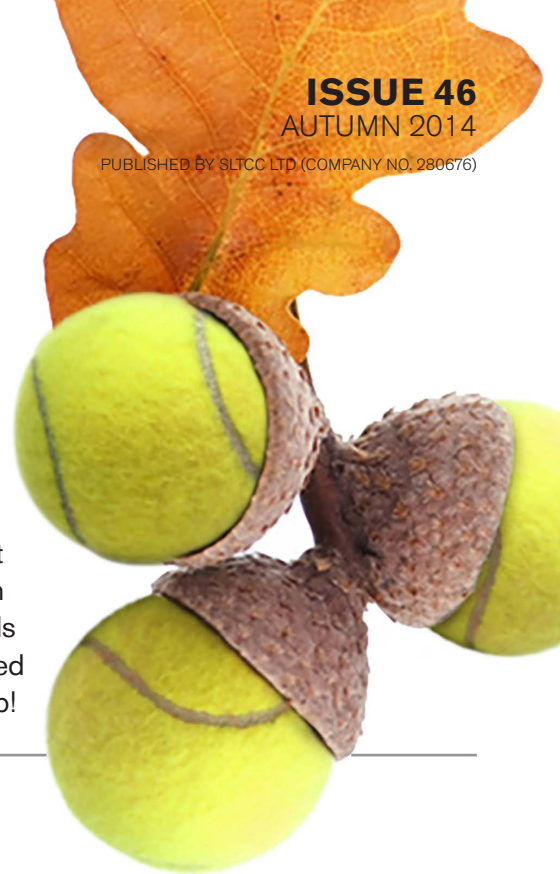


## TREE MAINTENANCE

Following discussion at last year's AGM, the Board commissioned Bartlett Tree Experts to carry out a comprehensive survey of all 50+ trees on our site. If you would like to know more about the condition of our trees and planned tree works you can view the Tree Survey in the members' area of the website.

The survey recommends works across a 3-year time-table. The cost of the first year's work was in excess of £2,000. In addition work has been carried out on hedge-cutting and herbicide treatment to deal with brambles and other hazards within the perimeter fencing. The total spending to date on tree care and related services is over £4000. Professional advice and follow-up does not come cheap!



### BOARD REPORT

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The club's AGM was held on Thursday, 16 October 2014 at 8 pm and was attended by over 30 members. The Directors' Report and the annual accounts were presented to the meeting and continue to be available in the members' area of the website [www.sltcc.co.uk/members](http://www.sltcc.co.uk/members). At the meeting Geoff Hinton was appointed as President of the Club and Barbara Seabrook was appointed as a Vice President. Scott Harvey was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award for all his hard work on the artwork and design for the club, including Club Talk.

#### BOARD CHANGES

Simon Taylor has volunteered to take a side-ways move from Squash & Racketball Representative on the Board to Bar & Lettings Director. He replaces Peter Lewis who has been keeping the seat warm since Andrew Lewis stepped down earlier this year.

Simon's old post, as Squash & Racketball Director, has been filled by Steve Nash, who has recently joined the Squash Committee. Simon will be working closely with Jennifer Russell and Wayne Evans, independent contractors who manage the Bar and Lettings, respectively. Since the last Club Talk, Gloria Watson has been co-opted as the Croquet Director and Gillian Bartlett has taken on the role of Company Secretary.

#### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Board is still seeking volunteers for the following posts:-

- Grounds & Premises Director

- Events Director (a long-standing vacancy that seeks a new broom to develop a better social side of club membership)
- Fund-raiser (to enable us to improve the clubhouse, as set out in the Business Plan)
- In addition we now have a vacancy for **Club Secretary** (to carry out the tasks which do not fall to the Company Secretary)

Job descriptions for each of these posts can be found on the [website](#). Anyone who would like further information, or who can offer to help, is encouraged to contact any current director or email [info@sltcc.co.uk](mailto:info@sltcc.co.uk)

### CLUB MATTERS

#### IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CLUB HOUSE

Due to severe rot at the front of the club house, major work had to be undertaken earlier this year. Wayne has now completely repainted the inside of the club house and re-stained the wood facia. He is also working on re-staining the wood facia to the squash court building too.

#### WANT TO KNOW HOW YOUR SUBS ARE BEING SPENT?

If you are interested in just where the money goes, you can now find out by browsing the Financial Summaries prepared by the club's Treasurer. The last two summaries are available to view on the members' area of the website. A summary will be published after each board meeting.

## OPEN DAY

The Club would like to welcome the new members that joined on Open Day on 5 May and those that have joined since. The day was a great success this year. A total of 45 members for all sections were recruited including 39 tennis members, 2 squash members and 4 croquet members. The home-made food by Lola and Tanya was very popular. The club would like to thank all the volunteers who gave up their time to help on the day.

The winners of the Open Day Prize Draw were Annie Jones and Aneta Morgiewicz who both won a year's free membership.

