

Annual Social Report for AGM March 2020

Various Events have been enjoyed by members of the Club, quiz nights with cheese and wine platters being the most popular this year, proving the Clubhouse is a great place to enjoy an evening with friends.

A Steward was employed last season providing lunches and welcoming visitors. However, this season from March 30th will see the Steward's role being covered by volunteers. We thank them in advance and hope the light lunches they will provide and their enthusiasm to be ambassadors for the club, to both members and visitors, will work for all concerned. If any members would like to be involved in this team project on an occasional or regular basis please email: lesleyball100@gmail.com

The cleaning of the clubhouse has been taken on by Sue and Geoff George with impressive results. We would like to thank them for all their hard work which is much appreciated

This year Tennis and Croquet combined forces to hold a joint Open day, the tennis section being sponsored by "Nature Valley". This event on Saturday May 11th proved popular, twelve people signing up as new members under the special offer available that day, and £350 being raised for Macmillan Cancer Support by a "Tennisathon" which ran throughout the day.

Both the Tennis and Croquet Sections welcomed visitors from many different parts of the country. Early in the season, the tennis Veterans' tournament was a popular event and the regular visit by the 45 Club was once again very successful. On a lovely warm summer evening a meal was cooked and served by volunteers to 35 members and visitors.

Richard Hutchins run a course of Short Tennis lessons in the spring of 2019 which were popular and well attended. It is hoped to repeat this later in 2020.

In addition to Southern Croquet Federation league matches the club also hosted a number of open tournaments with entrants coming from many other areas of Britain. Corporate events started at the beginning of May when an afternoon of croquet followed by a cream tea was provided for a group of Americans staying with host families on the Island, which was something outside their previous experience. Other visiting groups included several Women's Institutes, Binstead Guides, the Catenians, Vectis MG Club, a Stag party from Guildford and a family party from New Zealand! These twelve corporate events gave the opportunity for more than 180 visitors to enjoy our club, try a new game and bring in extra revenue.

Greenhouse Sports is a London based organisation which, through sports, coaches and mentors deprived young people. They visited the club for the second year in August for tennis afternoons which they appeared to enjoy to the full.

Chess and Bridge classes continue to meet weekly and the choir has gone from strength to strength culminating in a full house listening to, and taking part in "Carols by Candlelight" just prior to Christmas. A big "Thank You" is given to the Ladies who decorated the Clubhouse for Christmas; the wreaths were perfect for this year's festive events and appreciated by our members.

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