

# January 2012

## Nailsea and District Croquet Club Newsletter

Now then, now then, now then guys and gals - settle down and read carefully - **THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER** - so pay attention

**AGM** - this will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm at the Club House. The draft agenda is attached - if you want to add any proposals please note the deadline for this is noon on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Only matters appearing in the agenda may be voted on.

**Committee nominations** - if you'd like to play a more active role in the running of the club by serving on the committee, then please complete and return the attached nomination form by noon on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

**NB: AGM proposals and nomination papers should be submitted to the Secretary.**

### Notices from the committee - a mindful swan song

- **Information about League GC and AC teams** should be on the club notice board and website before the start of season - please add your name to the team/s you'd like to play for
- **Club handicap cards** are being introduced this year to replace the red book (how many people remembered or even knew this existed?). Anyone with a handicap of 16 or over (and anyone else who wants to), will be asked to complete this for any game played that does not go on the CA handicap card. This is to help the handicap committee ensure that everyone is playing off the right handicap.
- **Winter lunches and games** - unfortunately, due to lack of interest no more will be held this winter
- **Work day** - there will be a work day so keep a look out for info about this
- **Cleaning day** will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00 am - many hands make light work so get out your rubber gloves and headscarves and let's get sparkling!
- **Coaching** - if you'd like some coaching at the start of the season then please let us know. Drop us an email or a line or a phone call with your name, current handicap and best times to come for coaching. We hope to be able to cater (in-house) for most needs so just let us know.

**Walks** - the next walk will be on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March thanks to Richard and Violet - starting at their house, the explorers will venture along the Avon Cycleway (on foot) to Gatcombe Farm - a distance of around 5.5 miles. Then lunch (bookable) and return by bus, foot or hitch. Please contact Violet direct ffi and to book

If you have any queries about this bulletin - which comes out monthly during the season - or would like to have something included in the next one, please contact Linda.

### Catering Corner

As the AGM notices arrive and March is on the horizon my thoughts turn to the 3 C's - Croquet, Catering and Cakes. I am happy to oversee the catering rota again this season. With the good support that it received last season and only a little encouragement from me, we gave a good impression of our Club's hospitality. Breaking down the tasks into smaller shifts seemed to work well with members, thank you. If you can think of ways to improve on the rota please let me know. **Cakes will be needed for the opening of the season and the One-Ball competition the next day.** If you are sheltering indoors from the winter weather perhaps making a cake or two for the Club freezer would keep you warm. Please remember that any expenses can be claimed from the Club, if you wish. All contributions are gratefully received but please make sure that they are properly wrapped and clearly labelled. It is a good idea to cut large cakes in half, sections or slices as this can give the opportunity to offer a selection at tea time. Thank you in anticipation. Violet

### 100 Club

Congratulations to December's winners: Linda, Libby and Brigit.

For your chance to enhance your coffers, you must be a member - new forms will be circulated at the AGM.

### We're looking forward to

- ❖ **Updated rules** for league AC and GC games - check out SWF website from the end of Feb
- ❖ **Association Croquet Laws and Referees Course** - of interest to any Association playing wanting to develop their understanding of the laws and possibly interested in becoming a referee. This will take place at the Club House on **24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March** - let Kathy know if you're interested. (Whistle has blown - message ends here)
- ❖ **FIRST DAY OF THE SEASON** - yippee - it's what makes winter worthwhile and this year it's **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March** with the usual soup, rolls and GC.
- ❖ **Charity One Ball** - now almost as traditional as the first day of the season - look pretty in pink on **1<sup>st</sup> April**.
- ❖ **SWF Short Croquet Teams Competition** at Nailsea on **15<sup>th</sup> April** - an early season foray and chance to catch up with old friends and foes. Team captains will be seeking players in the new year, so look out for this so you can express your interest (or otherwise) (whoops - there's another pair)

And remember to keep an eye on the website to remind yourselves of these dates and other pieces of news and photos.

**Wot, no funny pictures?**

