

Sydenham Tennis Club - Volunteer Recognition Award ('VRA')

Purpose of VRA award: to recognise short and long term contributions to the Club by volunteers in any voluntary capacity within the Club in a formal or informal manner e.g. club leadership, or administration, coaching, competitions, events, or helping out in any other way.

Main factors to consider :-

1. The nominee has volunteered in any capacity in relation to tennis, squash, racketball, or pickleball, or any other activities at the Club, or in relation to the improvement of the Club's facilities, during the last year and, if appropriate, in previous years, by doing something worthy of recognition
2. The nominee has demonstrated inclusion by inspiring people from a range of backgrounds to play tennis, squash, racketball or pickleball or join in other activities at the Club, or to volunteer at the Club in some way.
3. The nominee has shown creativity or innovation in their volunteering activities in any capacity associated with tennis, squash, racketball or pickleball, or other activities at the club, or in relation to the club as a whole and its facilities.
4. The nominee has shown commitment to the Club over a long period, whether on a committee or in another capacity.

Points to note:

- Although the VRA award is for voluntary contributions and is primarily aimed at Club members who volunteer this might, in exceptional circumstances, be awarded to someone who is in a paid role where they have volunteered over and above their role.
- The award is to be considered each year but will not be granted unless there is a suitable candidate.
- If there is more than one suitable candidate, then more than one award can be made each year.
- It is not necessary to meet all of the four criteria above to obtain the VRA award; other factors can also be considered
- Anyone who has received Volunteer of the Year Award previously is eligible for the VRA award
- In exceptional circumstances a volunteer may receive the VRA more than once, subject to a reasonable interval having elapsed.

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