

# Winter Programme – 2013 / 2014



Ipswich Croquet Club once again is scheduling a winter programme of events, comprising one weekend a month from December to March (with 2 weekends in March so people can get into the swing for the summer season!), making a total of 7 weekends. Play each day will be from 10am to around 4pm.

## Dates:

October 26 <sup>th</sup> [AC] & 27 <sup>th</sup> [GC]	February 8 <sup>th</sup> [AC] & 9 <sup>th</sup> [GC]
November 23 <sup>rd</sup> [GC] & 24 <sup>th</sup> [AC]*	March 8 <sup>th</sup> [GC] & 9 <sup>th</sup> [AC]
December 7 <sup>th</sup> [AC] & 8 <sup>th</sup> [GC]	March 22 <sup>nd</sup> [AC] & 23 <sup>rd</sup> [GC]
January 11 <sup>th</sup> [GC] & 12 <sup>th</sup> [AC]	

\* revised dates

## Format of each weekend:

- one day GC tournament – Saturday or Sunday as above. Around 5 or 6 singles games, format decided depending on number of entrants (probably a Swiss or American Block). Handicap play unless each pair of players prefer to play level
- one day AC tournament – Saturday or Sunday as above. 2-3 singles games, format decided depending on number of entrants (probably a Swiss). Handicap play unless each pair of players prefer to play level advanced
- people are free to enter just the GC day or just the AC day or the whole weekend – each day will be run as a separate event.

We will accept a maximum of 8 entrants for each day, in order of receipt.

As for facilities, you should be able to park right by the lawns or in the main car park 70metres away. The nearby Golf Club clubhouse is expected to be open for hot and cold food and drink as follows:

- Saturdays - opening hours 10.30am till late, and food being served 10.30am – 9.30pm
- Sunday – opening hours 11am till 4pm, and food being served from 11am - 3pm.

The golf club house also has toilets and full changing rooms including showers. We'll have a heater in the croquet pavilion.

## Entry fees PER DAY:

ICC club members £2; non-members £10. Book in advance but pay on the day. Enter by email to [martin.french@btinternet.com](mailto:martin.french@btinternet.com); any queries to Martin on 01473 288448.

## Prizes:

Bottle of wine to the winner of each day. For each one-day event, we also award points as follows:

1st = 5; 2nd = 4; 3rd = 3; 4th = 2; 5th = 1;

...and the person with the most points by the end of March gets the Dog Day Trophy *[only your best 7 scores count]*.

## What about the weather?

Entries are invited on the basis of "pay when you turn up, but please tell us if you decide not to come". On the Wednesday before the weekend, we will consider the 5 day forecast and make a Go/ No Go decision. All people who have registered their entry will be told the decision. If No Go, we'll see if we could defer it to another weekend that month. Dress for warmth – whites are not required.

## Membership:

All 2013 and 2014 ICC members may enter these events at the club rates.

Additionally, there is an **ICC Winter Membership** rate of £40, from mid-October 2013 until end of March 2014. Winter Members get the club member rate in these events. Another option for visitors is joining Ipswich as your **Second Club** - the second club annual membership rate of £55 gives membership right through this winter, the 2014 summer, and the following winter through to the end of March 2015.

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