



ClubTalk

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

TENNIS

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

The SLTCC summer tournament is fast approaching and entry forms will be available in the foyer from the middle of March.

Remember the tournament is more fun if more people enter, so give it a go! Last year saw some new names go up on the winners' board, so this year might as well. The tournament draw will take place in the bar on 30th April at 8pm and the tournament starts the following day (1st May).

JUNIOR COACHING

Easter tennis camps will be held from 6th to 9th April and 13th to 16th April. Check notices for court availability during those two weeks.

New Junior club play will start from 21st April and every Wednesday during term-time from 4.30 to 6pm supervised by Chris Howard. Sessions cost £2 for members and £3 for non-members.

CLUB OPEN DAY

The club is holding a Club Open Day on Monday 3rd May from 11am to 2pm.

The day is a good opportunity to show potential members why they should join SLTCC so come down and support the club, volunteer to help or bring friends and family to see if they want to join. After the open day there will be some social tennis and everyone's welcome.

COURTS AND NETS

Please can the last players of the day wind the nets down a couple of inches. This is because if the nets are left up it puts pressure on the posts and they are at risk of coming out of the ground. Please can players also close the gates behind them too to stop the foxes venturing onto the courts.

CLUB PLAY

Now that Jeff Hinton has stepped down from most of his duties at the club the Tennis Committee has organised for a group of volunteers to have access to the balls for club play and thanks to those who have agreed to this.

The club still needs more people to help with the running of the club - in particular we need a premises representative at Committee or Board level. Please contact Andrew Lewis if you're interested and willing to get involved.

SPORT RELIEF

SLTCC have seven runners who will rise to the challenge of Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile. They will do the three-mile run at 11am on 21st March in Beckenham Croydon Road recreation park. Go to www.sportrelief.com for more info on the charity event, and do go along and support our runners. You can donate money by visiting our online donations page

www.JustGiving.com/SydenhamTennis

SQUASH & RACKETBALL

RACKETBALL OPEN DAY

The club is holding a racketball open day on 27th March from 10am to 1pm. Tennis players are entitled to play racketball under their tennis membership so come along and give it a go. It's the perfect substitute to tennis on a rainy day and a lot of fun too.

TOURNAMENTS

Well done to Graham Bonnett who won the Kent Over 55 Mens Racketball in Jan 2010. We hope to see him back on court at Sydenham soon.

There will be a level play Squash Tournament in March and a Racketball Tournament in April.

SQUASH COURTS

Recent court refurbishments mean the courts are looking better than ever. Online court booking is coming to SLTCC with thanks to Harry Cole and Rob Bertora and Lawrence Ireton for driving this new initiative forward.

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CROQUET

WINIFRED BLACKWELL

Win, who was a member of the Croquet Section since 1988, died on 30 Dec 09, aged 96. Win was an active member of the section for some 20 years and during that time she held the position of Secretary and became famous for contributions to teas, specially her delicious meringues and cakes. Win played her last game in 2005 when she was appointed Club Mascot and accompanied the team to matches.

THE BOARD

Jeff Richards has stepped down as Chair of the Tennis Committee. He will remain as Vice Chair and Barbara Cavanagh has replaced him and Barbara joins the Board as Tennis Representative.

Also new to the Board are Georgina Simpson as Events Director and Harry Cole as Squash Representative.

Lawrence Ireton has replaced Jesper Friis as Company Secretary. Jesper has now stepped down from the running of the club and the Board would like to say a big thank you to him for all his hard work over the past 10 years.

Shelagh Brookes who saved the day when she rejoined the Board last year as Interim Treasurer, has now been replaced by Matt Radford, as the new Treasurer

Joanna Hughes has been appointed as the new Bar and Lettings Manager as Jeff Hinton passes on more of his old duties. We wish Jo luck in her new role and thank Jeff for all he has done and continues to do for the club. We are looking to appoint a new groundsman to start in April so that Jeff can enjoy his retirement in peace - but thankfully he will still be around to keep an eye on us all.

After one of the toughest winters in years, the snow and ice affected everyone's opportunity to play tennis and whilst the Board sympathises, unfortunately it cant offer any immediate solutions such as court covers, but we can promote racketball to you! So do try and attend the racketball open day to find out how easy it is to play and keep fit and active when the weather keeps you off the tennis courts.

COMING SOON – EVENTS

FRIDAY 26TH MARCH

SPRING QUIZ

Who are the club's trivia experts? Come along and pit your wits against the best!

SATURDAY 27TH MARCH

RACKETBALL OPEN DAY

If your tennis has been hampered by the bad weather, come along to try out this fun and fast-paced game. The day is open to existing and new members.

MONDAY 5TH APRIL

AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

Eaten too many Easter eggs? Come and work off the calories at this fun tournament – open to all.

MONDAY 3RD MAY

CLUB OPEN DAY

Time to show the club off to new members.

FRIDAY 14TH MAY

WIMBLEDON DRAW & BINGO NIGHT

Come along and see if you're one of the lucky Wimbledon ticket winners and eyes down for Bingo and the chance to win some exciting prizes.

SATURDAY 17TH JULY

FINALS DAY AND PARTY

See the finalists battle it out on court and then party the night away.

GOSSIP

Are you the next Eric Bristow or Phil Taylor? If so get in touch with Jo behind the bar. She's setting up a club darts team to take on other local players. There are now arrows and a dartboard in the bar, so drop in and have a game.

Congratulations to Will Burnett and his girlfriend Davina who've announced their engagement.

Well done to Andy Butterson who won the Christmas Quiz Guess the Legs competition... Andy may be good at recalling members' legs but can he remember his own birthday celebrations?