



1st Serve

Squash is a brilliant game that demands skill, strategy, and athleticism. But amidst the fierce competition, good sportsmanship remains paramount. It's about more than just winning; it's about how you play the game. Respect the referee's decisions, even if you disagree with them. They're there to ensure fair play, and their calls, while sometimes frustrating, are part of the game. Play with passion and determination, giving your all to secure the win.

However, remember that graciousness in both victory and defeat is crucial. Acknowledge your opponent's skill, learn from the match, and conduct yourself with dignity. After the final point, the real spirit of squash shines through. Shake hands, chat about the game, and maybe even swap some tips. Building camaraderie and respecting your opponent makes the whole experience more enjoyable.

So, next time you step on the court, remember: play hard, fair, and good sport. It's what makes squash such a great game to be a part of Ebbisham.

Rajeeva Indiketiya
Squash and Racketball Chairman



Rajeeva showing true sportsmanship after his excellent win against Cheam in January. Ebbisham Vintage won the match 2-1 with Ian Conibear and Paul Carrell playing the other matches.

STOP PRESS 9th February STOP PRESS... Luke Wins English u17 Championship



Team News

All our teams play in the Surrey Squash Leagues with results being logged on League Master www.county.leaguemaster.co.uk

Squash	Division	Played	Won	Pts	Place
1 st Ladies	2	9	8	83	2 nd
1 st Team	5B	10	2	75	6 th
2 nd Team	7R	12	1	55	8 th
Vets 1	2	7	1	40	6 th
Vets 2	5	8	7	133	1 st
Vets 3	5	3	2	77	4 th
Vintage	3	7	5	61	2 nd
Junior u14	B	12	3	48	3 rd
Junior u17	A	6	3	33	2 nd
Racketball					
1 st Team	2	2	2	25	2 nd
2 nd Team	3	8	7	101	1 st

Info correct to – 7th February 2025

Coach Charlie

It's been a busy and exciting few months for me playing-wise, returning to the PSA world tour to compete in my first events for over a year.

I managed to battle through to a final in Bordeaux, and then after an early exit in Niort, I finished

the first half of the season by winning my biggest title to date in Madeira. After such a long time away from the tour, I had removed any pressure or expectation from my first few events back, so to get a title really was a bonus. It was also lovely to have so much support from members who kept up with the live stream and results.

Looking ahead, I have had to wait a little longer than hoped for my first event of the new year, which will be a bronze event in Calgary, Canada at the end of February. I will also be competing locally amongst many of the world's top players at the Optasia Championships, starting 25th March at The Wimbledon Club. It would be fantastic to have lots of support if possible!

Alongside the above, there have been multiple fully attended and high quality group sessions, which have as always been a pleasure to put on and be a part of. I look forward to many more through the year.

Charlie



Open Graded Racketball Tournament

On Sunday March 9th we are hosting an Open Racketball Tournament at the club. There are just a few places left to fill across A-D grades, so please enter if you haven't already done so. There are prizes to be won supplied by Karakal and donations will go to the Epsom & Ewell Food Bank, our club charity.



Contact Jo Robinson jo.robinson@btinternet.com

Future Events

March 9th – Open Graded Racketball Tournament

See poster and information above

March 20th – Pro Exhibition Match (details on page 3)

Come and watch how the professionals play at our club

March/April Ebbisham Squash Tournament

Finals Night is Saturday 26th April

Look out for details on email and noticeboards

29th March Tennis Open Day

21st April Tennis Easter Handicap Tournament

May/June (TBA) Racketball Doubles Tournament

After the successful 2024 racketball tournament we are organising a doubles tournament. This is a tournament that anyone could win as strong players will be graded and their partner will be drawn randomly. One for seasoned players and anyone wanting to try out racketball. Watch out for details.

Squash Coaching with Charlie Lee

Thursday's (check WhatsApp for specific dates)

Group Sessions 19.00 – 20.30 - £12 per person

Individual Sessions – contact Charlie directly

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BCcIbTvPK449V0gH6UwEhr>

Club Nights (£1.50 per session payable at the bar)

Please check the booking sheets as times may change due to club matches.

Squash - **Every Tuesday** 19.00 – 21.00

Squash and Racketball - **Every Friday** 17.30 – 19.30

Squash - **Every Saturday** 16.45 – 19.15

Junior Squash Coaching (Saturdays during term time)

Improver Session – 10.00am to 11.30 am

Experienced Session – 11.30am to 1.00pm

Boys and girls (under 18). The coaching fee is £5 per session payable in advance per term.

email:- admin@ebbishamsportsclub.com.

Upgrading Court 2

In 2024 we had all 3 court floors re sanded, walls repaired and washed. This was the start of our plan to ensure our courts continue to be of the highest standard now and for future years. It is always good to hear comments from teams and players visiting the club that our courts are good to play on with good lighting and surface.

In 2025, we plan to upgrade court 2 with a new floor. There are quite a few dead spots on the court now and the floor will not take another sanding. We are also looking at a re skim of the walls and front wall to future proof this court for the next 10 years+.

We are currently in the process of selecting a supplier. Once selected we plan to undertake the works over the summer months.

2025 Squash Tournament

Our annual squash tournament begins on **3rd March** and defending champions Alex Coonan and Maja are looking to retain their titles and MVP status at Ebbisham Sports Club.



