

Sydenham Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club Limited

DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014

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Company information

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Company number:	1280576 (England and Wales)

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

All members, including social and junior members, are invited to attend our AGM. Following a vote at the meeting in 2012, the quorum, (the minimum attendance required to allow the meeting to go ahead) remains at 20. A bigger turnout should also be more representative.

The Accounts (page 4) show that the Club made a tiny surplus of £353 on record income of £107,101 in 2013/14 compared with a surplus of £4,663 on income of £97,326 in the previous year. At first sight this reduced surplus is disappointing given the need to build up funds to deliver the major investment described in the Business Plan. However, this year's expenditure (page 10) does include £17,360 to resurface tennis court 5, which is one of the first refurbishment items included in the plan. Note 6 (page 8) confirms that we met our commitment to repay both instalments on the outstanding LTA loan (which will be fully paid in January 2015) and we also met our commitment to put aside cash for future tennis court refurbishment (the Sinking Fund) as the LTA requires as a condition of its loan.

Under Christine Hensby's stewardship, total income from subscriptions has grown by 16% from £53,882 in 2012/13 to a record £62,385 this year, accounting for 58% of total income. At the year end, the total number of members was 424, up 63 on a year earlier, and some 5% above the level anticipated by the forecast made in the Business Plan.

We warmly welcome everyone who joined the club for the first time in 2013/14. We hope that you are making good use of your membership, so you will want to remain a member.

In 2013, we carried out a radical re-branding of our on-line publicity and marketing materials, including our web-site (www.slccc.co.uk), application packs, signage, notices, and so on. In a separate marketing development, also driven by Christine, the club has switched its Direct Debit provider to RSM2000 enabling us to extend the range of Direct Debit options offered to members. Our new provider carries much of the administrative burden previously shouldered by volunteers, so we have crafted a mix of sticks and carrots to encourage members to opt for this method of payment. Currently 9 out of every 10 new joiners are choosing to pay by Direct Debit. I am taking this opportunity to thank all those now using this method including current members who have completed the new RSM2000 mandate on their latest renewal.

2013 marked the 10th anniversary of signing our agreement with the Parklangley Club to provide all group tennis coaching on our site. Participation varies slightly from term to term but overall the programme has achieved its aim to deliver an excellent and consistent standard of coaching to both adult and junior groups. 39 adults and 189 juniors signed up for the programme last autumn. Parklangley and our on-site coaches also provide our very popular junior holiday camps which help strengthen our links with local schools. In 2013, 540 children attended camps and, of these, several have gone on to sign up for the group coaching programme or club membership or both.

Under item 6 of the Agenda, the Board will announce the winner of our prestigious Volunteer of the Year Award 2014. Is there anyone whom you would like to nominate for this award? Any nominations can be e-mailed to the Club or left in my pigeon hole in the foyer by the end of September, please.

The AGM provides, under AOB, an opportunity for members to raise questions or concerns which may affect members as a whole. (Any matter which concerns only an individual

member/section is best progressed with the relevant section committee, in the first instance.) It is helpful to me, but not essential, to receive advance notice of any items to be raised under AOB, please.

Finally, I should like to draw your attention to the impressive list of volunteers and contractors shown on page 4. I thank them for their continued support. The Board recognises the vital role of volunteers in the running of the Club and welcomes the opportunity to say a special thank you to those who have made exceptional contributions in the past. Apart from our nominations for a new President (Jeff Hinton) and Vice-President (Barbara Seabrook) this year, we have also extended Honorary Social Membership to Andrew Lewis. This is recognition of Andrew's service as Club Chairman (2007-11) and also in a variety of other roles, including Marketing, Events, and Bar & Lettings, during his 10 year career as a willing and versatile member of the Board up to his retirement last March.

Peter Lewis
(Chairman)

