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CHRISTMAS DATES FOR CLUB & BAR

Saturday 22nd – CLUB OPEN

Sunday 23rd – CLUB OPEN

Monday 24th – CLUB CLOSED

Tuesday 25th – CLUB CLOSED

Wednesday 26th – CLUB CLOSED

Thursday 27th – CLUB OPEN

Friday 28th – CLUB OPEN

Saturday 29th – CLUB OPEN

Sunday 30th – CLUB OPEN

Monday 31st – CLUB CLOSED

Tuesday 1st – CLUB CLOSED

Wednesday 2nd – CLUB OPEN

The bar will be closed from Saturday 22nd and will re-open on the 2nd January.

FITNESS MOVEMENT



What a better way to start your New Year Resolutions than joining us on the 12th of January at 10am.

Fitness Movement is going to have a Open Day on the 12th of January. On the day we will be having free classes and having some light refreshments afterwards. This is opportunity for all members to see if the boot camps would interest them, ask any questions you may have and to avail of the special discount prices for Members of LCC ONLY.

If you want to book in for a free class please contact Rocky/Dave on the following email address: fitnessmovementdublin@gmail.com

Yours in Health,
Rocky & Dave

WEIGHT WATCHERS CLASSES

There will be a new weekly Weight Watchers (WW) class starting in the club Thursday 10th January 9.30am. For anyone who would like to get their healthy habits back on track for the New Year. All welcome to join.

Anyone looking for further information can contact Sarah Delaney on the following email address: sarahdelaney@leader.weightwatchers.ie

BOWLING

We have come to the end of a year in which we played lots of bowls, had lots of fun and welcomed nine new members to the Club, ending the season with a total full membership of 78.

Provincial and National Competitions

Our ladies had a very good year in the LBLI (Provincial) competitions. Pat McDonagh won the Montgomery Cup (Senior Singles) and Eva Johnston, Margaret Meehan, Maura Donovan and Mary Keating, were beaten by Westmanstown team in the final of the M&F Murphy Cup (Junior Fours) where the main talking point was the tenacity of all players to continue playing in a deluge of very heavy rain.

Pat McDonagh followed up her LBLI success with a semi-final win in the IWBA (National) Senior Singles, losing narrowly in a thrilling final on the following day.

This year also saw success for our BLI O'Leary Cup team of Noel Roche, Robbie Meany, Tony Fitzpatrick and Paul Smyth who won the tournament by beating CYM in a close final and then went on to win their way to the final of the IBA (National) over 55s Cup where they lost in the final to a strong Lurgan team.



League competitions

Our league teams had mixed successes this year. Our men's Division 1 team finished in 6th position, the Division 4 team finished with no one below it in its league and the Vets team finished 5th. The Division 1 team lost in the Open Cup Final against a strong CYM team.

The ladies Division 1 team finished 3rd in its league, the Division 3 team finished 6th and the Saturday league team finished 6th. The Division 3 team was beaten in the final of the Junior Challenge Cup on Sunday 26 August by a very strong Greystones team.

The unluckiest team in the Club this year was the Ladies Division 4 team which finished joint top on points with CYM but were deemed to have been 2nd based on shots won.

Club Championships

Club Championship Finals were held on 22/23 September and the winners of all events are listed below. Marion O'Callaghan was winner of the Memorial Cup, a ladies competition played for a trophy kindly donated by Cora McDermott, which was played at the start of the season

