

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Do you have some time to spare? Would you like to get involved in shaping the future of the club? Or perhaps you know someone who is looking for a volunteering opportunity.

The club is run by volunteers and needs your help. Whether it's only a few hours every now and then or a more regular commitment we would like to hear from you.

WE ARE LOOKING TO FILL THE FOLLOWING POSTS:

EVENTS DIRECTOR
TENNIS COMMITTEE CHAIR
FUNDRAISERS
PREMISES DIRECTOR

For more details visit

www.sltcc.co.uk/volunteering-and-job-vacancies/
or if you feel you can help in any other way email
Peter Lewis at info@sltcc.co.uk



BOARD REPORT

Members voted unanimously in support of the 10-year business plan at a well-attended EGM on 19 June. This means that the resurfacing of courts and raising funds for the updating of the clubhouse can now proceed. A note of the EGM is available in the members' area of the club website and a hard copy is posted in the foyer.

The ladies' toilets in the clubhouse and the squash court balcony area have already been refurbished and new banners have been put up around the club perimeter. Further work will be carried out in the next few months.

The club is now actively recruiting for a small team of volunteers to investigate sources of funding and to submit grant/loan applications for the refurbishment of the club house. Offers of help, especially from anyone who has previous experience of fund-raising, would be greatly appreciated.

CLUB MATTERS

HELP RAISE MONEY THE EASY WAY

Do you shop online with Amazon, Tesco, Sainsburys, M&S, John Lewis or Argos? Help the club raise money to implement its 10-year business plan whenever you

shop with them and 2700 other online retailers by registering at our fundraising website www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sltcc. It's hassle free, won't cost you a penny more and everything you buy will raise money for the club. You could even save money too!

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS



The club plans to announce this award at the forthcoming AGM. We encourage members to participate in the selection process and submit the name and ideally a reason(s) for any volunteer who you feel merits this recognition for their contribution this year.

Please e-mail Christine Hensby at info@sltcc.co.uk with your nominations, or leave a note in her pigeon hole at the club.

PAYMENT MADE EASY!

We are making it easier for you to pay your subscriptions! From 1st January the club will be moving to payment by direct debit for all subscriptions and extending the option to spread payment over several months to **all** adult playing members. This has been made possible thanks to an LTA scheme specifically developed to help

small tennis clubs like ours automate their direct debit processing. This move will also save the club money and reduce the amount of administration involved. Members will still be able to opt to pay by cheque or bank transfer, but there will be an additional charge of 5% to do so. For more information about what this means for you visit www.sltcc.co.uk/paying-by-direct-debit

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RACKETBALL TASTER SESSION

Saturday 26 October 2013

AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

Saturday 2 November 2013

HANDICAP SQUASH TOURNAMENT

Saturday 23 November 2013

AGM

Wednesday 27 November 2013

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Saturday 14 December 2013

Keep up to date with events and activities at the club by following us on Twitter and liking our Facebook page. We also have an Events page and News section on our website.

TENNIS

AMERICAN TOURNAMENT 22ND SEPTEMBER.

This Sunday lunchtime tournament was very popular, with players of all standards taking part. Another tournament will be arranged soon - so make sure you sign up quickly next time if you missed out on this occasion. Well done to the winners Nick Lovett and Jim Sutton and runners up Richard Vidis and Vikki Courtney.

NEW CLUB PLAY SESSION

We are introducing a new club play session.

Friday lunchtime club play from 12 noon to 2pm on courts 1 & 2. This is open to full and off-peak members of all standards. So if you work or live locally and can spare an hour over lunch come along and join in.

TENNIS BALL RECYCLING

Our tennis ball recycling scheme has got off to a really great start with over 1200 balls recycled so far. So keep on putting your old balls in the green recycling bins outside the squash courts and the clubhouse and help raise funds for the club.

