



Ipswich Croquet Club



# NEWSLETTER

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December

## *Christmas lunch*



23 of us gathered at The Westerfield Railway for the traditional Christmas lunch. The pub was most welcoming and as previously provided us with a superb meal and excellent service.

While the photographer got things a little out of focus others were clearly in festive spirit and enjoying conviviality.

## *Trinity Park update*

We would like to thank all those volunteers who turned out on Friday and Saturday (November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>) to help with the first cutting of our new lawn at Trinity Park.

The size of this task soon became very apparent even with 3 mowers at our disposal. Between us we must have walked at least seven miles behind our domestic machines.



The club's cylinder mower, which is slightly bigger, cannot be used until the grass is better established. Even so it will be a major task and your committee is researching various options for larger ride on machines. This however may be some time off.

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In the meantime if anyone with good straight line discipline would like to volunteer to mow on a regular basis please don't hesitate to come forward and speak to Martin Brown.

## *November tournaments*

### *Singles*

Once more the gods blessed us with good weather. This month we played the standard Free Turns Handicap – partly because the manager had mislaid the starting scores chart for Advantage play.

Despite this it was a most enjoyable morning and Chris Minett emerged victorious with Bernard Button a close runner up.

### *Doubles*

Unfortunately this tournament had to be cancelled because of bad weather.

## *December tournaments*

The singles tournament on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> will go ahead weather permitting. The long term forecast suggests a 25% chance of rain. So far we have a full complement of 8 players plus 3 reserves.

Simon Holloway is putting together a pre-Christmas doubles tournament on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to take part or would like more information as to what he has in mind please contact him direct –  
*text/telephone: 07973 712 255      email: [simonr.holloway@gmail.com](mailto:simonr.holloway@gmail.com)*

## *Golf Croquet tutorial*

Following on from last month's newsletter here are 3 more extracts from the official rule book.

- 1. Before a player takes their turn all balls must have stopped moving.*
- 2. It is preferable to replace a ball that leaves a boundary immediately so that there is no disagreement over where it left. If there is a disagreement it is the player whose ball it is who has the final say.*
- 3. If more than one ball runs the hoop as the result of a single stroke (i.e) a jump shot, it is the ball that was nearer the hoop before the shot was taken that scores the point.*

## *Members' news*

It is with great sadness that we learn that Paul Homer is not well. Paul has been a Second Club member of ICC for many years and a staunch supporter of our in-house tournaments. Our thoughts and very best wishes are with him and his wife Sue.

## *November suggestion box*

There were no submissions during November. Please don't hesitate to use this facility if you have any observations, suggestions or concerns that might help administer and/or improve your club.

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## ICC Shirts and Hoodies

Two important objectives of our marketing strategy as we seek grants, sponsorships and prepare for the future are to develop an identity for the club and to investigate various ways of generating income both small and large.

Selling logoed clothing etc. will help promote our identity at no cost to ICC. We have therefore decided to trial hoodies and shirt. These could be made available in various colours and other garments can be added with comparative ease. As we start the cold season thermal woolly hats and rain resistant fleeces come to mind.



Hoodies £28.50

Shirts £22.50

For more details and/or to buy please contact editor - *contact details below.*

## Local Mallet supplier

Michael Percival has been advising and supplying members of ICC with mallets for many years. He offers a wide range from the traditional wood mallets to the more high-tech aluminium ones. As an accomplished croquet player Michael will advise on the mallet specification best suited to your game.

### MC Percival Mallets



Aluminium head mallets made from high grade aluminium & fitted with long lasting Tufnol end caps.

The heads are anodised and available in natural and black. They have been tested and provide an accurate, reliable, weighted mallet. The heads can be fitted with any of the carbon fibre shafts and available in 10" and 11" head lengths.

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## In the next issue

- Progress at Trinity Park
- Winter tournaments
- Golf Croquet tutorial
- December suggestion box
- Working parties

**Is there a topic you would like covered?**

***Your committee wishes you all a very happy Christmas  
and an exciting New Year at our new facility.***

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*We would appreciate your feedback. If you have any comments about this or future newsletters or would like an article published in the newsletter please contact the editor—contact details at the bottom of this page. Copy should be submitted by Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December for the January issue.*