<p>Men's Championship Singles Winner: T A Smyth R/U: Robbie Meany</p> <p>Ladies' Championship Singles Winner: Pat MacDonagh R/U: Margaret Hanrahan</p> <p>Men's Junior Singles Winner: John McArdle R/U: Dave Kenna</p> <p>Ladies' Junior Singles Winner: Lucy O'Donoghue R/U: Rita Doran</p> <p>Ladies Pairs Winner: Anne Fitzgerald/Mary Kelly R/U: Agnes Gillick/Lorraine Doyle</p> <p>Land Cup Winner: Tony Fitzpatrick/Lucy O'Donoghue R/U: T P Smyth/ Lorraine Doyle</p>	<p>Men's 2 Bowl Singles Winer: T P Smyth R/U: Noel Roche</p> <p>Ladies' 2 Bowl Singles Winner: Mary Kenny R/U: Pauline Day</p> <p>Mixed Singles Winner: Pat MacDonagh R/U: Margaret Kelly</p> <p>2 Bowl Trips Winner: Pat MacDonagh/John McArdle/Jimmy Walker R/U: T P Smyth/Michael Cavanagh/Lorraine Doyle</p> <p>Men's Handicap Singles Winner: T P Smyth R/U: Noel Roche</p> <p>Handicap Men's Pairs Winner: T P Smyth/Michael Norton R/U: Peter McArdle/Jimmy Walker</p>
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Leinster-Crumlin Tournament

The Leinster-Crumlin tournament was held from 5-12 August, hosted by Leinster this year. The tournament was a great success due in no small way to the work of our Club members. Mary Kenny And Thomas Smyth kept the LBC flag flying by winning the Mixed Pairs.



Club Dinner

The season ended with the Club Dinner which this year saw the addition of a band to the menu. Fifty-two members attended the event and without exception agreed that the band should be booked again for next year. Awards were given to the Ladies' and Men's players of the year (Pat McDonagh and Paul Smyth) and the Club Member of the Year Michael Cavanagh.



Winter bowls

The winter season is now well underway and as usual we welcome our winter members from CYM, SJH and Westmanstown. The two league teams under the captaincy of Paul Farrell and Thomas Smyth are doing well. Social Bowls on Wednesday and Friday mornings and the latest addition to the Calendar on Thursday evenings are drawing very good numbers. The annual Christmas Buffet will take place on Wednesday 19 December 2018 at 12.30pm at which the prizes for the Wednesday and Friday competitions will be presented.



BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club continues at the Club House on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

Our new committee was elected on 23rd May 2018 and are working hard under the guidance of our new Chairperson, Carmel Hourican.

A very pleasant social event was held at the Club House on Wednesday, 5th September. Potential new members were invited to come along.

A very successful charity night was held on 17th October at the Club House and proceeds were donated to Harold's Cross Hospice.

The annual Pairs Competition was held on 21st and 28th November and the results will be revealed and the trophy presented at our annual Christmas Party on 19th December.

The Club welcomes new members. There is a standby player available so come along with or without a partner.

For any information please contact Catherine: 087 416 0580 – cmclarke44@hotmail.com

WOMEN'S CRICKET

The Women's teams had a super season:

The third team came second in their league, this league allows so many young players the opportunity to try women's cricket. Captained by Steph Woods, they also got to the cup semi-final.

The second team won both league and cup in a very strong performance. The team is captained by Jenny Sparrow.

The first team won a very exciting league. Captained by Laura Delany for 50 over and Sophie McMahon for 20 over matches. They also got to the cup semi-final.

Three of our first team players Laura Delany, Amy Kenealy and Rebecca Stokell recently represented Ireland the Women's World Cup in the West Indies. Eimear Richardson who played for many years in LCC is also on the team. Since moving to New Zealand to live, Eimear has continued to play in LCC each summer while on holiday.

In the Cricket Ireland annual awards, Rebecca Stokell won the Women's Academy Player of the Year, Laura Delany won the Women's International Player of the Year. In the annual Cricket Leinster Awards ceremony, Valmai Gee won the award for best wicket keeper in Division 1 and Jenny Sparrow won the award for best bowler in Division 2.

Three of our players are spending the winter in Australia: Laura Delany and Rebecca Stokell (both awarded Devenish Nutrition scholarships) and Sophie McMahon, who will spend the winter season in Gordon Club in Sydney.

Thanks to head coach Rob O'Connor and the Women's Committee for their hard work during the season.



