

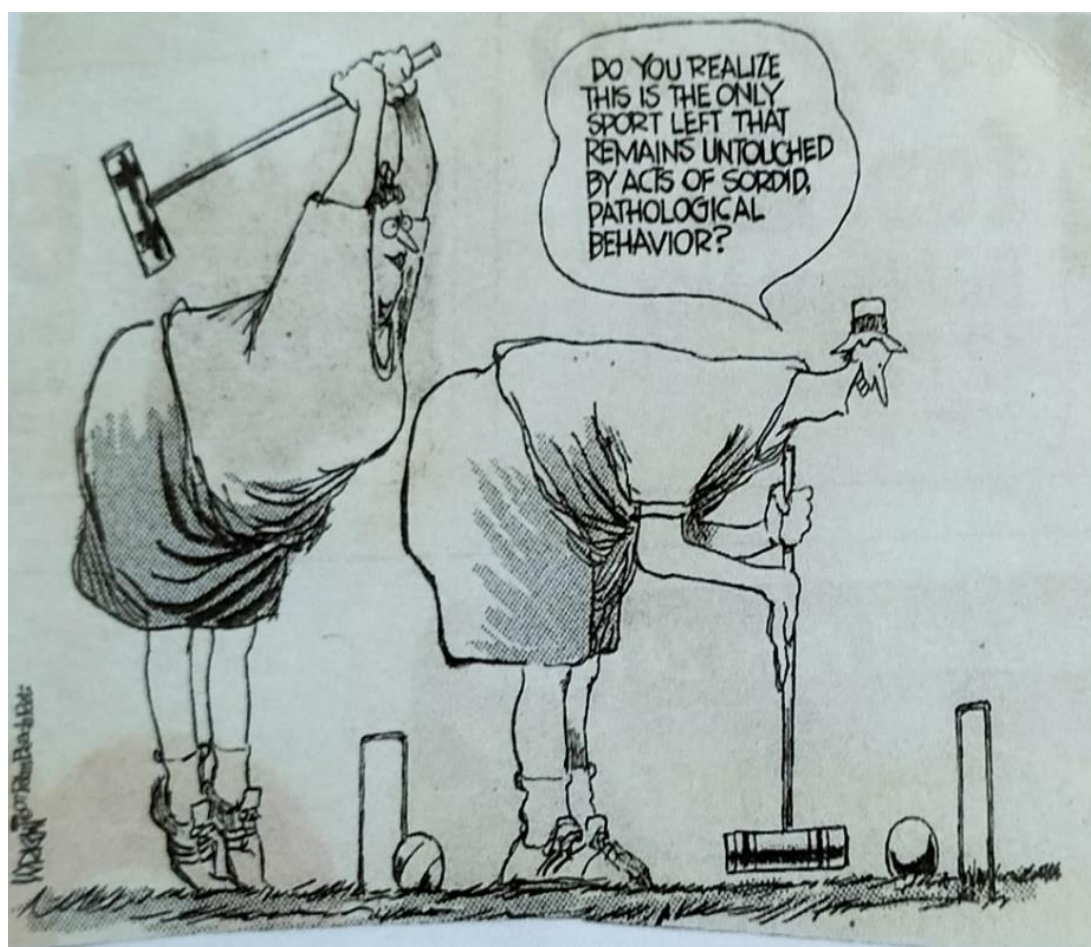


Ipswich Croquet Club

NEWSLETTER

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Setting up courts

You may have noticed that we have remarked the lawn and set hoop positions for 2 x full sized or 3 x $\frac{3}{4}$ sized courts.

Please remember that all hoops are numbered and that it is important that they are placed in the correct holes (numbered in the order of play) and the right way round. On the 2 court layout the hoop numbers face the road, and on the 3 court layout they face the pavilion.

If in doubt please ask a member of the committee or someone in the know. Full instructions will be prepared and posted on the equipment cupboard doors.

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Welcome to our new members

We would like to offer our customary friendly welcome to Wendy and Steve Studd, Hugh and Jackie Pannifer, and Penny Moys. We hope you get much enjoyment from our sport and from your membership.

Open Day Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

We would like to thank all those who helped entertain our guests at the Easter Open Day and for providing food of the usual excellent standard. The day resulted in 5 new members joining the club – well done.

On May 6th we hope at least as many and if possible more of you will attend, bringing with you potential new members from your circle of family and friends.

