

CORNWALL CROQUET CLUB

UPDATE

Well, the flames of June have faded and we are moving into the second half of the year. So far we seem to have been fairly lucky weather-wise and managed to play on days when showers have been forecast. On several occasions all three lawns have been in use with members making the most of the favourable conditions.

I know they have all settled in very well, but let's give an 'official' welcome to our new members. We had two very successful open weekends and our new and prospective new members are now enjoying a series of beginner's coaching and doing very well. Many are now coming up to club sessions and we are still getting the odd visit from people passing the gate and wanting to 'have a go'.



This Monday sees the last of our GC league matches and shortly after that the AC players will be finishing their league commitments. This heralds the start of our internal matches, both AC and GC, although we have, of course, already played the 'One Ball' tournament and here is the winner, Fiona, shooting for the peg in the final. This was not the first time that this competition was won by a Golf Croquet player!

The competition resulted in a £50 donation to Cornwall Hospice Care, so well done all concerned.

Help needed

On Saturday 16th July we are expecting a visit from St Austell Soroptimists who are coming to see what a great game croquet is. This will be a late afternoon/evening event commencing around 4.30pm and we need some help in what promises to be a fun visit. Initially we need around 8 helpers, but I have yet to receive details of exactly how many will be coming. The helpers will need to meet beforehand to hear what their duties will be, but this should only take around 30 minutes. Please sign up on the notice in the clubhouse or let me know by email. This won't be like a downsized version of an Open Day but will involve fun and some competitive games. Your roles will be to help the visitors as they play. Sounds intriguing? Then sign up as a helper!

Whites!

Some players have expressed concern that they are required to wear 'whites' in club competitions. Just to clarify - 'Whites' are not necessary in competitions such as the stages of knock-outs or the preliminary stages of competitions where several members play each other by arrangement in an all play all competition.

We do, however like to see whites (or light colours where whites are not possible) at finals of competitions which last one or two days and are decided there and then and on Finals Weekend. Please note that this is a **preference** and not a **requirement** as we really do want to see you taking part in the club's own competitions.

There are situations where whites (or light colours) are a requirement and that is in South West Federation League matches. This brings me to something that was brought up at our last committee meeting. When players visit other clubs for matches they often see that the members of those clubs are wearing badged clothing which can look very smart. It was felt that it would be good if our members playing in league matches also did this but, as mentioned above, this is not essential.

There is a local firm that will sell Cornwall Croquet Club badged clothing - polo shirts, sweatshirts and others - based in a small industrial estate off Stennack Road. I will try to obtain details of available items, prices etc and post them in the clubhouse. Meanwhile, you may like to look at their website: www.cornwallscreenprint.co.uk. I know one or two of last year's new members have already been there, bought some and are very pleased with them.

I can't believe I am saying this!

By popular demand (!) I will be putting a cleaning rota up in the clubhouse. This used to be a regular thing, but the number of volunteers' names dwindled and, of course Covid restrictions finished it off. So, let's see if we can revive it and get more people cleaning the clubhouse, toilets and cabin in future. Remember, the more people sign up the less frequent turns become!

Allied to this the committee discussed the problem of emptying our waste and recycling bins. Ladies have been taking these home to sort the recyclables and put the rubbish and recycling out with their own, however, it seems that the recycling bin is being filled with both general rubbish and recycling and a lot of recyclable items are not being rinsed out before putting them in the bin. It has therefore been decided that the recycling bin will be removed and the smaller general waste bin will only be for the club's tea and coffee making waste (mainly tea bags and biscuit wrappers). **You are therefore asked to take your own waste and recycling items home please.**



Defibrillator

What a good turnout for the demonstration from our Tri-Safety Officer on how to use our defibrillator. Plenty of questions were answered and some members even tried it out on the manikin.

I hope the event went some way to giving us all confidence in attempting CPR and was a help for anybody who might be fearful of using the machine in an emergency which, hopefully, will never occur.

Friendlylies

We already have friendly matches planned with St Agnes Club and I am trying to agree dates with Fowey Club. One new club to us is the U3A club that meets at Perranwell Cricket Club for part of the year. They have expressed an interest in hosting a friendly match with us in October.

Keep an eye out for more information on the noticeboard.

Looking forward to seeing you on the lawns (when I am fit again!)

Rhona

