

## **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

**If you feel that you can help with any of the following activities, please contact the 'team leaders'. Thank you!**

### **GROUND MAINTENANCE – led by Alan Mayne**

Alan presently directs our contracted Groundsman along with two club volunteers. The work involves preparation of the lawns and maintenance of the surrounds – physical activity, mainly using machinery. In the summer months 7-30 until 11-30, in the winter 9-30 until 12-30. Any physically fit, early riser who feels able to assist please speak to Alan. Alpine Garden – a volunteer to maintain this would be welcome. Flower tubs – currently planted and maintained by two volunteers.

### **LAWNS SET UP – led by Barry Keen**

During March, a total of 66 holes for the hoops must be cut for the start of the summer season.. There will also be a requirement to move and set hoops for our weekend tournaments during the season. All help will be gratefully received by Barry. In particular the hoop setting for the June and August advanced tournaments are particularly skilled jobs (total clearance of a maximum of 1/64<sup>th</sup> inch with balls in matched sets for each lawn!). Barry would welcome anyone who is interested in learning how it is done to contact him. NB It takes a lot of patience.

### **RECRUITMENT – led by Charles Harding**

Our approach is to organize Taster Days followed by a coaching course with ongoing coaching & encouragement once people have joined. Volunteers to help with the various phases of the process as follows:- Generating interest in the Taster Days both by word of mouth & leaflet drops; Management & general assistance with the Taster Days; Help on the coaching course is especially useful when it starts to dawn on people that the game isn't as easy as they thought; Once we've secured new members regular help & guidance is needed to help them integrate & develop.

### **COACHING – led by Ken Cooper.**

Help during the recruitment of members at the Taster Days and the Beginners' Course is extremely useful and essential but, looking to the future, we need more qualified coaches on the club's books to ensure that members can continue to develop their skills. Anyone interested in becoming a qualified coach should make themselves known.

### **EQUIPMENT – led by Colin Irwin**

Colin will check everything when he returns to the UK in April and identify any activities required.

### **HOUSEKEEPING –led by Barry Keen**

The clubhouse is cleaned twice a week throughout the year by a contracted cleaner. We need to ensure that the stock of consumables is maintained. Anyone who is prepared to stand in when Barry is unavailable should contact him. It would also be useful to have a small team of volunteers to wash the tea towels and hand towels. There is also the need for an annual spring clean. (See separate notice for details.) This year's will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, starting at 9-00 am. Just turn up when you can and lend a hand. Should be finished by lunch. The Library – we now have a volunteer to keep it tidy.

### **CATERING – led by Lorna Frost**

Volunteers are needed to help with catering for 6 NW Federation/CA tournaments this season. (See separate notices). Even if you cannot provide food we still need help with setting up, preparing food, clearing away and loading the dishwasher! Saturday Tea Rota – please contact Sylvia Steer if you are willing to provide/help with tea this season.

### **BAR – led by Barry Keen**

The bar is run by the Bar Committee, currently Barry Keen, Charles Harding and Leo Fletcher assisted by Frank Moir and Lorna Frost. This committee is responsible for keeping the bar stocked to members' requirements with the following: Soft drinks, spirits, wine, beer and all snacks. Tea and coffee including milk. No assistance is required at present but should a bar committee member retire a replacement will be required.

### **SOCIAL EVENTS – led by Kay Martin and Lorna Frost**

There are three main social events during the season. Hot Pot Supper 6<sup>th</sup> April, BBQ ?? June and the Autumn Supper 16<sup>th</sup> November. As with catering, your help will be needed and the lists will be on the notice board.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Ken Cooper & Adrian Apps run the club website. The website is becoming increasingly important both in running the club and managing external relations (including other parts of the croquet world). We are also interested in setting up a social media page (probably Facebook). If you have skills or experience in this area, especially social media, please volunteer to join the team.