2024 Finalists Alex Coonan & Jonny Major after their epic battle

Gillian Mead will be the tournament manager and all results will be managed in MyCourts, so you can check back on results, fixtures and deadline dates for each round.

For those of us less able, there are many other events to play, including handicap, vets, vintage and doubles. Finals nights are planned for **Saturday 26th April** so pencil it in now. Doubles Finals will be played on **Friday 25th April**.

The cost per event will be between **£4.00** or **£6.00**, depending on whether there is a Plate competition. The fee will automatically be taken out of your MyCourts account. Courts for Championship matches are **free of charge** if booked through the Ebbisham Office.

We will continue to update members on the progress through emails and on noticeboards.

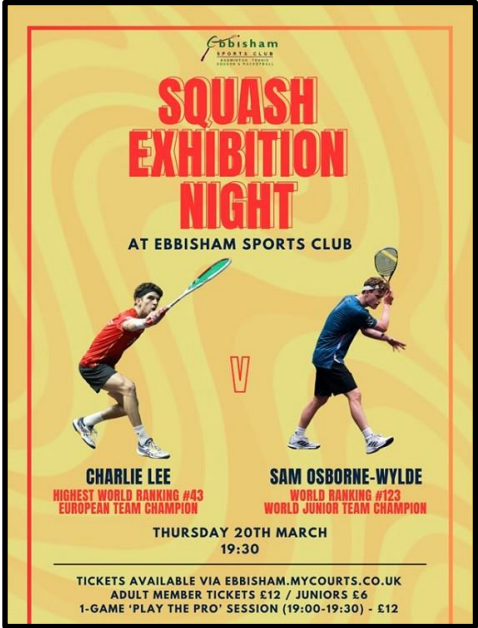
Registration deadline - 24 February 2025

First round matches beginning from 3 March 2025

Finals Doubles - Friday 25 April

Finals (inc. buffet & presentations) - Saturday 26 April

Pro Exhibition Evening



We will be hosting a Squash Exhibition on **Thursday 20th March** with two top England players **Charlie Lee** (highest WR #43, Squash Levels 37,675) and **Sam Osborne-Wylde** (WR #123, Squash Levels 40,405).

Tickets are **£12 for adult members** and **£6 for junior members**, which can be purchased through MyCourts by clicking on the relevant link below:

Adult ticket -

https://ebbisham.mycourts.co.uk/course_details.asp?courseID=1429

Junior ticket -

https://ebbisham.mycourts.co.uk/course_details.asp?courseID=1430

We are privileged to be able to host this event, which will showcase some of the best squash played at Ebbisham. It would be great to make the event a success and see as many of you there as possible.

The match will start at around 7.45pm, but we suggest getting there earlier to get a drink and take your spot on the balcony or in the pews behind Court 1. The players will be warming up against new Ebbisham member **Luke McBride** (top England junior, Squash Levels 14,765) so there'll be lots of great squash to watch if you turn up early!

Prior to the match, from around 7pm, there'll also be the opportunity for all Ebbisham members to step forward and take on one of the pro-players in a single game of PAR to 11. This will cost an additional **£12 fee** and tickets can be purchased through MyCourts by clicking on the link below:

'Play the pro' ticket -

https://ebbisham.mycourts.co.uk/course_details.asp?courseID=1427

Afterwards, the players will be in the bar to give members the opportunity to ask them questions on life as a pro-squash player.

Box Leagues – 2024

Squash		Racketball
Chris Green	Jan	Colin Shermer
Chris Green	Feb	Nathen Newark
Chris Green	Mar	Nathen Newark
John Southern	Apr	Paul Carrell
Chris Green	May	Peter Banfield
C. Green/J. Brandon	June	Nathen Newark
C. Green/J. Brandon	July	Nathen Newark
Chris Green	Aug	Colin Shermer
John Brandon	Sept	Nathen Newark
Chris Green	Oct	Colin Shermer
Simon Edwards	Nov	Colin Shermer
Chris Green	Dec	Nathen Newark

Thanks to Damian Smith and Winston Heppolette for managing the squash and racketball leagues in 2024. They are always looking for new people to join, so please contact them to join up.

Squash Rules Quiz - Foot Fault

When do you call a foot fault? We all know when we are marking a match that some players flout the foot fault rules; but how many times have you heard a marker call **“FOOT FAULT”**?

So which scenarios would you call a foot fault?

1. Both feet are touching the service box line when the ball is hit.
2. One foot is touching the floor outside of the service box and the other foot is raised but in the air in the service box area when the ball is hit
3. One foot is grounded in the service box, the other is touching the service box line when the ball is hit
4. I would never call a foot fault as I don't want to be confrontational in a match!

To **WIN** a drink at Ebbisham, be the 1st to collar Paul Carrell and give him the correct answer. The 1st person to do this will be bought a drink at the Ebbisham bar.

Squash & Racketball Committee

Rajeeva Indiketiya	Chairman
Alex Coonan	Surrey Leagues Captain
Paul Steward	Club Coach
Gillian Mead	1 st Team Ladies Captain and Safeguarding Officer
James Neill	Committee Member
Paul Carrell	Committee Member and Double Dot Editor