



NEWSLETTER

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David Wicks

It is with very great sadness that we learnt of David's passing on Sunday, 29th January. The club has sent its condolences to his family – our thoughts are with them.

David joined ICC in 2011 and has represented the club with distinction on numerous occasions playing, AC, GC, Indoor and Short Croquet.

More recently he played a lead role in the club's relocation. David had his own croquet court at home and his knowledge of building and maintaining lawns was invaluable.

David also took a keen interest in helping others enjoy the sport he had come to love. He became a qualified CA coach and was ICC's official coach, referee and handicapper.

The club has lost a good friend.

Paul Homer

Another good friend lost. May we remind members that Paul's funeral will be held at 1 PM on Friday, 10th February at The West Suffolk Crematorium?

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The move to Trinity Park is in sight.



Just 58 days to go. To get the courts to top championship standard will take a few years, however the new lawn is already looking much better than Nacton. By 1st April we should have 2 full sized courts superior to anything ICC has had for many years, and ready to play.

There is only one major project to be completed before we can move and that is the installation of the watering system. This is scheduled to start Monday, 6th March and should be completed within 2 weeks. That will leave just mowing, rolling, marking out the courts and setting out the hoops before we can start playing.

Working Parties

Good news - we now have power, water and the shelter in situ.

The second group working party met on Friday, 27th January - a beautifully sunny albeit a somewhat cold day – and made good progress. Boundary boards were placed around the lawn, more grass was mown, a good start was made on the proposed flowerbed at the end of the car park, the broken pavilion window was replaced and rubbish was cleared. Many thanks to those who gave so generously of their time.



The next working party. Our attention now turns to rubbing down, prepping and painting the pavilion and the shelter. With the power on we can use electric sanders to make life easier. As always many hands make light work and if you are able to give us a little time on **Thursday, 9th February starting at 10 AM** it will be much appreciated. Please let Martin know (07780 704 792, croquetclub.ipswich@gmail.com) if you are able to join us.

Forthcoming working parties. We will need daily working parties for 6 consecutive days starting 6th March to help with the installation of the watering system. This is not as technical

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as it might sound. Our supplier will have done much of the work before the system arrives on site and he is also loaning us a trenching machine to dig in the pipes. What we are seeking is a little manpower to lay the pipe and backfill the trench.

January tournaments

Singles

January 11th saw another good turnout with a full house of entries. All games were closely contested with 5 golden hoops including the final between Richard Watts and Brian Hunt – Richard clinched the match.

Doubles

The weather was not kind. Freezing fog and sickness meant that only 3 pairs managed to make it. Simon Riley and Tim Parrett emerged victorious.

Golf Croquet tutorial

Playing a wrong ball. If you mistakenly play the partner ball (e.g. the black when blue should have played), the opposing side decides whether (a) the balls are replaced to where they were and the striker then plays the correct ball (blue), in which case any points the black scored are cancelled, OR (b) the balls can be changed over i.e the black and blue change places, and any points scored remain. Play then continues in sequence (in this case the red ball will play next).

Playing out of turn. If a player plays out of turn the stroke is annulled and all balls that moved should be returned to their positions immediately prior to the out of turn stroke.

A thought for February/March! If a stationary ball is moved by weather it is to be replaced before the next stroke is played. If a moving ball is affected by weather – tough!

February & March Dates for your diary

Feb 9th 10AM working party needed; **Feb 10th** 1PM Paul Homer's funeral West Suffolk Crematorium; **March 5th** 10AM AGM Nacton Hall; **6th - 11th** 10AM working parties needed.

ICC website

We apologise for the glitches that have appeared on our website. Solutions are being sort.

In the next issue

Is there a topic you would like covered in the next issue?

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We would appreciate your feedback. If you have any comments about this or future newsletters or would like an article published in a newsletter please contact the editor—contact details at the bottom of this page. Copy should be submitted by Sunday, 19th February for inclusion in the March issue.