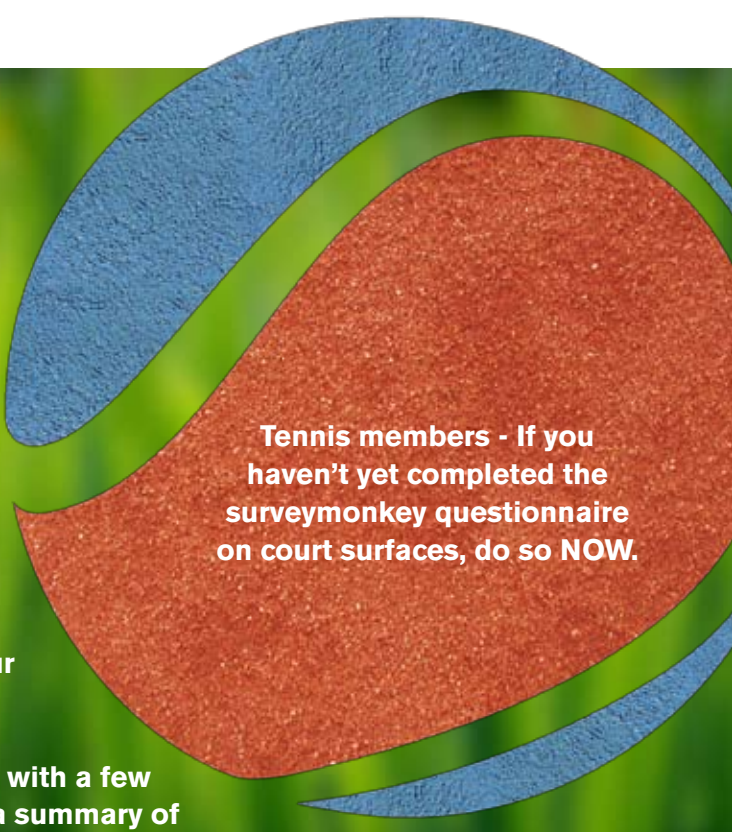


## EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 19TH JUNE 8PM

It's nearly a year since the tennis section held their Forum, when it was decided to look at the club as a whole and not solely at the tennis section and it was agreed that a Business Plan would be prepared. Since then a lot of work has been going on behind the scenes to gather information and to talk to experts about what is and isn't possible and the good news is that the Business Plan is ready and an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held on 19th June to sign off on the plan and to give the Board authority to start the ball rolling. **Please make every effort to attend – this will be the last chance to get your questions answered!**

**The plan will be available for inspection on the website with a few hard copies at the club and the club will also send out a summary of the main proposals.**



**Tennis members - If you haven't yet completed the surveymonkey questionnaire on court surfaces, do so NOW.**

## TENNIS

### AMERICAN TOURNAMENTS

Since the last Club Talk, two American Tournaments have taken place on Thursday evenings in February and April. Both were fully booked with improvers, intermediate and advanced players taking part. As everyone had to change partners after every four games, most people met someone new and the finalists were cheered on by the other competitors, who had also managed to find the bar!

Well done to the finalists of the February competition who were Chris Webster and Barbara Seabrook, with Danny Craven and Adrian Ward as the runners up. In the April tournament Gerald Bicknell and Tim Allen were the winners with Sean Barron and Paulius Kriksciunas as the runners up.

The next American tournament will take place on Friday 24th May. The form, to sign up for the tournament is now in the club foyer.

### SUMMER TOURNAMENT

The Summer Tournament is now under way. Finals Day is Saturday 20th July so keep this date free so that you can watch the tennis and join in the evening party.

### IMPROVE YOUR TENNIS!

The two-hour 'Improve and Play' drop-in session, has been running since January. It is run by Chris and Michael every Thursday between 7 and 9pm. This consists of 1 hour's coaching and the second hour for social doubles. It is open to anyone who can sustain a rally. (£7 members £11 non-members).

### TENNIS TEAM RESULTS

Well done Ladies' 3 who won their division in the Kent Winter League. Even though they did not win the final against Shooters Hill, they still got promoted.

It has been a steady start for the teams in the Summer League. Men's 1 and 2 in the AEGON league and Kent league have got off to a great start with 4 wins out of 4. Both teams have won their two matches so far, so will stay in the top division next summer. Ladies' 1 also started well with a win against Gravesham 1. Good luck to all the teams in their remaining matches.

The fixtures and full results can be found in the members' area on the on the website.

