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AGM Newsletter 2022

Officers and committee

The AGM on 12th Feb 2022 elected a new chairman : Christopher Wilmot-Sitwell, after Tim Dennis stood down.

David Latimer was re-elected as Treasurer, and Ian Blaby as Secretary.

Lol Scott-Farnell and Hilary Green have been elected onto the committee, Steve Leonard and Kate Brice were reelected onto the committee, and Sue Drew and Hilary Latimer stay on the committee as they retire in 2023.

The accounts were approved and an examiner appointed.

The subscriptions for 2022 season were set at **£135**, (country membership £115), an increase of £5 over 2021. Other fees and expenses are unchanged. Details are available on the web site.

Subscriptions are now due and should be paid , preferably by bank transfer, by 31st March. Details are on Membership page of the web site.

GC club session stays on Mondays 10am-1pm and 1pm – 4pm and
Short Croquet club session stays on Tuesdays 10am – 1pm.
AC club session has been suspended for now.

Trophies were awarded (virtually) to:

GC Ladder - Isobell Van Millingan, GC Championship – Kate Brice, GC Most Improved – Anna Way

AC Championship - Steve Leonard, AC Most Improved - Steve Leonard

Club Competitions for 2022 will be:

GC ladder, GC championship, GC High handicap (Mondays) and AC championship.

Teams for 2022

WVCC will be entering teams for the following SWF leagues and tournaments:

Secretary's Shield (AC)

AC Federation

AC Short Croquet Restricted

AC Short Croquet Tournament April and Oct.

GC Level Play

GC High Handicap

If you are interested in playing please contact the team captain.

There will be a pre-season Newsletter in March confirming Lawn **Opening Monday 4th April**

Ian Blaby Secretary Feb 2022



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Start of Season Newsletter 2022

AGM

Please find attached the minutes of the club AGM held on Sat 12th Feb 2022

Lawns open Monday 4th April with GC club day.

West lawn should be open on Monday 4th April and East lawn a couple of weeks later. Watch web site for any changes.

Subscriptions are due by 31st March.

The subs are £135 for this year and should be paid by 31st March. Bank transfer to sort code : 30 – 99 – 12 Acct No: 00455853 and add your name for reference.

Data consent

The membership secretary will be sending an e-mail to all members asking for us to renew consent for the club's use of personal data. This will be a quick 2 min survey form, which can also be found on the membership page of the website.

Meet the Chairman



Christopher Wilmot-Sitwell joined the club shortly before we left Kingston Maurward. After years of “garden croquet”, he was introduced to the game of AC and the (novel to him) idea of a clear set of rules and etiquette.

He is married, lives in the Bride Valley, has a son and a daughter, and runs a travel business (when the law allows travel). He still travels for work extensively in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

His son Teddy is also a Junior Member of the Club who represented us in the victorious AC

Federation team of 2021. Chris has played both AC and the new short version of AC and is also hoping to play some GC in the 2022 season.

Interested in playing full lawn AC? A message from Tim Dennis.

We successfully introduced Short Croquet last year (14 point Association Croquet played on a half lawn). This has been a good introduction to AC for members who are new to AC.

We wish to encourage members to play (or learn to play as the case may be) AC on a full lawn.

This is either 26 point or 14 point or an intermediate 18 point version. So we are considering the best way to enable members to do so.

If you are interested in playing the full AC game this season, please reply to me, Tim Dennis (timjdennis@btinternet.com), to that effect. I will create a list of those interested and future AC e-mails will just go to people on that list. You can of course contact me at any time to go on the list. I will start with last year's AC list so you don't need to reply if you received the AC reminders last year.

I will then conduct a survey of those on the list as to how we can best organise AC full lawn play to suit the convenience of those members.

Teams for 2022

WVCC will be entering teams for the following SWF leagues and tournaments (showing the team captains in brackets):

AC Secretary's Shield (Jonathan Powe)

AC Federation (Jonathan Powe)

AC Short Croquet Restricted (Ian Blaby)

AC Short Croquet Tournament April and Oct (Ian Blaby)

GC Level Play (Tess Burt)

GC High Handicap (Kate Brice)

If you are interested in playing please contact the team captain.

Handicap Cards.

All players in league matches, tournaments, and friendlies must have a current handicap card. Steve Leonard has offered to check all GC handicap cards at the beginning of this season; and Tim Dennis has offered to check all SC and AC handicap cards. Please let them know if you want it done or you need a new card.

