September 2025

BLACKHEATH SQUASH

NEWS & UPDATES

CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES 2025/2026

At the Squash Club Annual General Meeting, held on Thursday 28th August 2025, the committee agreed to keep the annual membership fees at the same level as this current year.

The meeting discussed whether the annual membership fees should be increased. It was noted that the last increase in senior fees was in 2019 and junior fees in 2021, and since these times there has been significant increase in RPI (Retail Price Index).

However, it was also noted that the current financial position of the club does not require an increase in fees at this time.

In the light of this It was agreed to keep the annual membership fees for seniors and juniors at the same level as 2023/2024, being £120 for senior peak membership, £48.50 for senior off-peak membership and £20 for junior membership, and which will be subject to review at the 2026 AGM.

It was noted that the light fees have not been increased since at least 2014 whilst RPI has increased by 58% from 2014 to 2025. However, given the Club's current financial position the meeting agreed to keep the light fees at £6 for 45 minutes and these will also be subject to review at the 2026 AGM.

A reminder to members that the club has a "Local Giving" account should anyone wish to make a donation.

If you want to learn more, or contribute to the running of the squash club, this is a great opportunity to explore further!



Tom Goode tops the chart this time with a 79.5% improvement to 964! A meteoric rise fuelled by some fantastic performances in graded tournaments, the Kent leagues and the box leagues. Beating players with a better ranking than yourself really does improve your level!! **Ashley Kisney** improved by 10.6% to 792, again through playing graded tournaments and stellar performances in the Kent leagues. Three people had an improvement of 7%: **Alex Booth, Jim Coventry** and **Isaac Priestley.**

Don't forget to add your match scores to make your ranking more accurate. A big thanks to Dan Mogridge for providing the monthly stats! <u>SquashLevels</u> is very simple to set up and a great way to track your progress. If you have any questions or need help with <u>SquashLevels</u> please let us

know: info@blackheathsquashclub.com

Club Handicap Tournament

A welcome return of the Club Handicap tournament which was last held precovid. The handicaps are on the MyCourts booking system and have been chosen based through analysis of SquashLevels and Box Leagues. A print out of the handicaps is also in the downstairs corridor. A big thanks to Alex Booth for setting the handicaps and running the tournament. Details on the format are available on the MyCourts booking system. Any questions please email Alex.

BOX LEAGUES



The current round of squash box leagues are due to finish on 28th September 2025

If you would like to join the boxes send an email to:

blackheathboxleague @gmail.com

If you would like to join the Racketball Box League send an email to:

<u>info</u> @blackheathsquashclub.com

SQUASH DRILLS & TIPS

We have created a new section on our website where we will include links to videos and content that may help you improve your game.

IMPROVE YOUR
BACKHAND TECHNIQUE

Upcoming events and calendar

RACKETBALL

Well done to Dan Mogridge for topping the last Racketball league at his first attempt! Well done also to Tae Catford and Kevin Clark for finishing joint second. A new Racketball box has started and will run through to the end of November, so there is still time to join. Just send an email to info@blackheathsquashclub.com with Racketball in the heading.

Premier League	score details	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Kevin Clark	1		5			3				1	5	14
Tae Catford	2	1		5	5						3	14
Scott North	3		3								3	6
Ami Shpiro	4		1				1				1	3
Jim Coventry	5	3										3
Patrick McAndrew	6				5							5
Nico Smith	7											
Jon Critchley	8											
Alex Booth	9	5										5
Daniel Mogridge	10	1	5	5	5							16



Blackheath Squash Club is affiliated to Kent Squash, and they have launched various WhatsApp groups to update and inform.

This may be of interest to members and information on how to sign up is shown, but please note that the information in these updates comes directly from Kent Squash and Blackheath have no input to content in these messages.

BLACKHEATH JUNIORS

Robert Jenkins who attends the first session on Saturdays recently entered his first England Squash sanctioned tournament in Purley. Robert has just turned eleven years of age but ended up in the Under 15's category due to the lack of entrants on the U13 group. Well done, Robert!

It's also nice to see five of the players from the Blackheath Juniors entering this year's handicap tournament.

MEET THE COMMITTEE DATE FOR THE DIARY

The Club's Committee are holding a 'Meet the Committee' evening on Wednesday 29 October in the small Pavilion bar from 7.30pm. All members are invited. The event is an informal gathering to allow members to meet the Committee, ask any questions they may have about the Club and provide feedback on what they like or dislike about the Club. It also provides a great opportunity to socialise with other Club members and the Club will provide refreshments for attendees

REMINDER:

Please make sure you add your opponent to your court bookings. If you bring a guest (maximum three times a year) please select your opponent as "Guest".









Comedy Corner

