



ClubTalk

ISSUE 34 - MARCH 2009. PUBLISHED BY SLTCC LTD (COMPANY NO.1280576)

JEFF RICHARDS WROTE ABOUT TENNIS, KEN WATSON ON SQUASH AND RACKETBALL, ROB LAVER ON CROQUET & ANDREW LEWIS ON EVENTS
EDITED BY EMMA LUNN

TENNIS

BRITISH TENNIS MEMBERSHIP & WIMBLEDON TICKETS

Members that sign up for British Tennis Membership (for free!) will boost the number of Wimbledon tickets the club receives next year.

To join, please see the British Tennis forms in the club foyer or go to the website

www.lta.org.uk/britishtennismembership/

SYD 'N' SAM

Syd 'n' Sam – coaching and club play for the over 40s – now starts half an hour earlier at 9.30am on Fridays during term time.

The session starts with an hour of group coaching with Michael Stephens which is followed by an hour of club play. Non-members of an intermediate standard are welcome, subject to a small fee. For more information see Peter Lewis, Michael Stephens or the club website at

www.sydenhamracketsports.co.uk

WINTER TEAMS

Mens 2 won their division and will play a final against Walmer on 21st March. The team's promotion means both men's 1 and 2 will be in the top division next season, making SLTCC the only club in the league to have two teams in division 1. Mixed 2 also won all their matches and will play in the final at home on 4th April. Everyone is welcome to come along and support their club.

SUMMER TEAMS

The summer season gets underway on 4th April. Please check the list of matches in the foyer if you would like to support our teams when they're playing at home.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

It's tournament time again so grab your partners and put your names up on the form in the foyer before April 15th.

Remember the tournament is more fun the more people who enter it so why not try your luck. And, who knows, we might see some new names on the winners' board.

The tournament draw will take place in the bar on April 16th at 8pm.

SQUASH & RACKETBALL

The Squash and Racketball section goes from strength to strength. We are adding new members and managing to hold on to most of our grizzled veterans. The courts have recently been refurbished and the squash complex is warmer, brighter and cleaner than for some time.

We bade farewell to Cobus Kleynhams in January as he headed for a new squash life in Australia. During his five years at the club he was one of our most enthusiastic players and improved his game enormously. We'll miss him.

2008 HANDICAP RACKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MAIN FINAL

Dan Crowley bt Paul Lindsay 3-0

PLATE FINAL

Harry Cole beat Rob Bertora 3-1

BEST OF THE REST FINAL

Tom Nicholson beat Pete Edwards 3-1

2008 LEVEL PLAY SQUASH FINALS

MAIN TOURNAMENT

Alan Nelson bt Richard Rowsell 10-8 9-3 9-2

PLATE FINAL

Simon Taylor bt Jon Miles 7-9 9-5 9-4 3-9 9-8

BEST OF THE REST FINAL

Tom Nicholson bt Steve Nash 10-9 9-2 3-9 9-5

CROQUET

The Croquet section will be joining in with other sections on 4th May to hold an Open Day. Everyone's welcome to grab a mallet (available at the club) to try their hand on the croquet lawn.

PTO...

ClubTalk

COMING SOON – EVENTS

FRIDAY 27 MARCH 8.30PM: QUIZ NIGHT

Get your team together to pit your wits against SLTCC's finest trivia experts.

MONDAY 13 APRIL: 11AM - 3PM JUNIOR/SENIOR MIXED TOURNAMENT

Adult and junior members will be paired together in a fun tennis American tournament on Easter Monday. The number of places are restricted so be sure to get your name down soon.

MONDAY 4 MAY: CLUB OPEN DAY

A chance for existing and potential members of the club to try all the sports on offer at SLTCC including tennis, squash, racketball and croquet. Experienced players will be on hand to offer tips and guidance. We hope all members can encourage friends or family to come down and try any or all of the sports on offer at the club.

FRIDAY 15 MAY 8PM: WIMBLEDON TICKET BALLOT / BINGO NIGHT

Come along to the club to see if your lucky numbers come up and whether you've won Wimbledon tickets. (NOTE: only British tennis members will go into the draw)

MONDAY 25 MAY 1PM: AMERICAN TOURNAMENT AND BBQ

Everyone's welcome to the Bank Holiday tournament followed by a BBQ.

SATURDAY 18 JULY: FINALS DAY AND FINALS DAY PARTY

Keep this date free for Finals' Day and the Finals' Day party. Winners, losers, participants and spectators are all welcome in both the day and evening.

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 8.30PM: QUIZ NIGHT

Come along to quiz night to find out who the real brains of the club are.

GOSSIP

Crime shock hits Sydenham! Unfortunately the pay phone has been stolen from the foyer. To reduce incidents like this please could everyone make sure they close the door behind them and keep an eye out for strangers hanging round the club.

To test members' vigilance skills, answers on a postcard to the following question please: which SLTCC member is currently starring in a TV advert for slimming pills?

Of course some of us can keep an eye on the club from the comfort of our own homes. The first week in February saw a record number of phone calls to own my private Snow Hotline from players keen to carry on playing whatever the weather. Daily updates from my satellite centre ensured all those Sydenham die-hard players got back on court as soon as the ice had thawed!

Wedding fever is gripping SLTCC once again with Brian and Nicky tying the knot in June and Dan and Kate getting married in August. Congratulations to both couples.

Kiwi couple Todd and Maryanne headed back to New Zealand at the end of last year and have emailed to say that Maryanne has given birth to a baby boy named Will. We wish them all the best.

The Board has offered Beryl Bush life membership of SLTCC. Beryl has been a member of SLTCC for an impressive 70 years and has won both tennis and croquet titles during her playing career.

www.sydenhamracketsports.co.uk

SYDENHAM LAWN TENNIS, SQUASH AND CROQUET CLUB
LAWRIE PARK ROAD, SYDENHAM, LONDON SE26 6ET

TEL: **020 8778 4217**