

Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club Social Committee report for AGM March 2017

It has been a much quieter year for the Social Committee, due in part to the work being done to improve the Club House.

Several members, both Tennis and Croquet came together to do the Food Hygiene Certificate. We now have a good number of members who can ensure that the club is meeting the requirements for providing food to the highest standard. We still have a 5 star rating which we should strive to hold on to.

Gill Lloyd and David organized Tennis Tournaments and lunch during the late Spring and Summer, these are always popular and once the club house is ready we will be hoping to organize them again.

The highlight of the year was the Christmas Dinner which we held at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. Gill and David had negotiated a good price and a suitable date for the dinner whilst was away in America.

The event on the whole went very well and was very popular with all our members, 98 members attended the evening which was a sellout.

We held our annual Christmas Raffle at the dinner which was well supported by all our guests who provided excellent choice of prizes and bought lots of tickets. The Raffle raised over £300 for club funds which I am sure will come in very useful, with all the development work that is being done to the refurbished club house.

There have been no social events this spring due to the lack of facilities but I am sure once we get our club house back this will soon pick up again.

I have decided to step down from the Social Committee as I feel that due to the amount of time Keith and I now spend away from the Island I am not able to commit as much time to the role as I feel it needs. I have enjoyed my time on the Committees and I do enjoy the Social evenings, I know that someone will step in to the position and I wish them well for the coming season.

Margaret Blamey on behalf of the Social Committee