

# NET NEWS

Penn State Tennis Center

Pennsylvania State University

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Dear Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful summer weather. We have been very busy at the tennis center with tournaments, junior development and a lot of tennis playing in general. As many of you already know, we have put team tennis on hold until September. After talking with the executive committee and the team tennis captains, it was agreed that waiting until September would hopefully make team tennis sign-ups larger than it currently is. Those of you who already have signed up need not sign up again. If you have not signed up yet and would like to play, please sign up in the pro shop. Team tennis has been reduced to \$20. If you have already paid, we will refund you \$10. Almost as good as the President giving us some of our hard earned money back!

As of July 1, 2001, the Sarni Tennis Center has come under the management of the Penn State Tennis Center. We are very excited to have the opportunity to manage and program the Sarni Center for our members. Beginning immediately, the Sarni Center will be open every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm for member play. Along with the addition of the Sarni Center comes additional expenses. Your executive committee and myself met to discuss a number of different options on how to cover these additional expenses. It was decided that an across the board \$15 membership increase would be implemented. This recommenda-

tion was passed up the Penn State ladder where it was approved. Effective August 1, 2001, all membership renewals will reflect this increase. If there are any questions concerning this membership increase, please give me a call or stop by my office.

I am very pleased to announce that renovations are set to start on the indoor courts the first week of August. All of the rips, tears and holes throughout the facility will be repaired. Speaking of indoor courts, our proposal to enclose the six outdoor hard courts has been turned down. Unfortunately, a facility of this type does not meet University standards. So, for the foreseeable future, we will have to do the best we can with four indoor courts.

Also, in this months newsletter you will find the entry blank for the August Grand Prix, a letter from Jack Rayman on his trip to Wimbledon and a note from Joan Nessler concerning the upcoming U.S. Open trip.

Take care and have a wonderful Summer!!

Regards,

Eric Dove

# Ten Good Reasons You Should Go To Wimbledon

By Jack Rayman

On June 15th I had not even given Wimbledon a thought. Then on June 17th a friend of mine (who doesn't even play tennis) called and asked if I'd like to go to Wimbledon. I replied that I'd give it some thought. He sweetened the pot a bit by offering that we could stay in his daughter's flat in Wimbledon Village just a few blocks from the Tennis Complex. I was intrigued. I knew that I had accumulated a bundle of frequent flyer miles. The free flight together with free accommodations made the trip look and sound even more intriguing. I got on the web and quickly found out that I was too late to secure advanced tickets, but not-to-worry, the British in their inimitable way save several thousand tickets each day of the Championships for those hardy souls who are willing to "queue" up for them. So, I thought, "What do I have to lose?" I booked a plane ticket, told my friend that I'd be staying with him and his daughter in her flat from June 27th to July 4th and the rest is tennis history. Here are the ten reasons you too should go to Wimbledon:

1. Because even though you've gone to the U.S. Open many times and seen all the big-name players, Wimbledon is infinitely more civilized and it really is, as the British say, "*The* Championships."
2. It's good to be in the "Mother Country" on the 4th of July. You can strut your stuff and thumb your nose at the Brits like an arrogant adolescent (which pretty much meets their expectations of those of us from the colonies!)
3. Where else can you see world-class tennis played "Upon the Lawns of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club?"
4. The British have elevated the act of standing in line to wait for tickets (queuing) to a high art form. When you arrive at the queue as I did at 4:30 am each day you receive a 12-page brochure that describes in exquisite detail the finer points of queuing. It is really altogether quite civilized.
5. Where the U.S. Open is big, bold, brassy, and hard-edged; Wimbledon is proper, soft, intimate, and ever so polite.
6. Where the U.S. Open is Hotdogs and beer; Wimbledon is Champaign, Strawberries and Cream.
7. Grass, Grass, Grass.

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## Ten Reasons Continued...

8. You can't see the monument to Fred Perry anywhere else.
9. Tickets to the grounds are only 12 Pounds which depending on the exchange rate is approximately \$18.00 per day. Where else can you see great tennis played on bad grass, eat a diminutive bowl of strawberries and cream for \$4.50, and catch a passing glimpse of the Duchess of Kent.
10. At the French Open the officials treat the players like Gods; at Wimbledon the officials treat the players like the spoiled, rich brats that many of them are. It made me as a fan feel pretty special!

When I got to London's Heathrow Airport, I took the train to Wimbledon Station and then enjoyed the best week of tennis in my life, though I must admit to you that my friend's flat turned out to be more than a mile from the Tennis Complex! There really is no good reason why you shouldn't go to Wimbledon next year. If you want to know more, give me a call sometime. Cheers.

Jack

August String Special \*\*\$20\*\* Wilson Extreme Syn Gut 16 or 17

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Get out the wood racquets and your dress whites and come play!!  
Call Doug if you have any questions.

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## U.S. OPEN TRIP

Our trip to the U.S. Open on Wednesday, August 29th is a go! We will leave the tennis center at **5:15 am**, stop once for a pit stop and arrive at Flushing Meadow in time for the day session which starts at 11:00 am. The tickets we purchased are ground passes, which will enable us to wander all over the facility watching many, many matches. The only place we will not be able to go is the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

We will provide orange juice, cranberry juice, bagels with cream cheese and coffee. There are 36 people going, it would be helpful for you to look at the list posted at the club and car pool with others who live close to you. We will leave Flushing Meadow as soon as the day matches are complete. Think sun!! If there are no matches played, they will provide a raincheck for next year.

If you have any questions please call Joan Nessler at 466-7523, or email [jxn3@psu.edu](mailto:jxn3@psu.edu). We all will be receiving a small refund, but it won't buy much.

A special thanks goes out to the social committee for all their hard work in making this trip possible: Jane Galas, Elizabeth Goreham, Betz Hanley, Bobbi Hayes, Ok Hi Lee, Doug Schoenly and Joan Nessler.

***Don't forget, we need to be on the bus at 5:15 am!!!***