FACELIFT FOR COURT 5

Court 5 has now been resurfaced. Weather permitting, it will be painted in a few weeks time once the tarmac has set. Otherwise painting will be delayed until spring. But don't worry, there will be temporary play lines in the meantime. The court should be back in action by late October.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Members will have noticed that the practice wall now has a high grill to reduce the number of balls being lost over the top. Also screening has been erected on the Lawrie Park Road side of court 2.

IMPROVE YOUR TENNIS

Don't forget the Improve and Play weekly sessions every Thursday for Improver players between 7 and 9pm. This drop-in session is open to non-members too so bring your friends. £7/£11

Also you can join in the Over 40's coaching and social play drop-in session which runs every Friday 9.30 to 10.30 am. This is also open to non-members. £6/£10. For more details of both sessions see the website www.sltcc.co.uk/sydenham/tennis-coaching/

LEAGUES

PLEASE PLAY YOUR MATCHES. These are great fun, but due to many players not playing their matches some of the boxes are of mixed standard. To ensure the leagues work as they should, please contact your opponents and fix up your matches as soon as the leagues are put up on the board and don't wait until the last week before doing so! Details of the leagues are also available in the member's area of the website.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT AND FINAL'S DAY

The summer tournament was again a great success with members of all standards participating. Finals Day was sunny and well attended, the Pimms and quiches proving to be very popular with spectators. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it such a success. Special thanks to Barry Milton who not only worked hard throughout the day, but also presented the awards in such a knowledgeable manner!

The Men's singles was won by Brett Spencer-Stephens and the runner up was Brian Condren. Brett and Brian then won the Men's Doubles together.

The Ladies Singles was won by Kiran Irshad. Kiran then went on to win two more titles with Georgina Simpson



in the Ladies' Doubles and with Brian Condren in the Mixed Doubles.

The winners of the other tournaments were: Mens 40+ - Jeff Richards, Men's Plate - Chris Webster, Improver/Intermediate doubles - Sean Barron and Eileen Mahony, Beginners' Singles - David Gheradi and Beginners' doubles - Beth Evans and Caroline Calligy. Full details of all of the results are on the website

www.sltcc.co.uk/2013/07/finals-day-results-2/

SUMMER TEAM RESULTS

There were some ups and some downs this summer. The ups were that Men's 3 won their division and the final and got promotion. Aegon Men's 1 team won their league too. Men's 1 and Men's 2 stayed in the top Kent division. Sydenham is still the only club to have two teams in the top division.

The down side is that 4 teams were relegated. However, all of the remaining teams stayed in their divisions. Full details of all the results are now on the website:

www.sltcc.co.uk/tennis-fixtures-results/

SQUASH

PAY YOUR SQUASH COURT BOOKING FEE ONLINE

We've just made life a whole lot easier. The club is now accepting payment by PayPal for squash court bookings. So forget buying vouchers at the bar, simply pay for court booking credits online when you book at **<http://sltcc.mycourts.co.uk>**

HANDICAP SQUASH TOURNAMENT

The autumn Handicap Squash Tournament has now started. League games can be played up to 17 November with the finals on Saturday, 23 November.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

The Finals of the Summer Tournament took place on 20 July. The winners were: Main Draw - Tats Manase, Plate - Hugh Macnicol and Best of the Rest - Barry Milton. Well done to Tats for beating serial winner Paul and getting his name on the board for the first time.

Full results on the website **www.sltcc.co.uk/2013/07/squash-tournament-results/**

LEAGUE RESULTS

Congratulations to the squash team who are currently sitting at the top of their North Kent league.



IMPROVEMENTS

The gallery area is looking bright, after being completely re-carpeted and having all the paintwork freshened up. As a final touch two Honours Boards are being brought up to date with the recent competition winners.

TRY RACKETBALL!

It's easy to learn and easy to play, so why not give it a try? Sign up for one of the racketball taster sessions on 26th October and reserve your slot. Remember racketball is included free in your membership and the club provides all equipment. More information on

www.sltcc.co.uk/2013/09/racketball-try-it

CROQUET

CROQUET FINALS 29TH SEPTEMBER

In a thrilling final Simon Carter beat Martin Harrison by two games to one. Gloria and Ken Watson, on unstoppable form, beat Martin and Janet Gowland. The finals were followed by tea with scones and cream and an EGM to discuss future plans.

