to a memorable tournament in April 2012 and hope to see as many of you join us from all over the world as possible!



Bernard Anscomb
Chairman
Real Tennis World Championship 2012 Committee

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SCHEDULE

REAL TENNIS SESSIONS

Over the course of the week, a series of sets will be played on Tuesday 24th April (four sets), Thursday 26th April (four sets) and Saturday 28th April 2012 (up to five sets). The winner is the first player to win seven sets. Ticket prices can be found in the application form on page 8.

Tuesday 24th April 2012

The first World Championship Challenge session commences at 6.30pm at The Queen's Club. Four sets will be played.

- **Ticket price includes:**
 - Pre-match drinks from 5.30pm in the President's Room
 - A Tennis & Rackets Association hosted canapés and drink reception in the President's Room at the conclusion of the match (approximately 9pm – 11pm)

Thursday 26th April 2012

The second World Championship Challenge session commences at 6.30pm at Queen's. Up to four sets will be played.

- **Ticket price includes:**
 - Pre-match drinks from 5.30pm in the President's Room
 - A Queen's Club hosted canapés and drink reception in the President's Room at the conclusion of the match (approximately 9pm - 11pm)

Saturday 28th April 2012

The final World Championship Challenge session commences at 2.30pm at Queen's. Up to five sets will be played and will continue until one player has won seven sets.

- A cash buffet lunch will be available from 12 noon to 2pm in the President's Room



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SOCIAL EVENTS

The week is not all work and no play. We have put together a comprehensive calendar of events including amateur tennis, a black tie dinner, a golf day and a theatre trip, so there is plenty to keep you entertained, especially if you are visiting us from overseas! Ticket prices can be found in the application form on page 9.

Monday 23rd April – Friday 27th April 2012

Handicap Doubles Tournament

During the Challenge Week there will be a Handicap Doubles Tournament organised at The Queen's Club. The format of the tournament will be a round robin competition that guarantees each pair a minimum of three matches, with the top two pairs from each group progressing to a knock-out tournament of two to three rounds, culminating in the final on Friday 27th April.

The winning pair will receive a commemorative trophy and prizes, to be presented at the Gala Dinner at the Queen's Club on Saturday 28th April.

The Draw for the Round Robin competition, including allocation of courts and start times will take place at least two weeks prior to the Challenge Week.

Wednesday 25th April 2012

Pro-Am Tournament

A number of top Tennis Professionals will participate in a Pro-Am Tournament on Wednesday 25th April at the Queen's Club. The format will be four round-robin groups of three pairs each, so that each pair is guaranteed a minimum of two matches. The winning pair from each group will progress to a knock-out competition. The day will commence at 8am and conclude at approximately 6pm.

The winning player will receive a special chalice to be presented at the Gala Dinner at Queen's Club on Saturday 28th April.

Entry for the Pro-Am will be strictly by first application, and will be limited to the first 16 entrants.

- **Ticket price includes:**
 - Coffee with French and Danish delicacies on arrival at 8am
 - Buffet lunch from 12 noon onwards in the Real Tennis Museum
 - A World Championship commemorative polo shirt

Golf Afternoon

Enjoy a round of golf at St Georges Golf Club. Registration and lunch will be at 12.30pm with tee-off from approximately 1.45pm. The afternoon will conclude at around 6pm.

- **Ticket price includes:**
 - Three course carvery lunch
 - One round of golf

Mid Challenge Dinner

Join us for the first World Championship Dinner where Robert Fahey and his Challenger will be in attendance. The dinner will be held at the Royal Automobile Club, one of London's finest private member's clubs and best kept secrets! The dinner will commence at 7.30pm with carriages around 11.30pm.

- **Ticket price includes:**
 - Champagne reception
 - A three course dinner
 - Complimentary wine and soft drinks
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Friday 27th April 2012

The Royal National Theatre

Come to the National Theatre on London's bustling South Bank on Friday evening and choose from one of three current productions. Before the show, you will have an exclusive backstage tour of the National Theatre, followed by food and drinks. The evening will commence from 5pm and conclude around 10.30pm. The dress code will be casual.

- **Ticket price includes:**
 - Private backstage tour of the National Theatre
 - Food and drinks
 - Top priced seats to the show of your choice
 - Souvenir programme
-

Saturday 28th April 2012

World Championship Dinner

You can expect a fantastic evening of delicious food, fine wine and good company in the President's Room at Queen's for our World Championship dinner. This is an occasion not to miss. The dinner will commence at 7.30pm with carriages around 11.30pm.

