

Newsletter and Updates

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Even more great news. Guest players are now welcome to play provided they are booked in by a paid up member. The Club Covid-19 Rules below have been amended accordingly. However please remember that social distancing must still be strictly observed.

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More great news. As of 8 AM this morning members can now play doubles as well as singles. The Club Covid-19 Rules below have been amended accordingly. However please remember that social distancing must still be strictly observed.

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Great news. We are delighted to announce that the club has now reopened. Unfortunately certain restrictions remain in place. The 2 main restrictions are

- Members only
- Members can only visit the club during their allocated slot having pre-booked a lawn (see rule 4 below)

GUIDELINES FOR CROQUET DURING COVID-19

- 1) Games must only consist of 2 or 4 players.
- 2) Only one game per lawn. Max of 6 players for singles or 12 players for doubles playing at a time on the 3 lawns.
- 3) You can now meet up with up to 6 people. Preferably arrange to play before turning up at the club.
- 4) To ensure that the above works, there will be a booking system. To book you will need either to e-mail Ria and Brian at brianria@btinternet.com or ring 01473659711 or 07944 205065 and either speak to one of us or leave a message. Please do not assume you are booked in until it is confirmed by us. You can book one hour slots, with a maximum of 3 hours on one day.
- 5) Social distancing must be adhered to at all times.
- 6) Only one person in the pavilion/veranda area at a time
- 7) Balls to be moved by feet rather than by hand during play.
- 8) The wooden boards that normally surround the lawns are not to be moved or used, a free drop or placement with feet is allowed.
- 9) The equipment that is used should be sanitised before and after use. (Hoops, balls, mallet if not your own, etc.)
- 10) Players are advised to wipe door handles, keypads, dog kennel latch and key etc before and after use. (the club will provide wipes/sanitiser if we can buy any, bring your own just in case we can't)
- 11) Guests are allowed, but they must be booked in by paid up members.

HELLO EVERYONE

The present Committee agreed to postpone the AGM on the 29th of March, new date to be announced. In view of yesterday's statement by the Prime Minister the postponement is for an indefinite time.

We managed to finish the winter weekend tournament last Sunday, keeping to strict 2 metre distance and no handshakes or hugging. In the sunshine we all enjoyed our packed lunches and delicious lemon drizzle cake made by Valerie Harding.

Thanks to Valerie for organising the tournaments and to Martin French and Celia Pierce for running them.

COVID-19 Guidelines.

The club intends to follow government guidelines. As a result of the further restrictions announced by the PM yesterday, we regret that we have no alternative but to close the club with immediate effect until these restrictions are lifted.

The situation will remain under our constant review and we will keep you informed of any changes via email and our website.

Financial Status.

Obviously the COVID-19 will have an effect on the club's income and finances in general. However, we would like to assure all members that, due to prudent financial management in the past, the club has a healthy reserve that will see us safely through the next 12 months.

Subscriptions.

Club subscriptions for 2020/21 are now due, and because of the virus we have decided **not** to increase the fees from last year and offer you two options.

The first option is to pay your subs in full as normal, and we will give you a credit for each month of closure against your 2021/22 subs. We appreciate that this is a big ask but one that would greatly assist the club in these difficult times to protect its immediate cash flow and long-term future.

The second option is to defer your payment and membership until the club reopens, then pay as a new member, and again we will give you a credit for each month of re-closure should there be a second "lockdown" against your 2021/22 subs. These rates are as follows:

<i>Month paid</i>	<i>Full</i>	<i>Second club</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Winter</i>
April 2020	£120.00	£60.00	£30.00	
May	£116.00	£58.00	£29.00	
June	£102.00	£51.00	£25.50	
July	£ 88.00	£44.00	£22.00	
August	£ 74.00	£37.00	£18.50	
September	£ 60.00	£30.00	£15.00	
October	£ 45.00	£22.50	£11.25	£45.00
November	£ 37.50	£18.75	£ 9.38	£ 37.50
December	£ 30.00	£15.00	£ 7.50	£ 30.00
January (2021)	£ 22.50	£11.25	£ 5.63	£ 22.50
February	£ 15.00	£ 7.50	£ 3.75	£ 15.00
March	£ 7.50	£ 3.75	£ 1.88	£ 7.50

How to pay your subs - two options

Make an interbank transfer (BACS) to Ipswich Croquet Club, a/c no. 91407368, sort code 40-47-42 – if you choose this method please send Bernard Button an email (bernardbutton@btinternet.com) to let him know you have paid.

Post a cheque made payable to Ipswich Croquet Club,
to Bernard Button, Oak Cottage, Chapel Road, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. IP13 6XL

Brand new website.

Amongst all this turmoil we are pleased to announce the launch of our brandnew website on Friday 27th March. Today a website is an essential part of the marketing mix of any club or organisation. Our aim is to promote croquet, our club, and attract new members and corporate/group events.

In addition to the public part of the website there is a 'Members Only Area'. Here you can view

- the club's Policies and Safeguarding
- the club's Constitution
- current and archived Newsletters
- the Members Directory
- the Committee, Officers and their responsibilities
- put your name down for Tournaments and Matches

Please log onto 'ipswichcroquetclub.com'. We hope you find the site interesting, informative and above all helpful. The first time you log into the 'Members Only' area you will be asked to 'sign up'. To do this you will need your email address and a password of your making. Once your membership has been confirmed you will receive an approval notification. You will then be able to 'log in' using the same email address and password. Please don't forget your password, only you know what it is.

EACF LEAGUE 2020

David Watts writes:

The captains of the various leagues being run by the East Anglian Croquet Federation are voting on whether to postpone the leagues until June or whether to give up and cancel the whole year.

The voting is 9 to 1 in favour of giving up with a few votes still to come in. So, there will be no league matches this year.

Committee Nominations:

Very few **nominations** for committee members were received. The people standing for the committee to date are:

Chairman – Martin Brown

Treasurer - Bernard Button

Secretary – Ria Hunt

Club coach- David Wicks

IT – Simon Down

Peter Allnutt

All will need to be nominated and seconded and voted in at the AGM when it happens.

Please let us know if you would like to be part of the committee or if you would like to be nominated for any of the above roles or indeed help the club in any other way.

Valerie Harding writes:

Dog Day Trophy Tournaments

Out of the ten planned, two had to be cancelled because of bad weather. Throughout the season we had a combined total of fifteen players, most days we played twelve.

Celia and Martin French managed these with Celia taking on the "handicap" days, and Martin the "level" play days.

Everyone enjoyed themselves (I think) and all games were played with good humour. Many of the players were either second club members, or winter members, and it would be good next year to see more full members coming and having a go.

The final results for the trophy were

1. Martin Brown
2. Jane Collier
3. Simon Draper
4. Celia, Henry, Martin French

One or two players had their handicaps altered either by their own skill or by our Club Handicapper Celia