



Ipswich Croquet Club News

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NEWS FLASH FROM CAFÉ TERRACE 14/09/2020

REOPENING OF THE CLUBHOUSE

Dear All,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the summer months and welcoming the catering side back to Fynn Valley with open arms. The team and I have enjoyed being back at work and getting back into the swing of things again. The support over the last couple of months has been fantastic, from our pizza evenings to the Eat Out to Help Out scheme, so thank you.

We re-opened on the 15th of September. Our opening times are daily 9:00-16:30 going into the autumn.

So, firstly, we welcome back the use of your members' fobs whereby members can receive a discount on purchases. Our wonderful head chef Dan has been working on a new menu, which can be found below. We invite you to take advantage of your discount and indulge in some of Dan's amazing food. The menu will be offered Wednesday-Sunday between 9:30-13:00, but, please do not worry, on a Monday and Tuesday our fabulous cold counter will be filled with delicious goodies for you to purchase both hot and cold.

As you are all aware, the rules regarding social gatherings are fluid. No more than six people outside of your household or bubble can meet. We are very proud of the measures we have put in place to ensure you are safe when at Fynn Valley, but we must work together – please do not sit in groups larger than six at any time.

You will notice changes to the building when re-entering, therefore I would like to take this opportunity to share these changes and processes with you:

- When entering the building you will notice that our entire bar has been screened and there

are new barriers and floor markings to indicate where to queue when ordering.

- We have reduced our staffing numbers to restrict team members working together and to allow for social distancing when working, so please allow a little extra time before you order.
- Once you have ordered, there will be a separate collection point at the other end of the bar where your purchases will be placed.
- The tables within the building have been measured and put in place to adhere to the government guidelines of social distancing. Therefore, this does mean that our maximum capacity has dropped and tables have been removed. With this in mind we have temporarily extended our seating area into the smaller function room allowing for more seating, please use all of the space within the building and I kindly ask for you not to all gather in the golfers' snug. Please can I also ask all members not to move any tables or chairs, they are to be kept in place for your own safety as well as others.
- When leaving, please leave your empty cups or plates on the table, a member of the team will clear and clean all tables, this way we can ensure that all tables have been thoroughly disinfected before further use.
- We will retain the covered seating area outside with the addition of heaters so those that wish can always enjoy their post round catch-up outside of the main Café Terrace building.

We do have a track and trace system in operation. If you are attending the building, please scan the QR code which is on every table and follow the instructions. We do have paper forms behind the bar if your phone does not allow QR scanning.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are mandatory if you are only visiting reception or using the golf shop area. For customers of the bar and café, face coverings are not mandatory.

I hope the changes and processes that have been put in place will make Fynn Valley a safe and warm environment for all, as it is our duty to ensure that all our members, the public and our team here at Fynn Valley are all looked after in a safe and secure manner.

Kind regards,

Jess

Jessica Sherred

Catering Operations Manager

Fynn Valley Café Terrace

NEWS LETTER Issue 5.

Martin Brown writes:

Membership

Firstly I would like to welcome Angela Hunter as a new member of our club. The membership now stands at 29 which, faced with the Covid-19 pandemic and many of last year's members having to self-isolate, means we are doing rather better than we might have expected.

In April the committee identified the need to increase our membership and revenue from Group Events. However only since the very latest easement of covid-19 restrictions has it been possible to invite non-members to the club. Now the campaign will start in earnest!

Club Sessions

It is no longer necessary for members to pre-book lawns. Normal club sessions have resumed, when all are invited to turn up and play croquet. Mondays and Wednesdays 1 PM to 4 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays 6 PM to 8 PM. Join the WhatsApp group-ICC players- to check if anyone else is planning to play. Social distancing rules apply and no congregating in the pavilion.

We are also introducing a new session on Saturdays from 10 AM to 12 AM specifically to invite would-be members to have a go. If you have a relative, friend, colleague or acquaintance who you can persuade to come along this is their chance. Remember in our drive to get more members we have dispensed with Green Fees for guests of members. A voucher, to be spent at the Terrace Restaurant, will be awarded for introducing new members who join the club.

In-house tournaments and competitions

With the easement of restrictions we are reintroducing club tournaments and competitions.

- First Wednesday of each month 9.30 to 12.30 Mid/High handicap
- Last Sunday of each month 9.30 to 4.00 Handicap and Level Play (no dates set as we need volunteers to manage the days)
- **NEW** Third Wednesday of each month 9.30 to 12.30 Doubles Handicap
- Victory Cup. GC knockout competition
- Gaunt Shield. AC knockout competition

For further details please refer to the Members Area of our website, or pavilion notice board.

Tiny Terrace Café. (Outside)

- Pizza Fridays 4 PM to 8 PM (pre-order by midday)
- Pizza Wednesdays 4 PM to 8 PM **Half price** (pre-order by midday)
- BBQ Saturdays 12 noon to 5 PM
- Breakfast Sundays 10 AM to 1 PM
- Lunchtime Menu Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays **Half price**

If all goes well the main restaurant and bar are due to reopen in September.

Social gatherings.

- Traditionally we meet up for lunch on the first Wednesday of each month at the Terrace Café. Please note that during August lunches will be served on the outside terrace **Half price**
- A suggestion has been made that we also meet for a chat and afternoon/evening pizza on the third Friday of each month. Please let me know if you think this is a good idea, or if you have any suggestions of your own please put a note in the website or pavilion Suggestion Box.

Drawer unit in pavilion.

Please note that various items that were pinned to the pavilion walls have been rehoused in the new shallow drawer unit. One drawer is labelled **Suggestion Box** please use it. We also intend to install notice boards to help smarten the general appearance.

Martin Brown

Members and Marketing Secretary.

Simon Holloway writes:

On Saturday July 25th, Simon Holloway as part of his challenge of playing 26 games of golf croquet as part of Woodbridge Rotary Club “Marathon” Event in aid of Headway Suffolk, played 8 games between 10am and 5:30pm. Martin Brown was the first club member to play Simon between 10 and 12 with 3 games all going to 7 – 5 with Martin winning 2. Celia Pearce then took over and played 2 games that she both won. Then Ria Hunt played, followed by Brian. The next game was a doubles with Brain and Simon managing to win 7-6 against Ria and Martin Brown. The last 2 games were also double this time Simon paired with Martin against Bernard Button and his partner Lizzie main. Martin and Simon won the first game but lost the last one. The weather was extremely kind to us and only=y the last game was played in the rain after the 2nd hoop.

Simon would like to thank all the club players who came to help him on Saturday. To make his 26 games he counted the 6 games he played during the week with Bernard and Celia. This left just 12 for him to complete on Sunday – playing his wife Sue. We finally finished 3:10pm on Sunday.

As a result of the 16 Woodbridge Rotarians who took part doing various activities over the weekend, we have raised over £1100 for Headway Suffolk

Logo

We thought the club logo could be made brighter to stand out more. We are planning to get options for the members to decide which they prefer.

Autumn Clean

Plans to smarten up pavilion area inside and out, and place new fixed boards along the area boarding the netting from the golf range.

Collated by Ria Hunt, Club Secretary.