## YOGA

Two new Yoga classes have started at the club on a Monday evening run by Be Present Yoga. Beginners; 6.15 – 7.15. General Level; 7.15 – 8.45. Cost £10 per class (book 6 classes pay £9 for each). Contact Tanya R. Mobile: 07582 796164. Email: [Tanya@bepresentyoga.co.uk](mailto:Tanya@bepresentyoga.co.uk) if you are interested in joining.

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## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ RUN BY JEFF – ALWAYS A POPULAR NIGHT** - Saturday 13 December 8.00pm

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## TENNIS

### MORE COURT TIME AVAILABLE

The tennis committee has been listening to members who have told us that they want more free play sessions and have reviewed court allocation to make more courts available during peak times.

From July there has been less time allocated to coaching, matches and some club play sessions, releasing nearly 30 hours of additional peak court time for members' free play.

Find up-to-date information on court availability on the website, on the notice board in the club house foyer and on court 1.

### CHANGES TO CLUB PLAY TIMES

Some club play sessions have changed to free up courts. Details of club play times can be found in the members' area of the website.

[www.slccc.co.uk/members](http://www.slccc.co.uk/members)

### COURT ROTATION

Should you find all seven courts are busy, please follow the court rotation rule as this will enhance the enjoyment for all members. If you experience difficulties enforcing the rule, please let us know by emailing [info@slccc.co.uk](mailto:info@slccc.co.uk) or speaking to a member of the tennis committee.

## WANT TO CHECK WHEN MATCHES ARE SCHEDULED?

You can now find details of all scheduled matches, both home and away, on the notice board in the club house foyer. If you want to check ahead before you come down to the club to play, you can check upcoming fixtures by clicking the [Tennis Fixtures and Results](#) button which is on the right-hand side of every page of the club's website. [www.sydenham-tennis-squash-croquet-club.co.uk/tennis-fixtures-results](http://www.sydenham-tennis-squash-croquet-club.co.uk/tennis-fixtures-results)

## WORK TO COURTS

Despite several delays by the contractors, Court 5 has eventually been repainted and is now in use again. New lines have also been painted on courts 6 and 7. Courts 1 and 2 were due to be resurfaced this summer but regrettably, this could not be scheduled by the contractors, as originally planned. The work has now been provisionally scheduled for November 2014. If the work proceeds then this will cause some disruption over the winter months, but it should mean that the courts are fully ready to use in the spring.

## VOLUNTEERS

We are still seeking volunteers for to help with a number of jobs in the tennis section. Due to the resignation of two committee members we are looking for new volunteers for the tennis committee. We also need volunteers to take on smaller jobs, including helping with events, with team and competition organisation, updating the fixtures information on the website and generally assisting committee members on specific jobs – so if you have a few hours to spare, please contact us at [info@slccc.co.uk](mailto:info@slccc.co.uk). We'd love to hear from you.

## ONLINE LEAGUES PROVE A HUGE SUCCESS

Our new online leagues with MyCourts have proved a huge success with members. We are now on the third league this year for both the Women's and the Mixed League and so far over 50 players have participated in leagues since they started in April. If you would like to join one of the leagues, which are open to all levels, or want to access the MyCourts site, get in touch with Gillian at [gillian.bartlett@slccc.co.uk](mailto:gillian.bartlett@slccc.co.uk). Full details of the leagues are also on the club notice board. Participating in the leagues is a great way to improve your game and meet new players so why not sign up now?

## FINALS DAY

The spectators enjoyed some great matches and the home-made food made by Lola at the club on 19 July. Pimms was available at the end of the day when the awards were presented. In the Men's Singles, Brett Spencer-Stephens beat Brian Condren in a repeat of last year's match. This is Brett's 11th title at the club in singles and doubles. However, he still has a way to go to beat the current record held by Eric Auger who won 28 titles and Evelyn Julmes for the ladies who won 30.

The Club had a new Ladies' Singles Champion in Katharine Beaudry who beat Emma Lunn.

The remaining results in the adult section were as follows:-

**Ladies' Doubles:** Georgina Simpson and Margaret Ohuche beat Katharine Beaudry and Helen Stephens

**Men's Doubles:** Brett Spencer-Stephens and Brian Condren beat Will Burnett and Ben West.

**Mixed Doubles:** Edward Chalobah and Katharine Beaudry beat Will Burnett and Emma Lunn.

**Men's Over 40's Singles:** Jeff Richards beat Bill Buah. This is his 20th title at the club!

**Improvers/ Intermediate Doubles:** Sean Barron and Eileen Mahony beat Declan Kane and Andrea Stevens

**Beginners' Doubles:** Aldo Piscina and Liam Hindson beat Caroline Calligy and Tracey Eaton.

**Men's Singles Plate:** Dave Burrow beat Paulius Kriksciunas

## TEAM NEWS

The Men's 3 team excelled themselves this summer winning Kent Division 4. They beat LA Fitness of Maidstone 3-1 in the final on 6 September. Well done to Gareth Davies (Captain), Wayne Evans, Alex Williams and Nick Turner.