## CLUB NIGHTS

The Wednesday night club play for improvers has been well attended through the winter and the new beginners club play on Fridays has proved to be popular. Thursday nights are picking up now the weather is improving and all advanced players are encouraged to come along. A good game of social tennis is guaranteed! Remember the bar is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays and prices are very reasonable!

## RECYLING TENNIS BALLS

We have had a great response from members to our ball recycling initiative which helps to raise funds for the club. Please keep putting all your old balls - whatever their condition - in the green recycling bin outside the squash courts.

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## SQUASH

### SQUASH AND RACKETBALL NETWORK

Members will find posted in the gallery, a comprehensive list of squash and racketball members and their preferred contact details. Members who are available to play in the day on weekdays, please mark the list in the box provided and check your details are correct. The Squash and Racketball section hope that this initiative may be especially helpful to new members keen to get started, either in the leagues or friendly games.

### SYDENHAM SQUASH TEAM IN DOUBLE TRIUMPH

Congratulations to the Sydenham team for completing the double by winning both the league and the cup competition!

On 23rd April the team defeated Sundridge Park 3-2 in the North West Kent League 5 and 6 Cup Final, having already won promotion to League 4 a few weeks ago after a highly successful winning season.



## RACKETBALL CUP IN FULL SWING

The annual Racketball Cup has reached the halfway stage heading towards the finals to be held on Sunday 2nd June. This hard-fought contest is still in its early league stages but the question on everyone's mind is whether Sean "Robber" Barron can once again land silverware to add to his already mammoth haul!



## CROQUET COACHING

Two formal coaching sessions are planned this summer, one on 'Bisque Taking' and another on 'Improve your chances'. Dates to be announced soon.

## SUMMER COMPETITION

There are many summer competitions, with finals weekend planned for 21st to 22nd September.

## ALUMNI

Pierre Beaudry who was a croquet member around 2002/2003 is playing in the World Championships in Cairo this year. The club wishes him well.

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## THE BOARD

### BAR AND LETTINGS

Jo Hughes left us as Bar & Lettings Manager at the end of April. Her invaluable, help, support and hard work over the last six years will be sorely missed, but we do hope she will return for some events and lettings shifts from time to time and the club wishes her and Adam well with their impending nuptials.

Wayne Evans has now been appointed as Lettings Manager and Natalie Lopes has taken over the bar management role from Jo. We also welcome Jennifer Russell who has joined the bar team. Jennifer will usually be at the club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We still need one or more people to cover absences, events and other days. Anyone interested should contact Andrew Lewis.

## CHILD PROTECTION

Carolyn Buckeridge has taken over the post of Child Protection Officer in place of Ray Franklin. If anyone has any concerns please contact Carolyn on 020 8778 7699. Many thanks to Ray for all his work in the past.

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## PAST EVENTS

### QUIZ NIGHT - 22ND MARCH

Yet another successful Quiz night, run by the club quizmaster Jeff Richards took place in March. The questions ranged from current affairs to the names of sweets, as well as the usual music and picture rounds. The event was very well attended and competition to win, or not come last, as the case may be, was fierce.

### WIMBLEDON BINGO NIGHT 26TH APRIL

The bingo night was one of the best attended ever with members hotly competing for the opportunity to buy Wimbledon tickets and others being lucky in the draw that followed. Sadly not everyone could be a winner! However, the record proceeds of the night will go to the club funds for the benefit of all members in the future. Our thanks to Doug Gregory for stepping in as bingo caller at short notice.

### OPEN DAY 6TH MAY

The Open Day this year was a great success. The sun shone and we had a record number of visitors. A big welcome to the new members and many thanks to the volunteers who helped on the day.

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## FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

24TH MAY

**AMERICAN TOURNAMENT**

2ND JUNE

**FINALS DAY - RACKETBALL**

19TH JUNE

**EGM – SEE INFORMATION ABOVE**

20TH JULY

**FINALS DAY –TENNIS**

21ST TO 22ND SEPTEMBER

**FINALS DAY CROQUET**

Information about all the events in this issue can be found on the Members events section of the website at [www.sltcc.co.uk](http://www.sltcc.co.uk)

## LOOSE ENDS

### WIN A FREE 1-2-1 COACHING LESSON!

Keep up to date with all the news and events and help promote the club to a wider audience by liking our Facebook page



[www.facebook.com/sydenhamtennis](http://www.facebook.com/sydenhamtennis)

and following us on Twitter

[www.twitter.com/sltcc](http://www.twitter.com/sltcc)



Like us or follow us before 30th June 2013 and you will automatically be entered into a prize draw to win a 1-2-1 tennis coaching lesson.

