

## IPSWICH CROQUET CLUB NEWSLETTER 1. January 2020

Hi everyone

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. It was so good to see so many people at the Christmas lunch. Thanks again to Valerie for organizing it. I hope everyone who went to the Eastern Angles production enjoyed it and thanks to Phil for organising the evening.

The attendance at the Monday afternoon sessions has fluctuated since the beginning of the winter season. It was agreed that we would try to have a social afternoon if the weather was bad and we couldn't play croquet. Quizzes, board games, card games, pen and pencil games had all been prepared but as there was only 1 or 2 people around on wet days, they have not been used. So this idea has been shelved.

The winter tournaments are going well. It's good to see so many signing up for them.

Every good wish for 2020

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### COMPETITION NEWS:

Albie and Eden played in the under 21 world GC championships in Nottingham. Albie made it to the last 16 then got knocked out.

Ryan Eden and Albie won the National Schools AC championships and Albie came runner up in the Junior AC championships.

Ipswich won the Very Local League competition last Summer.

Phil Eardley captained Suffolk in the Inter Counties Association Croquet doubles championships in Sussex in May.

David Wicks won a B level GC Tournament in Letchworth, an AC handicap tournament in Colchester. And came within a whisker of qualifying for the National B level finals.

Phil and David played for Suffolk in an East Anglian Short Croquet tournament played in doors at Soham this winter.

Ipswich came last in the northern division of the East Anglian B level club competition, having reached the final the year before....

The clubs playing are Ipswich, Colchester, Thurston and Sudbury. Played on a home and away basis at fortnightly intervals, always Friday afternoons starting at 1pm and finishing by 4pm. Any handicappers can play.

Kevin Knights runs this competition.

## Sunday Winter Tournaments

"These tournaments are run every other Sunday. We start at 0930, stopping for lunch at Fynn Valley at about mid-day, and then continue until about 4 p.m. The Manager will decide on Wednesday preceding the Sunday whether the weather will be suitable for playing. Although I have been doing the basic organisation, it has

been either Martin French, or Celia, who have kindly consented to manage those that have already taken place.

We have, so far, played three; the winners were Nov.10th Jane Collier. Nov.24th Henry. December 8th Martin Brown.

Unfortunately December 22nd had to be cancelled due to saturated and soggy lawns. Disappointing for the 8 members lined up to play, but very rarely do we have to cancel.

I would like to encourage more people to enter. Although competitive, these days are great fun, and it is a chance to meet other members. If you feel that you cannot manage a whole day, consider finding someone to share the day with.

There is a prize for each winner; a bottle of wine or if under age money. At the end of the season points are given and added towards The Dog Day Award.

If you have any queries please contact me. The dates are in the Clubhouse. They are run alternatively as Level Play, or Handicap Play.

Future dates: January 12th, 26th; February 9th, 23rd; March 8th, 22nd.

Valerie Harding.

#### MONTHLY INTER CLUB TOURNAMENT:

This happens every first Wednesday of the month and is open to any club member with a handicap, organised by Kevin Knights.

We start at 9.30 and finish around lunch time. Winner gets a bottle of wine.

You can then join club afternoon players for lunch at the club house and continue playing in the afternoon should you feel like more croquet.

#### COACHING:

David Wicks, as well as playing and coaching GC is a keen player and coach for Association Croquet. Next summer he will try to get a few of the club's GC only players to have a go at AC. "If you don't try it you'll never know what you are missing" Watch this space.

David will also do individual coaching sessions 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Please telephone him to arrange.

I hope you enjoyed our first news letter and if you have anything you would like to have included in the next one, please forward it to me.

Happy New Year to all.

Ria Hunt