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SURREY PATRONS' NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2016

The tennis season is now well and truly on us so it is perhaps opportune to bring you up to date about Patrons' affairs. We do like to hear from you and the letters of thanks are very much appreciated.

Membership

This year we welcomed 44 new members and we hope they will enjoy their association with us. The membership is now full. There is a Waiting List for entry in January 2017 should vacancies arise and anyone interested in joining should contact me for an application form. There are certain residential qualifications and applicants must be over the age of 18.

Social Events

Unfortunately the planned visit to Denbies Vineyard had to be cancelled as there was insufficient support. However, we are planning a repeat visit to the Wimbledon Museum, including a tour of the AELTC grounds, in early September and details of this will be circulated as soon as they are finalised.

A Christmas Dinner, which has proved very popular in the past, will again be held at the Burford Bridge Hotel. This will be on Wednesday 30th November.

County Tennis

Summer Junior Finals	9 th July	NTC
County Road to Wimbledon Finals	17 th July	St. George's College
County Week	18 th – 22 nd July	Eastbourne – Men's & Ladies Group 1
Summer Senior Finals	24 th July	Purley
Surrey Closed Championships	20 th – 28 th August	Sutton Tennis Academy

Further details are available from the County Office (0208 487 7036).

Your support will be most welcome at any of these events.

County Competitions

The assistance of a number of Patrons in running some of these events is much appreciated. The Competitions Secretary, Charlotte Stainer (07968 716660), would be pleased to hear from other Patrons who feel they could help. We are currently able to offer the opportunity to purchase a pair of Wimbledon Tickets as a thank you.

Wimbledon Tickets

All those Patrons who applied for tickets received a pair and we hope they enjoy the tennis.

Patrons Finances

As a result of your subscriptions and additional funds provided by Peter Duckworth and George Oomman we are able to support a number of worthwhile projects, as well as organising social events at reduced prices. In addition to sponsoring the Surrey Junior Championships, we are providing assistance on the junior front to players, clubs and coaches, as well as supporting club events run in aid of recognised charities. We are continuing our initiative of defraying half the cost of defibrillators to clubs. Further information is available from either Roy Staniland (roy@surbiton.org) or myself. Surrey won the inaugural Aegon County Cup Champions Race in 2015. We were pleased to make a contribution towards the cost of the Celebration Party, which a number of Patrons attended.

Conclusion

This Newsletter is being circulated by email to those who have registered this facility. The next Newsletter will be issued in the autumn and will contain details of the Christmas Dinner and the AGM to be held at the NTC on Thursday 8th December. If anyone has changed their home address, telephone number or email address please let me know.

Peter Lane, Patrons' Secretary