

# Sydenham Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club Limited

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2013**

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### Company information

Registered office:	Lawrie Park Road Sydenham London SE26 6ET
Company number:	1280576 (England and Wales)

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

All members, including social and junior members, are invited to attend our AGM. Following the vote at last year's meeting, the quorum, or the minimum attendance required to allow the meeting to go ahead, remains at 20. Of course, a bigger turnout is even better to ensure that the meeting can be fully representative of the membership at large.

An important highlight (although strictly outside the financial year under review) was the unanimous backing by 32 members attending the EGM in June to get on with implementation of the Club Business Plan. The plan, which is still available on the club website, reflects hours of research and planning by the main authors, Barbara Cavanagh and Christine Hensby, and provided the Board and committees with many more hours of debate and mostly constructive criticism. With the help of all those who care about our club's future, we got there!

Financially, the Club has had a very similar year to 2011-12, generating a small surplus that enabled sufficient funds to be put aside to meet the requirements of the Sinking Fund. Although income from the bar was down, subscription income increased and earnings from lettings also went up. The beginners programmes for tennis were particularly successful. The additional income enabled more to be spent on clubhouse improvements and grounds maintenance.

As we embark on the ten-year development plan, the first phase of court re-surfacing begins this year. Both courts and club buildings will be fully depreciated during 2013 and the large loan from the Lawn Tennis Association will be fully repaid in January 2015.

Membership rose to record levels during the year with 395 members in May 2012 despite poor weather depressing attendance at Open Day. Numbers held up well through the summer and into the autumn although membership fell back during the winter months, as is to be expected. We started 2013 with 366 members. A hard and protracted winter meant that recruitment didn't pick up significantly until early summer and we finished the financial year with 367 members. Whilst attrition rates remain higher than we would like, we continue to see an upward trend in membership with numbers reaching 414 in the first half of the current financial year. We welcome everyone who joined the club for the first time this year and hope that you are enjoying your membership.

The AGM provides space for members to raise questions or concerns about issues which affect members as a whole (any matters which concern only an individual member/section is best progressed with the relevant section committee, in the first instance). So far, we have noted two such items: felling of club trees and fundraising. The Board itself has added an announcement of the winner of the Club Volunteer of the Year Award 2013. Any further nominations for a winner can be e-mailed to the club or contact any director. Likewise, it is helpful but not essential, to give advance notice of any further items to be discussed under AOB.

I believe that this has been a very busy and challenging year for all volunteers and I thank them for their continued support.

Peter Lewis  
(Chairman)

16 October 2013

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## LIST OF VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

as at 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013

BOARD			TENNIS	
	Peter Lewis	<i>Chairman/acting Premises and Grounds rep</i>		Committee
	Andrew Lewis	<i>Bar &amp; Lettings Rep</i>		Barbara Cavanagh
	Ray Franklin	<i>Financial Director</i>		Jeff Richards
	Barbara Cavanagh	<i>Tennis Rep</i>		Katharine Beaudry
	Emeka Okonkwo	<i>Company Secretary</i>		Chris Howard
	Christine Hensby	<i>Membership Secretary</i>		Christine Hensby
	Gale Burns	<i>Croquet Rep</i>		Doug Gregory
	Vacant	<i>Squash Rep</i>		Gillian Bartlett
	Eileen Mahony			Jon Sherman
	VACANT	<i>Events Rep</i>		Stuart Husband
	Jonathan Naess			Club Play
	Volunteer of the Year 2012	<i>Trish Allen</i>		Chris Howard
SQUASH & RACKETBALL				Wayne Evans
	Pete Edwards	<i>Chairman</i>		Bill Buah
	Harry Cole			
	Vic Marden		BAR/CLUBHOUSE/GROUNDS	
	Peter Lewis			Jeff Richards
	Hugh McNichol	<i>Leagues</i>		Natalie Lopes
	Simon Taylor			Andrew Lewis
CROQUET				Jeff Hinton
	Michael Wheeler	<i>Chairman</i>		Simon Taylor
	Gale Burns	<i>Secretary</i>		Emma Lunn
	Gloria Watson	<i>Petty cash</i>		Wayne Evans
	Ken Watson	<i>Publicity</i>		Geoff Radford
	Simon Carter	<i>Captain</i>	ADMINISTRATION	
	Robert Laver	<i>Lawn keeper</i>		Chris Brooks
	Claire Bowden Dan	<i>Play organiser</i>	PRESIDENTS	
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS				Michael Wheeler
	Daniel Hensby	<i>Webmaster</i>		Beryl Bush
	Christine Hensby	<i>Marketing</i>		Jeff Hinton
	Gillian Bartlett	<i>Club Talk Editor</i>		Craig McEwan
	Nick Lovett	<i>Leagues</i>		Alice White
	Scott Harvey	<i>Design and artwork</i>		George Huthwaite
	Anthony Marien	<i>Club telephone</i>		Peter Lewis
	Peter Lewis	<i>Club telephone</i>		

# Sydenham Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (limited by guarantee)

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2013**

The Directors hereby present their 37<sup>th</sup> report and financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY:** The Company's principal activity is that of a sports club.

**RESULTS:** The results for the year are shown on pages [5-10] of the attached financial statements.

**SHARE CAPITAL:** The Company has no share capital and the liability of members is limited by guarantee.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The following have served as directors of the Company since the last meeting and unless otherwise indicated, currently hold office:

Trish Allen (resigned 11/03/13)	Peter Lewis
Gale Burns	Andrew Lewis
Barbara Cavanagh	Emeka Okonkwo
Ray Franklin	Barry Milton (resigned 05/09/13)
Christine Hensby	Eileen Mahony
Jonathan Naess (appointed 03/09/13)	

Gale Burns was co-opted as Director in year and, in accordance with the Articles, retires and offers himself for re-election. Barbara Cavanagh, Ray Franklin and Emeka Okonkwo retire by rotation. Ray and Emeka, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. However, Barbara has decided not to seek re-election. Eileen Mahony and Jonathan Naess will resign as Directors at the AGM.

**BAR COMMITTEE:** In accordance with the relevant statutory requirements, each member of the Bar Committee retires:

Jeff Hinton	Andrew Lewis
Emma Lunn	Simon Taylor

Each offers themselves for re-election.

**SMALL COMPANIES SPECIAL PROVISIONS:** The report of the Directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The report was approved by the Board on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Peter Lewis, Chairman