Ian Blaby Secretary March 2022



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Newsletter April 2022

East lawn opens Friday 22nd April

East lawn will open on Friday 22nd April with Fastcourt booking from 10:00am Fri 15th.

Membership

Thank you to all those who renewed, and welcome to new members: Stephen Flay, Paul Moon, Adrian Stuart, and Ann Thorne. We now have 51 members.

GC Rule changes

WCF and CA made some changes to the rules for GC play including the Wrong Ball rule. Notes and a visual guide are available in the clubhouse.

SWF are also running a Zoom meeting on the new rules next Tuesday (19th) at 7:00pm. Zoom details are available on the Playing page of the club website :

<https://www.wvcroquet.co.uk/playing.html>

CA Shop Mallet Sale

CA Shop have 16 new mallets of different sizes and specifications available from £130 on a first come first serve basis. They all have slight dents in the heads from transit damage. Details are available on the Playing page of the club website.

<https://www.wvcroquet.co.uk/playing.html>

Interested in playing full lawn AC?

AC Club day will be Friday 10:00am – 1:00pm. You can practice or play a game or get some coaching. This is in addition to the short croquet club days on Tuesday. Please contact Tim Dennis now before 6pm Thursday if you would like to attend.

GC Ladder competition is now open.

Rules same as last year : Challenge anyone up to 5 places above yourself to a single GC 13pt handicap game. If you win you place your card above their name and move others down. Winner is top of the ladder at the end of the season.

Full rules are available on the Playing page of the club web site.

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AC and GC Knockout Club Competitions: details coming soon on website..

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Ian Blaby Secretary April 2022



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Newsletter June 2022

Membership

We now have a total of 52 members.

A new contact list (v7) has been published including our newest members. Contact the membership secretary if you didn't get a copy, or if your details are incorrect.

Social Evening

Lol Scott-Farnell is planning a social evening in July: pool, darts, etc. Keep your eye on the noticeboard.

GC Competition Block matches, and AC Competition Block Matches

Should be completed by 11th July. The latest standings are on the noticeboard.

CA Notice of Special GM : 6pm Mon 16th July via Zoom.

Supporting papers and link to Zoom can be found in the members area of the CA web site.

WSSCC

Please note that the pavilion bar is now open every Tuesday from 6pm.

The England Womens Under 21 Rugby Captain will be coaching on Rugby Skills on Thurs 30th June. Croquet members and their children or grandchildren are invited as well.

WSSCC are planning an open day on Sat 3rd Sept. WVCC will be joining in. Make a note in your diaries.

SWF

The latest issue of SWF magazine Cygnet – June - is available from the Members Area of our web site.

Ian Blaby Secretary June 2022



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End of Season Newsletter **Sept 2022**

Champions again: The GC level play team and the AC Federation teams **both** retained their titles as South West League champions. This remarkable achievement is thanks to the team captains Tess Burt and Jonathan Powe and their players. Thank you to them all.

Lawn Closure: East lawn will close on Sat 1st Oct so that winter work can be done. The West Lawn will close on Sun 30th Oct.

Casterbridge Cup: The Casterbridge Cup, having been cancelled out of respect for the death of Her Majesty the Queen, will now take place on Saturday 29th October. Flier to follow.

Close up day : There will be a working day from 10:00am on Sun 30th Oct to pack up the clubhouse, equipment and pavilion for the end of the season. Bob Fridd will be organising and all volunteers welcome.

Short Croquet (Tues) will be cancelled during Oct to allow more time for members.

WVCC GC Competition final will be held on 15th Oct
WVCC AC Competition final will be held on 29th Sept

Other Team Results: AC Short Croquet played 6 won 2 lost 4
GC High Handicap played 4 drew 1 lost 3
Friendlies played 3 , with one more on Thurs 29th Sept, and enjoyed them all

SWF/CA : CA AGM will be held by Zoom on 15th Oct
SWF AGM will also be held by Zoom on 20th Nov

Help Wanted Urgently

For various reasons Kirin has not been able to maintain the lawns as well as he would like during this season. Help is urgently needed for mowing courts, perimeters, white lining, watering and weeding for the remaining season. Kirin could also use help with end of season work scarifying, weeding, spreading top dressing, etc, etc

Your club wants to have a pool of names who are prepared to pitch in and help if available when called. These could be members or their partners and instruction will be provided where necessary.

Please could you give Ian Blaby the names and contact number of anyone, preferably male, who is prepared to help.

There will also be a list put up in the clubhouse.

Ian Blaby Secretary Sept 2022