### YOUR SHOPPING COULD BE RAISING MONEY FOR THE CLUB!

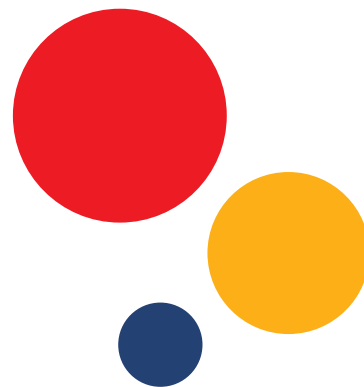
Raise money for the club when you shop at your favourite sites online including Amazon, John Lewis and M&S. All you have to do is register at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and the club gets a donation for every £1 you spend at 1,000s of online stores. It's easy and simple. So please register now.



**Tennis  
Squash  
Croquet**

### NEW LOOK FOR THE CLUB

Members will have noticed the new club branding on this edition of Club Talk. The new branding was first introduced on the mixed singles league tables displayed in the foyer. Since then it has been rolled out on the Open Day banner and various flyers, posters and adverts as well as Facebook and Twitter. The new branding enhances the club's profile and focuses more strongly on the sports being offered. It incorporates an icon, comprising three balls representing each of the sports; tennis, croquet and squash. Many thanks to Will Burnett for developing the concept and to Scott Harvey for all his hard work in bringing the project to fruition.



### COMPOST HEAP

The club is seeking to clear the large compost heap near the croquet chalet. Members are invited to help themselves to the compost (entrance behind courts 6 and 7). You will need to bring your own fork or spade and strong bags. First come first served.





# JUNIORS

## TENNIS CAMPS

Great fun was had by all on the Easter Tennis camps despite snow and nearly freezing temperatures. Well done to all who came along. Chris and Michael and all the other helpers look forward to seeing you again soon.

The next tennis camp will take place at the May half term between Tuesday 28th and Friday 31st May. There will also be a tennis camp for 5 weeks in the summer. For more information and to book visit [www.sltcc.co.uk](http://www.sltcc.co.uk)

## JUNIOR CLUB PLAY

Want to play more games? Why not come along to one of the club play sessions? You just need to be able to rally.

There are two coach-supervised sessions on Saturdays 9.30 am to 12pm ( 12+) and term-time Wednesdays from 4.30pm to 6pm ( 9 to 12) . It is free for members and costs £5 for non-members.

## FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS COMPETITIONS

Chris is continuing to run regular tennis competitions on Friday nights. These are open for members (£6) and non-members (£9) and are great fun. Come along and sign up for the next one – see below.

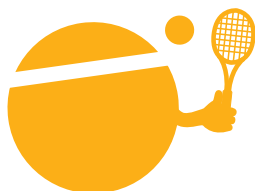
Congratulations to the following winners of the recent tournaments:

### 1st March - 12 & unders

Winner: **Omar Prince**  
Runner up: **Dylan Lee-Finnee**

### 26th April - 16 & unders

Winner: **Nicholas Austin**  
Runner up: **Ashley Austin**



### 3rd May -12 & unders

Winner: **Omar Prince**  
Runner up: **Joachim Coles**

Next competitions take place on  
**24th May - 18 & unders**  
**7th June - 14 & unders**

Full details of all competitions are in the Members events section of the website [www.sltcc.co.uk](http://www.sltcc.co.uk)

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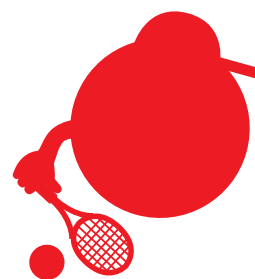
The junior competition is now under way for boys; 12 & under, 14 & under and 17 & under and junior girls. Remember to play your games if you have entered any of the competitions and to and come along to Finals Day to support the finalists on 20th July.

## WIMBLEDON BALL BOY

Liam Cavanagh has been selected for a second year to be a ball boy at Wimbledon. Last year after training hard for two hours every week from January to June, he eventually ended up on the courts at Wimbledon where he met Tim Henman. He reports that the best bit was the food and the scariest bit was standing behind the person receiving Maran Cilic's serve! Look out for him again this year!

## BRING MUM OR DAD TO PLAY

Junior members can bring a non-member parent to play at the club for just £1 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 4 and 6pm. Please purchase a stamp at the machine in the lobby (£1 coins only) and place it alongside your name in the visitors book



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