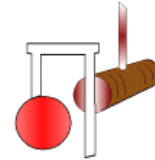


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CHAIRMAN'S SCRIBE'S CORNER

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN (well, nearly).

Yes, March, when all courts are closed, and there is work to be done. The list will be very much as usual. Work parties will be called for, but for outside work, unless we get a good settled spell, these will be at fairly short notice. Apart from the normal attention to re-coating buildings and decking as necessary, spring cleaning – some of which has already been done – many thanks – we are looking into the possibility of digging out the lawn 3 banks by hoops 3 & 4, to extend the flat area and allow the lawn boundaries to be moved a little. At present, there is no scope to do this, and corner 3 is rather too close to the steep drop towards lawn 1. We are liaising with the Golf Club's Head Greenkeeper as to what we should be doing to maintain & improve the grass – some re-seeding is recommended, and maybe further vertidrainage. We are hoping to be able to surface dress & ladder drag as soon as possible in March, also to re-seed if this is feasible. The problem is that the best type of grass needs the seeds to be buried to germinate properly.

At the moment, it is probable that we will go ahead with powder coating at least the three sets of "carrot" hoops. The process carries a 5 year guarantee, and if we are satisfied with what we have been told, the annual and rather ineffective chore of repainting could be a thing of the past. However, the treatment is not cheap.

Social What a magnificent social event we had on February 7th, thanks to Kathryn & Kathleen, and their other helpers. K1 & K2 have asked me to thank all the members who attended, but there is no doubt that it is the members who should be doing the thanking! The tables were arrayed with a wonderful selection of canapés, and these were complemented by mulled wine, mulled cider,

and a non-alcoholic brew. To add to the delights inside the pavilion, the sun shone, and the lawns were well used.



Club competitions The fixture list will shortly be available, and entry forms are included with the AGM papers. ***NB Please ensure that your handicap cards are left in the Club by early March, so that they can be checked.***

The CA has decided that AC 14 point games will now score 10 index points. Also, the method of allocating bisques in AC handicap doubles, experimental in 2014, is to be

adopted as standard in 2015. There is an explanatory printout on the noticeboard.

There appear to be no significant changes to GC rules & handicaps.

The Club appoints Club Handicappers – these are Ron & Des for GC, Ian, Stephen & myself for AC. **SO BE SCARED - VERY SCARED, IF YOU BEAT ANY OF THESE PEOPLE!**

Leagues We have entered the same leagues, GC & AC, as last year, after some doubts as to our ability to reliably field AC 'B' league and Intermediate teams. The league fixture lists will shortly be posted on the Club notice board – please indicate your availability for each match. Team managers/captains will notify selected players in good time so that they may make any necessary travelling or overnight arrangements.

Coaching This was discussed at a recent Technical Committee meeting, and more information will follow. The usual timetabled coaching events will be shown in the fixture list, but it is hoped that interested members will be able to benefit from some individual coaching, or coached games.

To those who took part in the transition to AC course last year, and new members starting on Golf Croquet – please do come along and play – you will be welcomed and helped.

Club Lease Discussions continue on this subject, but there is nothing definite to report at this time.

AGM Cuddra Hall, 3.00 pm, Sunday March 22nd. Look forward to seeing you there. If you intend to nominate someone for any of the vacant positions, please make sure you get the completed form to Dorianne by March 1st.

Other events The Club will as usual be entering a team for the Nailsea Short Croquet tournament in April. We hope to get back into division 1, after last year's win by Fowey in the relegation shoot-out. That was a bit sneaky given that all Fowey's team were also CCC members! We will also be represented at the Budleigh High Bisquers tournament. Best of luck to all involved.

Almoner

Sadly, we have just heard that Jeff Smith's wife, Janet has lost her battle with cancer. We send our condolences to Jeff at this sad time.

Ian Wilson suffered what was initially thought to be a heart attack over the Christmas period, but thankfully tests showed that it wasn't. Marjorie Stewart is sadly now housebound, with her problems of arthritis & foot ulcers. Lesley is of course doing his best to keep her morale up.

Linda Everett & Jill Shaw are coping well with their chemo treatment – Jill is hoping shortly to have a 3-month break before a review of her treatment. Linda is able to enjoy the company of her dog "Levi" over most weekends

Dorianne has had a shoulder operation, but after a period when little improvement seemed to be taking place, things are now getting slowly better. Maybe she'll have to limit her follow through?!

And finally



We have played in some pretty cold conditions, but sometimes it gets too ridiculous.

Very best wishes,

David