- **Ticket price includes:**
 - Champagne reception
 - A four course dinner
 - Complimentary wine, port and soft drinks
 - A commemorative gift
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GUIDANCE NOTES

FOR THE TICKET APPLICATION FORM

Please note that this ticket application form is an **expression of interest only**. You are not being asked to make any payment at this time. We will do all we can to give people their first preference, however to ensure that we can fairly allocate tickets and allow for our international visitors, as well as sponsors, we need to hold confirmation of final ticket allocation until closer to the event.

In the event of the three days of match ticket applications being oversubscribed, there will be a public ballot of at least 25% of the seating available.

Spectator Areas

Dedans

The best viewing in the house seated in the Dedans

Side Galleries

Two rows of seats (front and back) overlooking the side of the Court

Upper Gallery

Standing positions looking down upon the Court

Streaming

Seats in the Club Restaurant in The Queen's Club where the sessions will be streamed real-time onto a large plasma screen.

Ticket Preferences

On the ticket application form itself, please indicate your seating area preference with 1 being your first choice and 6 being your last choice.

For example: if you would like side gallery (front) tickets, please add the number of tickets you require and 1 for preference. If you would be happy to accept seats in the upper gallery or streaming room, then just add a 2 or 3 to the preference column. If we cannot give your first choice, then we will advise on other options.

Front Row Dedans - Auction

For the very best seats in the house there will be an auction where applicants can bid a minimum of £1,500 for the front row Dedans seats. Applicant's who bid the most will be given these seats (note they will have a seat for all three sessions). There are just five seats available and applicants may bid for up to all five. We will contact any applicant who applies for the auction to discuss further. Good luck!

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YOUR DETAILS

Title	
Name	
Address	
Postcode/Zip code	
Daytime telephone number	
Mobile phone number	
Email address	
Queen's Club Members Account number	

Payment Details

Please tick one of the following:

- I would like to pay via BACS/IBAN transfer (we will send you the payment details)
- I would like to pay via credit/debit card (please complete the details below)
- I am a Queen's Club Member and would like the amount billed to my Members Account (please add your account number to the section above)

For credit/debit card payments

Name on card	
Type of card (Visa, Mastercard, no charge cards accepted)	
Card number	
Expiry date	
CCV number (last 3 digits on reverse of card)	

Payment Terms

- Please do not send any payments with this application form.** We will confirm to you what tickets you have been allocated and confirm the final payment amount. The credit/debit card details will be held on file and the amount confirmed to you before payment is taken.
- All tickets must be paid for in advance of the event once seating has been allocated in early February 2012 by BACS/IBAN, credit/debit card or by charging your Queen's Club Members Account.
- Cancellations with full refund will be accepted up to 12 noon on Friday 17 March 2012. No refund will be provided for cancellations received after this time.

Please send your completed form by post or email to:

Post: Tessa Blazey
Real Tennis World Championship
C/O The Queen's Club
Palliser Road
London W14 9EQ
United Kingdom

Email: worldchampionship2012@queensclub.co.uk

TICKET APPLICATION FORM

SPECTATOR TICKETS

Tuesday 24th, Thursday 26th and Saturday 28th April 2012

Area	Price	No. of tickets required <small>(only 5 seats available)</small>	Preference <small>(please mark 1-6 as your order of preference on seating request)</small>	Sub-total amount (£)
Dedans Front Row	Minimum offers of £1,500			
Total				£

Tuesday 24th April 2012

Area	Price	No. of tickets required	Preference <small>(please mark 1-6 as your order of preference on seating request)</small>	Sub-total amount (£)
Dedans	£300			
Side Gallery (front)	£150			
Side Gallery (back)	£120			
Upper Gallery	£75			
Streaming	£50			
Total				£

Thursday 26th April 2012

Area	Price	No. of tickets required	Preference <small>(please mark 1-6 as your order of preference on seating request)</small>	Sub-total amount (£)
Dedans	£300			
Side Gallery (front)	£150			
Side Gallery (back)	£120			
Upper Gallery	£75			
Streaming	£50			
Total				£

Saturday 28th April 2012

Area	Price	No. of tickets required	Preference <small>(please mark 1-6 as your order of preference on seating request)</small>	Sub-total amount (£)
Dedans	£250			
Side Gallery (front)	£100			
Side Gallery (back)	£80			
Upper Gallery	£50			
Streaming	£30			
Total				£