HONOURS BOARD

The croquet Honours Boards have been brought up to date and are now on display in the club house.

STRANGE HAPPENINGS ON THE CROQUET LAWN!

Did you notice a Dulwich Women's Institute Group playing croquet, some loud music and an odd celebrity filmed by a television crew? All top secret for now, but further details to be revealed soon!

THANKS

The club would like to thank Simon Carter and Robert Laver who are stepping back after having given a huge amount of time to the croquet section.

Racquet sports players - why not come and experience the fun precision and excitement of croquet!





JUNIORS

TENNIS LESSONS NOW COST LESS!

Yes, we've reduced the price of coaching for junior tennis members (8-17s). Save £1 per lesson and over a year cover the cost of your first year's membership. Lessons are now £6.25 for members and £7.25 for non-members. This makes junior membership even better value than ever. Check out all the benefits of junior membership at www.sltcc.co.uk/tennis

CLUB PLAY FOR JUNIORS

Calling all junior members! Come along to our weekly supervised club play sessions, make new friends and play some fun tennis. We run free club play sessions for 8 to 11 year olds every Wednesday from 4.30 to 6pm during term-time and for juniors aged 12 and over every Saturday from 9.30am to noon throughout the year. Each session is supervised by a qualified coach and is open to all members who can rally. So why not come along and give it a try! And remember it's free.

PARENTS PLAY FOR JUST £1

Did you know that if you are a junior member you can bring a parent to play with you on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 4 and 6pm? They don't have to be a member to play. Simply buy a £1 stamp from the machine in the club foyer and place it in the visitors' book.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

Well done to everyone who entered the Summer Tournament and congratulations to all the players who made it to the final.

Omar Prince was the winner of the Junior Boy's 12 & Under competition and Dylan Lee-Finnee, the runner up. The Junior Boy's 14 & Under and the Junior Boy's 17 & Under competitions were both won by Nicholas Austin and the runners up were Ashley Austin (his brother) and Kieran Cavanagh respectively. Both matches were hard fought and went to three sets. Well done Nicholas! Full results are on the club website at www.sltcc.co.uk/junior-results

SUMMER LEAGUE RESULTS

Boy's 12 & Under won their league this summer. All the other teams did very well and remained in their divisions.

SUMMER CAMPS

The summer camps this year were the most successful ever with over 300 children attending. It was great to welcome some former juniors back as coaches, including Stephanie Moniz, Dominic Moniz, Kieran Cavanagh, Meredith Willicome-Lang and Brett Spencer-Stephens. Several current juniors, who want to become tennis leaders in the future, also helped out at the camps on a voluntary basis.

Don't miss the next camp at October half term - Monday 28 to Thursday 31 October. Remember you can now book online and pay by Paypal. To book visit www.sltcc.co.uk

MORE FRIDAY NIGHT TOURNAMENTS

Congratulations to Omar Prince who won both the 12 & Under tournament on 27 September and the 14 & Under tournament on 4 October. The runners up were Dylan Lee-Finnee and Thomas Scott.

The next tournaments are on:

Friday 25 October	5 - 7pm	Mini Tennis Green
Friday 8 November	5 - 7pm	Mini Tennis Orange
Friday 6 December	5 - 7pm	12 & Unders

All competitions are £6 for junior members, £9 non-members

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A TENNIS LEADER?

Michael and Chris are always looking for juniors aged 13+ to become tennis leaders and help out at club events and holiday camps. Some of the help needed is voluntary but many leaders are paid for working at the holiday camps. Contact Michael or Chris at info@sltcc.co.uk if you are interested. Find out more about what's involved in being a tennis leader at www.lta.org.uk/volunteers-officials/Becoming-a-tennis-leader/

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