Men's 1 and 2 stayed in the top division in Kent and Mixed 2 stayed in Division 2. Unfortunately, Ladies' 1 and Mixed 1 were relegated.

In the North Kent league Ladies' 2 and Ladies' 3 remained in their leagues, finishing 3rd and 5th respectively.

Well done to all the teams!

## SQUASH

### TOURNAMENT FINALS

The Finals of the Squash Tournament were played in July. The Club Champion for the second year in succession was Tats Manase who beat Jon Cull 3-0. The Plate was won by Hugh Mcnicol who beat Simon Taylor also 3-0. The Best of the Rest trophy was won 3-2 by Dave Stacey in a tightly contested game with Steve Nash.

### LEAGUES

Thanks to Hugh Macnicol (Squash) and Dave Roberts (Racketball) for organising a challenging set of leagues and competitions. Congratulations are due to our squash team who won promotion last year and are now in the higher North Kent Squash League.

## HANDICAP SQUASH TOURNAMENT

The tournament is now up on MyCourts - <http://.sltcc.mycourts.co.uk>

As usual it is in a league format with two large divisions and the usual scoring and handicap system. The top six from each division go through to the finals. The league games must be played by 9 November and the finals will be on 15 November.

## THURSDAY CLUB PLAY

Thursday Club Play has been suspended for the time being and courts are now available until further notice for members to arrange games as normal. The squash committee proposes to arrange a number of evenings dedicated to particular themes, such as mini squash tournaments, coaching and drills and racketball. All ideas for these evenings will be welcomed by the committee who hope that members will make these evenings a success.

## CROQUET

After a difficult couple of years the Croquet section has consolidated competitive and social play. Wayne has also carried out a lot of work on the lawn this year which the croquet members have greatly appreciated.

## TEAM NEWS

A successful season in the South East Croquet Federation Handicap League saw victories over Dulwich, Old College and Ivychurch, a defeat to Cheam being the only reverse. Home and away friendlies were played with Hayes & Keston and Dulwich. A team comprising of Martin Harrison, Anne Laver, Claire Bowden-Dan and Margaret Twaddle gave an excellent account of themselves at the SECF Doubles day at Southwick.

## SOCIAL PLAY

Wednesday afternoon social play has proved popular under the organisational skills of Claire, and several new members were recruited.

## TRY OUT CROQUET

As ever Tennis and Squash players are invited to try this highly competitive game with free coaching supplied by our England representative Simon Carter and other senior members. The croquet lawn is also available to hire for groups. All enquires about coaching and lawn hire should be made to: [info@sltcc.co.uk](mailto:info@sltcc.co.uk)

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## JUNIORS

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#### TEAM NEWS

The junior leagues did exceptionally well this summer and the following teams won their divisions:-

Girl's 14 & Under  
Boy's 12 & Under  
Boy's 14 & Under  
Boy's 16 & Under

Huge congratulations to these teams!

#### ANNUAL TOURNAMENTS

The finals of the junior tournaments took place alongside the adult tournaments on 19 July.

Omar Prince achieved the unprecedented feat of winning 3 singles matches in one day - the Boy's 12 & Under, 14 & Under and 17 & Under, which is an exceptional achievement

Well done to Omar and, of course, the runners up who were Dylan Lee-Finney, Christopher Ho and Nicholas Austin respectively and also to all the juniors who participated.

#### SUMMER CAMPS

Once again the summer camps were extremely popular with many junior players returning to the camps for another year for the sessions with Chris, Michael, Brett and all their assistant coaches.

#### OCTOBER HALF-TERM CAMP

The next tennis camp will take place from Monday 27 October to Thursday 30 October. Book now online at [www.sltcc.co.uk/junior-tennis-camps/](http://www.sltcc.co.uk/junior-tennis-camps/)

The camps are open to anyone aged 7 to 15 of any standard with a morning session for 7 to 10 year olds and the afternoon session for 11 to 15 year olds. The emphasis is on FUN, with team games as well as coaching and a tournament on the last day where medals are awarded. If you haven't tried the camps before, this is your opportunity to do so.

#### MORE SUCCESS FOR OMAR

As well as the hat trick at the club's annual tournaments, Omar excelled at the Kent County Closed tournament, where he reached the quarter finals. He also won the Open Wigmore 12 and Under tournament and the Open Sundridge, 12 & Under tournament too. Well done Omar!

#### LONDON YOUTH GAMES

Congratulations to the three juniors from the club, Georgina Post, Freddie Dalby Bowler and Luciano Tomasello, who represented Lewisham in the London Youth Games and performed very well.

#### ARE YOU FOLLOWING US ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK?

Keep abreast of what's happening at the club by following us on **Twitter** and liking our **Facebook** page. All our events are listed on Facebook and on the Events page at [www.sltcc.co.uk/events](http://www.sltcc.co.uk/events)