- Tickets include VAT at 20%
- Please refer to page 4 of this booklet for what is included in the ticket price and page 6 for further details on the auction

TOTAL (£) FOR SPECTATOR TICKETS £ _____

TICKET APPLICATION FORM

SOCIAL EVENTS & COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE

Date	Event	Price	No. of tickets required	Guest's/Partner's name(s)	Sub-total (£)
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th April ¹	Amateur Doubles Tournament	£50 (per pair)		Please find me a partner / my partner's name is _____ ²	
Wednesday 25th April	Pro-Am Tournament	£350			
	Golf Day	£125			
	Mid Challenge Dinner ³	£100			
Friday 27th April	National Theatre Evening	£130			
Saturday 28th April	World Championship Dinner ³	£125			
Total					£

A limited edition of bespoke World Championship merchandise is available to purchase



Item	Price	Size	Quantity	Sub-total (£)
Short sleeve polo-shirt (available in S/M/L/XL)	£45			
Baseball cap (one-size)	£25			
Limited edition Real Tennis racket	£250			
Limited edition A2 poster	£25			
Total				£ ⁴

TOTAL COST OF SPECTATOR, SOCIAL TICKETS & COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE £ _____

Additional comments/requests

¹ Please advise if you can play on Monday 23rd April in the box above

² Delete and complete as appropriate

³ Please advise whether you would like us to allocate you to a table or whether you would like to organise your own table if you are coming as part of a group in the box above

⁴ Postage may incur an additional charge

THE ELIMINATORS

The right to play the defending World Champion in the challenge round happens over a two year period via the World Championship Race. The race to challenge for 2012 closed at the conclusion of the US National in early December.

Most top level tournaments have world ranking points. The contestants obtain world ranking points on a continuous basis and these points are collated at the start of a new race period to form the World Race ladder. This cycle works on a two year basis. The last world championship was in May 2010 and the race cycle started for the 2012 challenge in January 2010. Similarly, a new race cycle will start in January 2012 for the 2014 challenge.

The four players behind the World No.1 player have the right to enter a series of Eliminators for the opportunity to play the World Champion. Three of these players have entered the eliminators for 2012, but Camden Riviere has declined as his injury is still not healed and for his long-term longevity in the game he has chosen not to play. Steve Virgona as the highest ranked player gets a bye into the Final Eliminator and waits for the winner between Bryn Sayers and Ben Matthews.

The three players to have qualified for the Eliminators are:



Steve Virgona
World No.2



Bryn Sayers
World No.4



Ben Matthews
World No.5



Robert Fahey
Reigning World Champion



FURTHER INFORMATION

Venue

The Queen's Club
Palliser Road
London W14 9EQ
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Nearest underground station: Barons Court
Parking: limited parking is available

Hotels

We have negotiated a series of preferential hotel rates for our guests during the championship.

Novotel London West

A modern four star hotel complete with fitness suite, a beauty salon and Wi-fi access located in Hammersmith, located just 10 minutes' walk from The Queen's Club. Rates from £120 a night based on double occupancy, including taxes (subject to availability)

a: One Shortlands, London, W6 8DR
w: www.novotellondonwest.co.uk

To book this hotel, please email us and we will send you the booking procedure and corporate rates code.

Radisson Hotel Group

The Queen's Club holds a special rate, which is approximately 50% off the normal rates, for all Queen's Club Members and their guests to enjoy when booking accommodation at The Radisson Edwardian Hotels Group in London. The following hotels are included in the scheme:

- Vanderbilt Hotel (Kensington)
- The May Fair Hotel (Green Park)
- The Bloomsbury Street Hotel (Soho)
- The Hampshire Hotel (Leicester Square)
- Heathrow Hotel (Heathrow Airport)

To book, please use the following link
www.radissonedwardian.com/queens

Millenium Chelsea Hotel

This popular London four star hotel is nestled in Chelsea; with the Kings Road just a stone's throw away. The contemporary hotel offers state-of-the-art conference facilities, chic restaurants and bars including Marco by Marco Pierre White and Frankie's Sports Bar & Grill. We are able to offer a room only rate from £120 (ex VAT), subject to availability of a Copthorne Room (standard). Breakfast would be a £10 supplement. If required, an upgrade could be provided to The Millenium Hotel, Gloucester Road for a supplement of £30.

To book this hotel, please email us and we will send you the booking procedure.

MORE INFORMATION:

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2 PLAYERS

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