



Ipswich Croquet Club Newsletter

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What a year!

Probably the less said about our current membership year the better. By now most of us have had our first jab and can look forward to a better season with a refreshed optimism. Whatever the New Norm turns out to be the club is determined to make the best of it.

God willing on the 29th of this month we will be back on the lawns for the final tournament of the winter season. A morning doubles tournament managed by Simon Holloway – so far thirteen have signed up. Should you wish to join us you need to hurry, there are only a few spaces left. In the afternoon we will hold a club session as was once normal for Monday afternoons, and hopefully now from the 29th they will continue to be so.

Membership

It's that time of year when we ask you to put your hand in your pocket. The current membership comes to an end on the 31st (the end of this month) and subscriptions for the coming year are due on 1st April. For those who have not yet renewed, there is still time to take advantage of the prepayment rate provided payment reaches the treasurer (or our bank if paying online) by the 31st March latest.

We would like to thank those who have already renewed – half of current members – and express a 'special thank you' for your generous donations to the Moving Fund. So far you have raised nearly £700.

2021 AGM

The format of the AGM, part email and part zoom, was a first for Ipswich Croquet Club. It proved most successful with a greater proportion of the membership participating in the voting than in normal times. There is no replacement for face to face contact but we hope those who attended the zoom meeting found it interesting and informative.

The latest on our relocation

The committee continues to follow up the three possible future locations for the club. A firm offer has been made from Trinity Park. Unfortunately, facilities are some way off from the proposed site. Ipswich School Sports Centre is a more promising site and will require less work and less expense for the club, to get started. We await details of what the rental and maintenance costs would be. Bramford Golf Club have proved to be very helpful, but much more detailed discussion needs to be completed before we would be able to make a decision.

When the committee is in a position to put forward a firm recommendation all members will be contacted.

Easter

With so much general Covid-19 restriction still in force during the Easter holiday, we thought that a whole day GC Handicap tournament on Easter Monday would be a great way to get out of the house for a bit of fun. If this appeals to you please let us know and we will make the necessary arrangements – either ring Ria on 07944 205 065 or email croquetclub.ipswich@gmail.com

Looking for news

We are always looking for things of interest to put into the newsletter. If there is any subject you would like covered, or you have a snippet of news you would like to share personal or otherwise, or indeed if you would like to write an article, please contact us.

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