



HUNSTANTON CROQUET CLUB

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2015

1. This being the first newsletter of the year firstly on behalf of the Committee, New year Greetings to all members and a successful and enjoyable 2015 croquet season.

2. **Officers & Committee:** For those members who were not able to be present at the last AGM, the Committee is pleased to announce that the vacant post of President has been filled by George Noble who was elected at the meeting. George previously held this position for the period 1997 – 2006 and despite residing in Surrey has been a long well established serving member of the club whom we welcome back.

For the 2015 year the following members were elected onto the Committee:

Chairman: - David Thirtle-Watts
Vice Chairman: - Derek Cole
Secretary: - Terrey Sparks
Treasurer: - David Boxell

Committee: - Pat Baillie
Ruth Cole

Since the AGM Joyce Robins has accepted an invitation from the Committee and has agreed to act as a co-opted member and will take on the running of the 100 Club.

The Committee is also looking for additional members to take on various voluntary tasks that need to be done to ensure that the club runs successfully. This can range from catering, cleaning, work on the lawns and numerous other tasks. We can co-opt extra members on to the Committee. Should you be interested in being a committee member, Please contact any of the Clubs Officers.

3. **Subscriptions:** At the AGM the outgoing Committee proposed an increase to the Clubs Subscription for 2015 based upon additional costs mainly incurred by the new lease. This proposal was accepted by the members present. The subscription form can be located by entering the Clubs web site www.hunstantoncroquetclub.co.uk and found on either the home or tournament pages.

4. **Web-site/Calendar/Tournaments:** This year the Committee will be making more use of the Club web-site in publishing the club calendar. Rather than issue a printed version as has been the case in the past and has been found to be almost out of date as soon as it has been published, those of you on the internet will find it has been compiled on line and can be referred to at any time. You will note that an EACF Booking version is being used as a club planner only and can be referred to by accessing the Club Calendar page and clicking on to the site through the purple header. All the club Internal and External Tournaments are also promulgated on this site. For those of you not on the web a calendar will also be displayed on the Notice Board and regularly kept up to date.

5. **Club Afternoons:** As in previous years these will remain on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. However, following a request at the AGM a further session will be trialled on Saturday afternoons. It is proposed that the lawns will be set aside for singles play. This can be either Association or Golf.

6. Garden Croquet: in an attempt to encourage more Association and in particular competitive play, it is planned that Thursday evenings from 6 - 8pm will be set aside for Garden Croquet practice and training. This variant of the game is ideal for those members who might like to try their hand at something different and is ideal as an instrument for those who might like to progress on to playing association. The laws of the game are quite easy to pick up and the game itself requires very minimum instruction and is picked up whilst playing. These sessions will commence on Thursday 14th May and it is hoped that they will become a regular event.

7. Club Surrounds: The Committee feel that the club surrounds that border lawn 1 and the bungalows on the south side of the club need to be considerably tidied up with all the dead and overgrown scrub to be grubbed out and the ground dug and levelled. It is proposed that Friday 13th and Saturday the 14th February be set aside for this task and any members willing to join a working party would be appreciated. Work will commence at 9.30am both days and if possible can you please bring your own garden tools such as spades, forks and rakes.

8. Social Events: It is planned to hold a pre- season social event such as a coffee morning or evening event. We will contact you soon to advise the date and venue.

9. Club Door Lock: In the interest of security the entry code for the club door lock has been recently changed. Would you please ensure you complete your subscription form confirming if you do or do not hold a gate key. The Secretary will notify key holders of the new door code. Should you wish to be allocated a gate key please contact the Club Secretary.

10. Club Opening: Finally, important dates for your diary, Saturday 21st and Sunday the 22nd March, are the preparation and cleaning days which will enable us to ensure that the Club is ready to open for play on Monday 30th March. All hands will be welcome.