There are still flyers in the pavilion for posting on your local noticeboards if you are able to help in this way.

Please liaise with Cilla Steed with regards to food to share.

We would like the club to look its best and there are a few little jobs that need doing, such as general cleaning, window cleaning, strimming around the pavilion and toilet. If you can afford a little time to help with these tasks it would be very much appreciated – please talk to, phone or email me (Martin 07780 704 792, croquetclub.ipswich@gmail.com)

Suffolk Show

The Suffolk Show is being held on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th May, and we have 6 free tickets each day for those of you who help man our stand. We are looking for 2 members to volunteer for each 3 hour slot 8 – 11, 11 – 2, and 2 – 5 on each day.

Help is also needed to set up at around 4 PM on Tuesday 28th, and clear away at 5 PM at the end of the show on Wednesday.

Again please don't hesitate to volunteer and add your name to the appropriate list on the pavilion noticeboard. Remember your ticket gives you access to the show for the whole day – not just for the slot when manning our stand. The ticket also allows you to leave and re-enter the show ground during the day.

Archery and Croquet Fun Day

On Saturday, 29th June from 10 AM to 3 PM a Fun Day has been arranged with our neighbours the Deben Archery Club (DAC). There will be archery with coaching in the morning and croquet with the archers in the afternoon. Please bring your own lunch.

All members are welcome even if you don't want to take part in the archery.

Due to strict safety requirements the DAC needs to know the number of ICC members wishing to participate in archery. If interested you should add your name to the list posted on the pavilion noticeboard.

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Croquet on Sundays

Some members find it difficult to play during the week and others would simply like the opportunity to enjoy a game on a Sunday afternoon. So many thanks to Colin Hawes who has taken the initiative. He invites all to join him for a game and a social chinwag with tea / coffee and cake on every 2nd Sunday of the month from 2 PM to 4.30 PM. He asks that you bring cake to share.

Please support Colin by adding your name to his list on the Pavilion noticeboard.

Sunday Singles Handicap Tournaments

The first Sunday singles GC tournament will be played this Sunday. Martin Hart has kindly volunteered to manage these Sunday tournaments which are scheduled for every 4th Sunday of the month.

We meet at 9.15 for a 9.30 start and finish around 4 PM. Please bring your own packed lunch – lunch break 12.30 to 1 PM.

If you would like to join us there are still a few spaces left, but hurry. If you can only manage a half day, please let us know and we will try to find you a partner for the other half.

To enter please ring/text Martin Hart on 07759 121 895 or email croquetclub.ipswich@gmail.com . Entries close tonight - Friday. Entrance fee £2.

Victory Cup

The Victory Cup is a GC handicap KO competition (extra turns **not** advantage play) that takes place throughout the summer. Those competing arrange their own times to play.

Yet another entry form on the pavilion noticeboard! Please, **sign up by Saturday 4th May**. Ideally we would like at least 32 entries!

Once the draw has taken place the KO form will be posted on the noticeboard with dates by when each round must be completed. The competition is the best of 3 games during the rounds and the final (played on Finals Day) the best of 5 games. Please remember to enter the results on your handicap cards.

Association Croquet

Several members have expressed an interest in playing or learning to play Association Croquet, and Martin Hart has offered to give instruction if requested.

To get the ball rolling we will hold AC sessions every Thursday morning (10 AM start) weather permitting. Please come and join us. AC is the mother of croquet and an excellent game.

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Matches (organiser Brian Hunt)

Very Local League We still await confirmation of dates and venues from the VLL organisers.

GC 'B' Level

The dates are as follows:-

ICC v. Chelmsford	Home	Thursday, 2 nd May
ICC v. Enfield	Away	Monday, 3 rd June
ICC v. Colchester	Away	July to be confirmed
ICC v. Bury St Edmunds	Home	Thursday, 25 th July
ICC v. Newport, Essex	Away	Thursday, 8 th August

Matches start at 10 AM and consist of 2 doubles and 4 singles for each player. The team of 4 players will be selected 1 week prior to each match.

To enter please add your name to the list (on pavilion noticeboard) of the match/matches in which you would like to play.

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We would like your feedback. If you have any comments about this or other newsletters or would like to contribute to the newsletter please contact the Club Secretary—contact details at the bottom of this page. Copy and photographs should be submitted by Friday, 10th May for inclusion in the May issue.

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