C.C.C. UPDATE - MARCH 2018

If you are tempted by the meteorological version you will be thinking that Spring has sprung. On the other hand, if you keep to the astronomical method of deciding that long awaited date you will know that Spring will be upon us on 20^{th} March. I prefer the good old-fashioned version that tells me I have 2 more weeks to wait! Another date to look forward to is just three weeks and four days away – the date when our croquet season starts again – 31^{st} March. Before then we have a busy time ahead, starting with.......

<u>Pasty & Pud'</u> this coming Saturday (10th March) There is a glimmer of hope that we may be able to have a game or two in the afternoon, but much depends on the weather of course. Whether we do or not I am sure those attending will enjoy not only the food but also the opportunity to meet up and catch up with other members. And..... there will be a raffle to add a bit more excitement to the day!

<u>Season's Fixtures</u> You will already have received details of our club competitions together with your subscription renewal documents. Let's see a good entry in our club competitions this year! Attached to this 'Update' is the full Fixtures List. This lists all competitions — club and South West Federation — through the year. If you don't already, please do consider playing in one or more of our club teams. It's good fun with the added benefit of meeting other players and, in some cases, visiting other clubs. Lists for you to sign up for these teams will be on the club boards at the beginning of April.

<u>Handicap Cards</u> Just a reminder that all handicaps will be reviewed before season starts, so please ensure you have left your card(s) at the club as soon as possible to make our handicappers' lives a little easier.

Work Parties Throughout the year a small group of members keeps the lawns and surrounding grounds in good condition so that we may all enjoy our sport. March is a very busy month for them and any help you are able to give would be much appreciated. To this end we are asking for help in a week's time – Tuesday 13th starting at 10am. There will be various jobs to undertake so I am sure that anyone who is able to come will find something suitable. Let's make it a real 'party' and add in clubhouse cleaning as well! So, Tuesday 13th March 10am onwards, if you can help either inside or out please come along and join in.

A Request Over the past few weeks I have been gathering as many of the club's Newsletters as I can from our website, my own copies and the club's old files. It has taken a while as I keep stopping to read some of them as they are such a fascinating record of Cornwall Croquet Club. Unfortunately there are a few gaps so if you, like me, are a bit of a hoarder could you please see if you have any of the following that you could lend me for copying: Newsletters nos. 1-9, 49 (2009) and 55 (2010). Thank you.

New Changing and Storage Facility The CA has approved our application for a 50% grant towards this and we now have planning consent. As soon as the ground is suitable work will start on installing it. Please do be aware of potential hazards of machinery and materials once this starts.

That's all for now. See you on Saturday or next Tuesday – or both!

