

SOUTH CROYDON TENNIS CLUB

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A big crowd
gathered for
the 2009
Handicapped
Tournament
Finals Day

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

2009 Handicapped Tournament Finals took place on Saturday 17th October. Here are the results...

Firstly, thank you to all those that showed up to support our finalists, despite the somewhat gloomy weather on the day. The umpires, some of whom sat up in the umpire's chair for hours, will tell you how really cold it was! This year, around 50 people entered the tournament, across the three categories: Open Singles, Open Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

Open Singles

Winner: Tom Corfield
Runner Up: Alex Reimmer

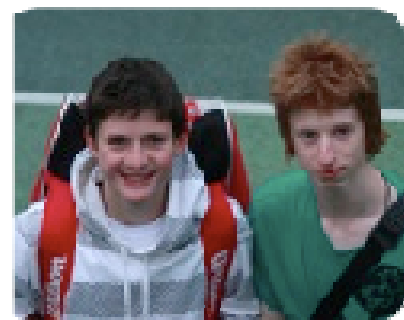
Open Doubles

Winner: Tom Corfield & Matt Eardley
Runner Up: Andy Laidler & Steve Cox

Mixed Doubles

Winner: Suasn Netto & Adrian Clarke
Runner Up: Sara Jackson & Mark Molloy

Every year, the Handicapped Tournament brings together the club, with many of the top team players choosing to play with the non-team players. The Handicaps are difficult to assign, but the very close nature of the finals proved that the organisers might have got it just right this year.



Tom Corfield and Matt Eardley

The boys having just won the Open Doubles Final, cheered on by a supportive crowd. They beat Andy Laidler and Steve Cox in three tough sets. "We were a bit worried after losing the first set, but really glad we managed to win in the end." (Tom)

Surrey League Teams

South Croydon Tennis Club fields 6 Men's, 2 Ladies' and 3 Mixed Doubles Teams in the Surrey League.

We now post all the match fixtures on the club notice board, so you all know which teams are playing when. Reminder to team captains: please update as necessary. The winter league has started - please

come and support your teams!

If any new (or old) members are interested in playing for one of the teams, please speak to one of the team captains, or in the first instance to Andy Varley (Men's 1st team captain) or Jo Green (Ladies' 1st team captain), who will be happy to guide you on the process.

Club Sessions

Senior club sessions are as follows, and are open to all full-time senior members*. Playing standards apply to these sessions. New members, please ensure you are "played in" by one of the team captains.

Saturdays	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sundays	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesdays	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Fridays	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

*Midweek members may play Monday to Friday inclusively

Box Matches & Tournament Matches

The club runs single leagues for all full-time members interested in playing singles matches against other members. If you are interested in getting involved, please sign yourself up by putting your name down on the Box League section of the club notice board.

Your box matches should ideally be played outside of club sessions, as should any tournament matches. If you do have to play during club sessions, please bear in mind that it will be subject to court availability. Only one tournament or box match is allowed to be booked during session times, on a first come first served basis (please refer to the Tennis Court Bookings book).

Sean meets Serena

On 2nd November, Sean fulfilled his dream of meeting his idol Serena Williams at her Harrods book launch. He says she was a proper "Diva", and no photos were allowed. Sean worked his charms by congratulating

her for her Doha win and told her she looked hot! She thanked him and laughed. However, I don't think phone numbers were exchanged....That day, Sean's Facebook status read: "met Serena Williams, my life now fulfilled".

A FEW MORE FROM HANDICAPPED FINALS DAY..



Photos by Jim Huggins & Anne Bridge

Support the Club - Join the 200 Club

The 200 Club is run by SCSC to help Club funds. £10 will buy you a number, and entry into monthly draws for cash prizes for a whole year! Entry forms available at the bar. Please contact the office for more information.

Did you know?

We are one of the few clubs supplying club balls for use by members during club sessions. Balls are replaced on a weekly basis, thanks to Andrew Lawson who kindly brings these to the club every Saturday.

Many of you many not know that the used balls are taken away to be sold, for which we receive 10p for

each ball. This may not sound like much, but 5 tins x 4 balls x 52 weeks =? You do the maths. This all goes towards the club's finances, from which we pay for essential maintenance as well as for the general running of the club.

