



# 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 Summer Tournament saw some great matches and an impressive turn out on finals' day.

The results were as follows:

#### MEN'S SINGLES

Ben Walton beat Brett Spencer-Stephens

#### LADIES SINGLES

Kiran Irshad beat Elizabeth Kucerova

#### MEN'S DOUBLES

Brett Spencer Stephens & Brian Condren beat Ben Walton & Glyn Limpenny

#### LADIES DOUBLES

Kiran Irshad & Katharine Beaudry beat Elizabeth Kucerova & Clare Gordon

#### MIXED DOUBLES

Edward Chalobah & Elizabeth Kucerova beat Brett Spencer Stephens & Helen Stephens

#### MEN'S 40+ SINGLES

Jeff Richards beat Michael Stephens

#### LADIES 40+ SINGLES

Katharine Beaudry beat Georgina Simpson

#### IMPROVER/INTERMEDIATE

#### MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Sean Barron & Carolyn Buckeridge beat Marcus Van Breugel & Ruth Wise

#### MEN'S PLATE

Kibbs Osafo beat Alex Gray

#### BOY'S 17 AND UNDER

Kemal Hassan beat Shakeel Daw

#### BOY'S 14 & UNDER

Luciano Tomasello beat Theo Crouch

#### BOY'S 12 & UNDER

Luciano Tomasello beat Liam Cavanagh

## SUMMER TEAMS

The teams had a successful summer with Ladies 1 and Mixed 2 winning trophies while Men's 1 topped their division but lost in the final. Well done to everyone. Winter team matches start on 25 September.

## SQUASH & RACKETBALL

The finals of the annual Squash Tournament were played in July.

In a close game Dan Crowley beat John Rowe 3-2 to win the main tournament and become the first holder of the Ken Watson Shield.

Sean Barron beat Rob Bertora 3-0 in the Plate final and Jon Miles beat Dave Roberts 3-0 in the Best of the Rest.

## CROQUET

Sydenham won three of four South East Croquet Federation games, beating Surbiton, Medway and Ealing, and losing to Reigate.

Two Sydenham players, Anne Laver and Bill Bentham, are through to the All England Handicap Golf Croquet finals to be played at the end of September at Pendle Croquet Club in Lancashire.

Singles and doubles internal tournaments are being hotly contested with finals to be played on 2 October followed by a Fun Day on the 3 October to which all SLTCC members are welcome.

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## THE BOARD

Matt Radford is leaving the Board as he has moved away from the club. We wish him well and hope to see him again if he returns to the area.

Whilst we lost one Radford, we gained another as earlier in the year Geoff Radford (Matt's Dad) took over from Jeff Hinton. Meanwhile, Jeff is still around supporting Geoff, as he gets to grip with the croquet lawn and grounds. Thank you to everyone who donated money to Jeff's retirement collection and to the Club for matching the total donated but more importantly to Jeff who gave it back to the club in the form of an impressive new bench - with a few words inscribed to ensure we never forget all that old Hinton charm.

With Matt moving on, Ray Franklin will take over the Treasurer role leaving a vacancy for a new Membership Secretary. Also, Lawrence Ireton has secured a job overseas but we hope he drops into the club whenever he's back in London. In the meantime he leaves us requiring a new Club Secretary.

Nick Line has been supporting the club as Premises Manager – looking after the clubhouse and grounds and he is doing a great job keeping an eye on everything for us.

If you would like to join the Board as Membership Secretary, Club Secretary or help out on the Tennis Committee, get in touch. The club is also looking for people who might be interested in working as a supervisor during the Wednesday night Improver sessions. Contact Andrew Lewis if you would like to find out more about any of these roles.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

If you would like to nominate anyone for the work they do at the club, please let Andrew know by the end of October. This new prize will be awarded at the Club AGM in November.

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## COMING SOON – EVENTS

### FRIDAY 29 OCT - HALLOWEEN QUIZ

Do you know your witches from your wizards? Come to the Halloween quiz and pitch your wits against SLTCC's finest brains.

**SUNDAY 28 NOV - AGM** Time to have your say and support the club.

### SATURDAY 11 DEC - XMAS QUIZ

Enjoy a seasonal buffet and Jeff's trickiest brainteasers.

## GOSSIP

Unfortunately burglars targeted the club over the August Bank Holiday. They didn't get away with much but please keep your eyes peeled for suspicious characters hanging around the club.

Who'd have thought it? Peter Lewis turned 60 over the summer! A belated happy birthday to our hardworking Vice Chair and multi-sporting stalwart. Congratulations to Brian and Nicky Condren who are now the proud parents of baby Aisling. The couple brought Aisling to the club when she was just a few days old to see her dad win the mens' doubles tournament. You've got to start them young!

Unfortunately some of the other SLTCC men have been hit with serious injuries requiring surgery. Nick Line is on the road to recovery after an op on his knee while Alex Williams tells me he has a brand new shoulder. We hope to see the boys back on court soon.

Meanwhile, this summer saw success for our Chairman at the international Gay Games in Cologne, where he won a silver medal in the Mens' Doubles after battling through to the final in his division, alongside his German doubles partner.

Rumour has it we briefly had a 'celebrity' in our midst. The football fan, who made World Cup headlines by wandering into the England football squad's changing rooms while searching for the gents, visited the club for a few games of squash but sadly he didn't join up ...maybe he couldn't find the toilets!