



Ipswich Croquet Club Newsletter

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TRINITY PARK UPDATE 30TH January 2022

To all members of the Ipswich Croquet club

You will be delighted to hear that we are very close to making a start on the development of our new croquet lawns at Trinity Park. The committee met to decide upon a provisional plan of action.

Since then there have been several meetings with Phillip Ainsworth of Trinity Park and our lawn builders. Final details, including a detailed financial plan remain to be agreed. However, importantly Philip Ainsworth has given permission for us to begin the process of building new lawns. We very much hope, that things will start at the beginning of February, with the target date of June 2nd for completion.

A photograph is attached which shows the gathering on site. I hope to send out regular updates showing progress.

Clearly, a great deal of work lies ahead and where necessary, we will seek the assistance of members with some of the tasks.

Finally, the AGM will be on March 20th at 10.30. Venue tbc, but probably in Nacton Village Hall. A full agenda, together with directions will be sent next month.

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Brian



Martin Brown writes

'Parting is such sweet sorrow'

Most of us hold many happy memories of times spent at Fynn Valley and I for one will miss the place where I was introduced to club croquet. However although this is the end of an era it heralds the beginning of a new and exciting chapter in the history of Ipswich Croquet Club.

During the past eighteen months we have successfully accumulated sufficient funds (and there is more to come) not only to relocate, but also to start the process of taking ICC from being a second division club with poor lawns, to a premier club with quality purpose-built lawns fit for national competitions.

We are now able to report that our planning application for four full sized courts at Trinity Park has met with no public opposition and the green light from the planning department is due within the next few days. As soon as it arrives we will start work on the extensive plans for our new home. You will appreciate that this is a major undertaking and so we will phase the project over three to five years. We would also take this opportunity to thank David Wicks and Bernard Button for the huge amount of work they have carried out to get us to this stage.

Unfortunately because we have now missed the all-important autumn grass sowing season, seeded lawns will not be playable till late next year or even the following spring. We therefore propose to turf the first two lawns which, subject to spring soil temperatures, could be ready to play as early as next May.

By then we will have two playable lawns, a pavilion with water and electricity, on site toilets and the necessary equipment to water and maintain the grass. The following phases will include seeding the second two lawns and extending the pavilion facility to cater for visiting teams and social gathering - barbeques etc.

If you are interested in the details of the proposed work or wish to help in any way, please contact Bernard Button or Martin Brown.

Winter quarters at Nacton Cricket Club

We are pleased to confirm that Nacton Cricket Club has kindly allowed us the use of its club house, facilities and an area for 2 x 2/3 size courts until April next year; and the grass which one might describe as 'reasonable!' will be mown for us.

So as from this Monday (1st November) ICC will be housed at Workshop Lane, The Street, Nacton, IP10 0HD. Workshop Lane is a gated lane opposite the closed down Orwell Village Store.

The gate will be open for our club sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays 1PM to 3PM and Saturdays from 10AM to 1PM. Drive through the gate to the playing field where there is abundant parking. Should members wish to play or need access at any other time they should contact Ria who holds keys.

We hope to see a good turnout on Monday and indeed for the rest of the winter season.

Finals Day

The weather, although chilly, was kind to us and the traditional Speed Doubles tournament was greatly enjoyed by a good turnout, as were the cakes some members kindly provided. After four rounds of often intense contest Ria and Angela seized victory – congratulation!

Brian then presented

- The Speed Trophy to Angela Hunter and Ria Hunt.
- The Bodington Cup (for the most summer season GC Singles Handicap Tournament wins) to Simon Riley
- The Gaunt Shield (AC Singles Handicap knockout competition) was won by David Wicks with runner-up Martin Hart
- The Victory Cup (GC Singles Handicap knockout competition) was won by Martin Brown with runner-up Brian Hunt

To round off the day Brian invited all to the Railway where we enjoyed a social drink in the sunshine and tried a hand at Petanque.

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to those who have already booked and paid their deposits. For those who have not yet booked and paid the £10 deposit and wish to join us please do so as soon as possible. The pre-order form for choice of menu will be emailed to all a little nearer the time.

Important notices

- 1. All Fynn Valley fobs should be handed in at the golf club's reception and any remaining credits spent or claimed.**
- 2. We need as many hands as possible to help clear the pavilion and lawns at Fynn Valley this Saturday from 10AM. If you are available please come along.**
- 3. Would all members who have personal belongings including mallets in the pavilion please remove them by Friday of this week.**
- 4. No personal belongings should be left at our new Nacton winter quarters – safe keeping will be neither assured nor insured.**