It's up to all of us keep the club going, and to make sure that there are enough balls for the next club session. Please pick up the balls after play.



Please remember to pick up the balls

BAR OPENING

The club bar is the perfect place to quench your thirst after tennis, or simply to catch up with your friends.

Open for drinks and food every day from 7pm to 11pm. In addition, open from 12pm to 2pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. At the weekend, it is also open from 11am to 6pm.



Beer, wine and other alcoholic and soft drinks available



Quick! The umpire has run out of beer

Committee Members

The tennis club is run by members who volunteer to sit (a lot of running around involved!) on the tennis committee. If you would like to help in organising events, or if you simply want to discuss any aspect of the club, please contact one of the committee members who will be happy to talk to you.

Committee Members:

Chairman: Steve Cox

Secretary: Jo Green

Adrian Davis

Ian Guest

Jeremy Toop

Jim Huggins

Maki Tanabe

Matt Cartwright

Paul Karunaratne

From the Chairman..

It was great to see that the future of our club is being secured by several of our top juniors taking on the senior members and beating them in this year's handicapped tournament. However, I feel they need to show a little bit of respect when taking on the Chairman in the finals.....!!!

....this lack of respect falls firmly in the hands of MDL coaching and in particular our resident coach Andy Ross. They have to give us oldies a chance....Andy, please pass on the message!

We are renowned for being one of the friendliest clubs around, where different standards of players come and join in for our club sessions. I want to thank you all for your continued support especially in the introduction of new members and Juniors alike, and making them feel so welcome.

Finally I would like to wish all the teams every success in the up and coming winter season and look forward to seeing them progress further up the leagues.

Steve Cox

Chairman

COMING UP...

As a club, we organise events throughout the year. Here's what's on in the coming months



Xmas Party Sat
28th Dec.
8pm

Christmas Party! Sat. 28 Nov, 8pm till late

The Christmas party is a joint event with the other sections of the club. The bar will be open, and a DJ has been booked, playing all your favourite songs. All members and their friends and family are welcome.

ATP World Tour Finals Fun Tournament Sun. 29 Nov, 10:30am

There will be an American doubles tournament to coincide with the ATP World Tour Final. £5 entry fee includes a buffet while we all watch the Final on the big screen. Please contact Andy Ross for more information.

2010 Wimbledon Tickets - You must be a British Tennis Member

Please remember to register for British Tennis, in order to be eligible for the ballot for next year's Wimbledon tickets. British Tennis Membership will continue to be free for all members of

affiliated clubs until at least 2012. As in 2009, **2010 Wimbledon tickets will only be available to British Tennis Members.** The number of Wimbledon tickets allocated to each club will be based on the number of club members that have signed up to British Tennis Membership by the **30th November 2009.** All British Tennis Members aged 9 and over are eligible to join the club's ballot. Club members can apply for British Tennis Membership:

- 1) Online - Just go to www.LTA.org.uk/Membership
- 2) Call 0845 873 7202
- 3) Alternatively, paper application forms are available. Please contact the Surrey County Office should you wish to obtain these.

Team Matches at South Croydon

The following team matches are scheduled to be played at our club. Why not come and support your teams? Or perhaps you'd like to join one of the teams?

15 November 2009:

Men's IV vs Grafton
Men's VI vs Dulwich VII

22nd November 2009:

Men's V vs Downs III

13th December:

Men's II vs Wigmore II
Men's IV vs Dulwich III

10th January 2010:

Ladies' I vs Southfields

17th January 2010:

Men's V vs Carshalton IV

31st January 2010:

Men's III vs Shirely
Men's VI vs Woodfield Grove II

14th February 2010:

Men's I vs Wigmore

28th February 2010:

Men's III vs Southfields
Men's VI vs Sutton Tennis VI

28th March 2010

Ladies' I vs Purley IV

Finally...

We will be issuing a newsletter on a quarterly basis, with news and events for members. If you have ideas for future newsletters, or would like to contribute by writing an article, please contact Maki Tanabe.

Next issue:

- Tennis tips from the coach
- Introducing our teams
- Christmas Party photos

To contact any of the committee members:

Please send an email to the office, and your email will be forwarded to the relevant committee member. Alternatively, just come talk to us!

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