

C.C.C. UPDATE - April 2018

Well, it's been four weeks since the lawns were opened again for our new season and been good to see members out enjoying a few games on club days. The weather hasn't co-operated all the time and we have been blighted more often than we would have liked by wind chill. The lawns are looking good, thanks to the work done over winter and in particular during March. I have been asked several times if jumping is allowed and I think with the present state of the ground, i.e. still quite wet and therefore prone to marking, that we should all wait a little longer before attempting those shots on the lawns. This does not prevent you from practising on the perimeter areas outside the playing lawns.

Pasty & Pud' Yet another successful event organised by Kathryn. I'm sure it was enjoyed by all present and extend our thanks, once more, to her for all her hard work in arranging it.

Season's Fixtures A few members have signed up for our South West Federation teams – thank you. I think there are still a few spaces available, so it's not too late to put your name down on the lists on the club board.

There is still plenty of time for entering some of our own club competitions and these can not only provide good opportunities to improve your playing skills, but are also stress free and fun. If you haven't already registered to play, please do consider it. The final dates for entering are:

1 July - Faith, Hoop and Hilarity

1 August - AC Wilson Salvors

5 August - GC Doubles

11 August - AC Read Trophy

19 August - GC Singles

25 August - AC Jennings Short Croquet

1 September - GC and/or AC President's Cups

I am attaching the competition entry form to my covering email in case you no longer have your copy. Please send this to Colin (address details on the form) together with the entry fee(s) *'Nothing ventured, Nothing gained'* so please let's see more members joining in!

Friendlies We have had requests from two clubs to come to us for 'friendly' matches. If you are feeling hesitant about joining one of our S.W. Federation teams these can be a good chance to dip your toe into the water to play against members from another club. There are lists on the club noticeboard for you to sign up for either or both of the matches. The first will be on Tuesday 15th May and the visiting team will be from East Dorset club. The second will be in June and the visiting team will be from the relatively new Bude Croquet Club. Both matches are at home.

Open Week Yes, I do mean week! Many of you will know that over the past few years we have lost a few members due to health problems or moving away. We need to recruit new members now to keep ours a vibrant and viable club. National Croquet Day is scheduled for **Sunday 13th May and we will be holding our Open Day on that date from 11am to 4pm.** We are also trialling following this up with Open Afternoons throughout the following week – **Monday 14th May to Friday 18th from 2pm to 5pm.** What a treat! This means you can come up to play every day of the week! Joking apart, it would be very helpful if members would support the venture by coming up as often as possible to help, should we get any visitors. The Wednesday and Thursday morning competitions will not be affected by this. The Wednesday afternoon AC club session will go ahead as normal giving a chance for any visitors we may get to see both forms of croquet.

There are also flyers and posters for the week in the clubhouse. **Please take as many as you can to spread the word – we really do need a few more members!!**

New Changing and Storage Facility If you have been up to club in the past week you will know that the new building is now in situ. There is still more work to do, both inside and out, but things are now moving well. Sadly, progress up to now has been delayed because of the wet weather. This is because the ground has been too soft for the foundation work to be carried out and then to enable the delivery vehicle to access our site with the building. We have just had to wait patiently for conditions to improve, but now we are on the last leg and hope it will be finished as soon as possible. Another chance for tea party!!

One thing to be aware of is the uneven ground between the gates and the clubhouse. Please take care when accessing the site.

Rhona