



# ClubTalk

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## TENNIS

### SUMMER TOURNAMENT

The clocks have gone forward, summer is officially here and that only means one thing: the Summer Tournament will soon be underway.

Entry sheets are posted in the foyer at the club. Each event is £2 to enter – two stamps should be placed adjacent to your name on the entry sheet. If you enter two tournaments you get the third free. Entries close on Wednesday 18 April, and the tournaments start on Saturday 21 April.

### PLAY LIST

If you have the occasional morning or afternoon off, or are generally free in the daytimes, then there's a list in the foyer to help you find opponents and partners for some friendly daytime tennis.

Simply add your name, phone number, availability and standard to the sheet or give the other players listed a call.

### WIMBLEDON TICKETS

The LTA are trialling a new system for the Wimbledon ticket ballot this year. We are still able to hold our Bingo evening but winners will pay for their tickets on-line via the LTA.

Only fully paid up members of the club who have a British Tennis Membership number (BTM) are eligible to enter the ballot. Please make sure your BTM details held by the LTA are correct and up-to-date.

The Wimbledon Bingo night will take place on Friday 20 April from 8pm. It is slightly earlier this year to coincide with the LTA's deadlines of when tickets must be paid for. Add your name and BTM to the form on the bar door to be in with a chance of winning.

### TENNIS TEAMS

Well done to Men's 1 who are now reigning Kent champions after beating Bexley in the division 1 final this winter. Men's 5 also won their division – well done to everyone involved.

Tennis team fixtures and results are now added to the website at [www.sltcc.co.uk](http://www.sltcc.co.uk). Many thanks to Chris Webster for setting this up.

## SQUASH & RACKETBALL

### CLUB TOURNAMENT

The Racketball tournament is currently underway with the finals scheduled for May.

## CROQUET

The summer season began on the weekend of 7/8 April.

Croquet tournament finals will be played on the weekend of 22/23 September so put the date in your diaries now. Saturday will see the Sydenham League Cup and Sydenham League Plate Finals. There will be the re-introduced Sydenham Salver Level Play Doubles where you play with a partner of your choice. Sunday will feature the Gentlemen's and Ladies' Finals and the Evelyn Jaulmes Handicap Doubles Final.

## THE BOARD

As spring turns to summer, the Board has moved on from planning how to raise club income (subs increased by inflation only from 1 January) to how to spend it. A detailed budget for the financial year 2012-13 is in hand alongside a longer-term plan for major improvements, such as renewal of tennis court surfaces.

Lettings enquiries are up and the club hopes to see revenue from hall hire growing, all under the expert management of Jo Hughes - it's good to have her back.

As well as continuing to host Slimming World on Tuesdays, the Club will soon be letting the hall to Claudio who will run self-defence classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm. Look out for the posters if you fancy joining in.

Due to other commitments, Marcus can no longer lend a hand behind the bar. So our trusty Bar Manager Shifa needs help on events and some club nights.

If anyone would like to join the bar team, either as a volunteer or to do some paid shifts, please speak to Andrew Lewis.

The Club still urgently needs an Events Director. Anyone interested should speak to Peter Lewis.

## COMING SOON – EVENTS

**FRIDAY 20 APRIL**

**BINGO AND WIMBLEDON TICKETS DRAW**

Eyes down for your chance to win big prizes and Wimbledon tickets.

**MONDAY 7 MAY 11AM – 2PM**

**CLUB OPEN DAY**

This is the day we open the club to potential members of all ages and abilities with the aim to get them to join SLTCC. Please encourage your friends, family and work colleagues to come along and try out any of the sports available at the club. Let Barbara Cavanagh know if you can help on the day.

**MONDAY 28 MAY**

**TENNIS FORUM**

A chance for tennis members to come along and have their say about how the club is run.

**FRIDAY 15 JUNE**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Pit your brains against Sydenham's finest trivia experts with Jeff Richards returning as quizmaster.

**SATURDAY 21 JULY**

**TENNIS FINALS DAY**

Win or lose, time to get on your dancing shoes! Whether you're playing or watching, Finals Day is SLTCC's big event of the year so put it in your diary now.

## GOSSIP

Summer's here and that means one thing: More tennis. But why not drop into the bar after your game? We plan to have the bar open during both Wimbledon and Olympic tennis semi-finals and finals. It's cheaper than going to the pub...

Struggling to survive on the mean streets of Sydenham? Well come along to self-defence classes on Monday or Wednesday evenings at the club. The classes raise valuable revenue for the club but could come in handy for members too.

It's good to see Jo Hughes back behind the bar for the occasional shift. The new slim-line Jo and her partner Adam have won awards at Slimming World for their amazing weight-loss efforts. And if that wasn't brilliant enough, Jo and Adam have got engaged too. Congratulations!

Finally, a get well soon to Shifa who has suffered further illness. We send her our best wishes and hope to see her well and back behind the bar soon.

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