1 September 2014

List of volunteers and contractors

BOARD		TENNIS	
Peter Lewis	<i>Chair/Act Grounds & Premises Rep</i>	Committee	
Simon Taylor	<i>Bar & Lettings/Squash Rep</i>	Jeff Richards	<i>Chair and Fixtures</i>
Ray Franklin	<i>Financial Director</i>	VACANT	<i>Vice Chair</i>
Gillian Bartlett	<i>Tennis Rep/Company Secretary</i>	Peter Lewis	<i>Facilities</i>
Emeka Okonkwo		Katharine Beaudry	<i>Minutes Secretary</i>
Christine Hensby	<i>Membership Secretary</i>	Chris Howard	<i>Coaching Rep</i>
Gloria Watson	<i>Croquet Rep</i>	Christine Hensby	<i>Beginners Rep</i>
VACANT	<i>Club Secretary</i>	Gillian Bartlett	<i>Advanced Rep</i>
VACANT	<i>Premises & Grounds Rep</i>	Club Play	
VACANT	<i>Events Rep</i>	Chris Howard	<i>Weds Evening supervisor</i>
BAR/CLUBHOUSE/GROUNDS		Wayne Evans	<i>Weds Evening Coordinator</i>
Simon Taylor	<i>Bar Committee Chair & Treasurer/Board Rep</i>	Bill Buah	<i>Junior/Beginners</i>
Jeff Hinton	<i>Bar Committee</i>	Online Fixtures	
Marcus van Breugel	<i>Bar Committee</i>	Jackie Cowell	<i>Online Fixtures and Results</i>
Emma Lunn	<i>Bar Committee</i>	Junior Tennis Team Managers	
Jennifer Russell	<i>Bar Manager</i>	Sandra Sutton	<i>Junior Girls 12 & under</i>
Wayne Evans	<i>Lettings Manager</i>	Sean Prince	<i>Junior Boys 12 & under</i>
Geoff Radford	<i>Grounds/Premises Contractor</i>	Terry Coles	<i>Junior Boys 16 & under</i>
EVENTS AND SOCIAL		Fiona Austin	<i>Junior Boys 16 & under</i>
Jeff Richards	<i>Quiz Organiser</i>	Jason Crouch	<i>Junior Boys 18 & under</i>
ADMINISTRATION		Foyer Ball Drawer	
Chris Brooks	<i>Administration</i>	Marcus van Breugel	
Shelagh Brooks	<i>Administration</i>	Shelagh Brooks	
MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS		Tim Allen	
Daniel Hensby	<i>Webmaster</i>	SQUASH AND RACKETBALL COMMITTEE	
Christine Hensby	<i>Marketing</i>	Pete Edwards	<i>Chair</i>
Gillian Bartlett	<i>Club Talk Editor</i>	Harry Cole	
Scott Harvey	<i>Design and Artwork</i>	Vic Marden	
Anthony Marien	<i>Club Telephone</i>	Jon Miles	
Peter Lewis	<i>Club Telephone</i>	Hugh Macnicol	
HEALTH AND SAFETY		Simon Taylor	<i>Board Rep</i>
Carolyn Buckeridge	<i>Child Protection Officer</i>	Steve Nash	
Trish Allen	<i>Medical Box</i>	CROQUET COMMITTEE	
Sean Barron	<i>First Aider</i>	Michael Wheeler	<i>Chair</i>
Michael Stephens	<i>First Aider</i>	Claire Bowden-Dan	<i>Secretary</i>
Chris Howard	<i>First Aider</i>	Gloria Watson	<i>Board Rep</i>
Bill Buah	<i>First Aider</i>	Ken Watson	<i>Publicity</i>
PRESIDENTS		Simon Carter	<i>Captain</i>
Michael Wheeler	<i>Club President</i>	Anne Laver	
Beryl Bush	<i>Vice President</i>	LEAGUES	
Jeff Hinton	<i>Vice President</i>	Gillian Bartlett	<i>Tennis Leagues</i>
Craig McEwan	<i>Vice President</i>	Hugh Macnicol	<i>Squash Leagues</i>
George Huthwaite	<i>Vice President</i>	Dave Roberts	<i>Racketball Leagues</i>
Alice White	<i>Vice President</i>	VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR	
Peter Lewis	<i>Vice President</i>	Gillian Bartlett	

Sydenham Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (limited by guarantee)

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2014

The Directors hereby present their 38th report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2014.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY: The Company's principal activity is that of a sports club.

RESULTS: The results for the year are shown on pages 4-9 of the attached financial statements.

SHARE CAPITAL: The Company has no share capital and the liability of members is limited by guarantee.

CLUB PRESIDENT: Michael Wheeler retires at the end of his term as President and the Board nominates Jeff Hinton for election as President until the AGM 2016.

CLUB VICE-PRESIDENT: The Board nominates Barbara Seabrook to fill a vacancy as Vice-President.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The following have served as directors of the Company since the last meeting and unless otherwise indicated, currently hold office:

Gillian Bartlett (appointed 22/01/14)
Gale Burns (resigned 17/03/14)
Ray Franklin
Christine Hensby
Andrew Lewis (resigned 17/03/14)

Peter Lewis
Emeka Okonkwo
Simon Taylor (appointed 17/03/14)
Gloria Watson (appointed 17/03/14)

Gillian Bartlett, Simon Taylor, and Gloria Watson were co-opted as Directors in year and, in accordance with the Articles, each retire and offer themselves for re-election. Christine Hensby and Peter Lewis retire by rotation and each, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Steve Nash offers himself, with full support of the Board, for election as a Director representing the Squash & Racketball section.

BAR COMMITTEE: In accordance with the relevant statutory requirements, each member of the Bar Committee retires:

Jeff Hinton
Peter Lewis

Simon Taylor
Marcus Van Breugel

Each offers themselves for re-election.

SMALL COMPANIES SPECIAL PROVISIONS: The report of the Directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The report was approved by the Board on 4th August 2014.

Peter Lewis, Chairman