



Ipswich Croquet Club Newsletter

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Welcome to Newsletter 7.

We sadly find ourselves back in lock down and unable to play croquet. Hopefully we can get back in early December and resume the Winter Programme. We will contact when a start date is known.

Celia managed the first Sunday GC handicap tournament of the Winter season which was won by Albie Willett. Please would players sign up by the preceding Friday to make planning for the tournament manageable?

Finals day was enjoyed by all those who came to play. Luckily the weather was kind and trophies competed for. See report below.

Members enjoyed playing in the sunshine on our last club afternoon.

A big THANK YOU to Simon Holloway for stepping in at short notice to run the planned GC Singles Tournament in the morning after it was unexpectedly cancelled. Bernard Button took away the prize after winning all his games.

Your Committee is busily trying to find us a new home. Thank you very much for suggestions for possible sites and ideas.

Ria Hunt

Report by the Chairman

FINALS DAY.

Finals day was held on the morning of Sunday October 18th.

The AC final had already been played with Albie Willett defeating Martin Hart.

The main event of the morning was the best of the 3 games GC handicap final for the Victory Shield played between Albie Willett and Paul Homer.

Albie won 2-0, with both games being very close. (7-6 and 7-5)

Eight players arrived to play in a handicap doubles GC competition for the two iconic Speed Trophies, originally given to the club by Mark Percival. The competition was run on a round robin basis, with 45 minutes being allowed for each game. The two leading pairs met in the final game with Christine Bingley and Eden Rogers defeating Ria Hunt and Bernard Button, just.

Trophies were presented to all at the end of an enjoyable morning and packed lunch.

TROPHIES.

The committee is trying to discover how many trophies the club actually has in its possession. It is known that some have disappeared for good and that others are definitely with various holders. If anyone has or knows where a trophy is, please could they let Ria know, so that an updated comprehensive list can be made? The committee will then try to ensure that competitions will be organised for each trophy that exists next year. Thank you.

Brian Hunt.

Report by the Members Secretary***New Members***

On behalf of the club may I extend the warmest of welcomes to Ruth and Tim Parrett who have joined us since the last newsletter? It is incredibly unfortunate that we were obliged to close the club within days of them joining.

Perhaps this is a good time to remind members that a credit will be made against next year's subscriptions for the time the club is closed due to government Covid-19 directives.

In these most difficult times I am pleased to report that our campaign to recruit new members has been surprisingly successful. Our editorial submissions to The Flyer, In Touch and Ipswich 24 have stirred considerable interest and continue to do so. Also a big THANK YOU to those members who have introduced family, friends, and acquaintance.

We now have a total of 14 new members. Membership stands at 30 Full Members, 6 Second Club Members, 5 Full Winter Members and 3 Junior Members.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of health, and stay safe during this second lockdown?

Martin Brown