MEN'S CRICKET

The dark winter nights have settled in and the summer seems a distant memory. The 2018 season saw mixed fortunes for the Men's section. The First XI struggled this season and narrowly avoided automatic relegation by finishing second last. A play-off against Rush saw us win comfortably aided by a magnificent century by Gareth Delany and this ensured Division 1 status.

The structure of the top two divisions has been changed next year and this will present new challenges and opportunities for our players to shine. There will be no relegation and mid-season will see the formation of a top and lower league based on results.

The Second XI captained by Jason Nagle finished mid-table after a great start, a stuttering middle and a good finish.

The Third XI led by Michael Scully were narrowly pipped for promotion from Division 6 but that shouldn't take away from a very strong performance from all involved.

The 4th XI performed very well under Rob O'Connor ably assisted by Malcolm Rule. This team made up of our promising youth players finished mid table and reached the Intermediate Cup Final where they lost to Carlow.

The Fifth XI led by Ashok Yadav displayed great consistency in a tough league but a late season wobble saw them finish 5th.

The one success of the year was the 6th XI ably captained by Mazz Khan. They swept all before them to win Division 15 against some tough opposition. Well done to all involved.

The 7th XI led by Avtar Singh was competitive and finished mid table. Mention must also be made of the achievement of Saeedullah Azizi who took 54 wickets this season, a great achievement.

Off the field there were a number of successful events. A tag rugby night was held involving Davy's and we ran a very successful lunch where the guest speaker was the one and only Joe Schmidt aided by the witty Alan Quinlan on August 31st. We also hosted a very enjoyable evening where a Leinster XI played a Nepalese XI with some excellent food provided afterwards. We also had our annual Golf outing at Rathfarnham Golf Club and the annual President's Dinner was held at the Grange where Charles Richards amused us with his reflections on Leinster Cricket Club.





One extremely important development this year has been the arrival of Jarryd Chetty. Jarryd's coaching and good humour was a major addition to the First XI and to the club. He has been appointed as Director of Cricket for the 2019 season. The section has also decided to establish a High Performance Group of Young players to develop their skills both physical and mental for the challenges of Division 1, 2 and 3 next year. Coaching for this group has begun since October. Chris Janick made a major impression with his coaching at the Junior Nets and we hope Chris will continue in this role next year.

Finally it is very important to thank all those who helped to make this season a successful one for the club. President Brian Godfrey stood in at short notice as chairman of selectors, the Mens Committee of Michael Scully, Pam Cassidy (whose contribution was immense to the section!) , Mazz Khan, JP O'Dwyer and George Dockrell, Frank O'Connor for all his help with the Joe Schmidt lunch, Rory MacMahon who helped to organise the golf outing, our irrepressible Treasurer Bob Cramp who also did Trojan work to make the President's dinner a success, the Cricket Committee under Guy Satchwell, our groundsman Derek Carroll and David Lucas for organising the Davy tag-rugby event.

I would also like to thank Margaret O'Donoghue and Declan O'Brien for all their advice and support during the season. Finally a word of thanks to unassuming Conal Cassidy who aided by Michael O'Sullivan completed painting the wall around the ground and helped in so many other ways. It's this sort of club spirit that we should all aim to emulate.

TAVERNERS

Those who have read the Summer Bulletin will remember I stopped at Match 11 ergo first match below is 12 .Only 6 of the matches played but 5 of these won which shows Tavs tend to peak late in the season (or early in the off season!)

Mtch	Date	OPPONENTS	1 ST INNINGS	2 ND INNINGS	RESULT
12	20,7.18	Phoenix	Cancelled		
13	27.7.18	Slammers	Slammers 122	LCC 123	Won by 6 wkts
14	3.8.18	Chapelizod	Cancelled		
15	8.8.18	Theatrical Cavs	LCC 101	Cavaliers103	Lost by 4 wkts
16	17.8.18	Gravediggers	LCC 142	*	Won by 13 rns
17	24.8.18	Malahide	LCC 74	Malahide77	Won by 6 Wkts
18	30.8.18	Greystones	No details	Played at Kilcoole	Won
19	7.9.18	Ymca/Architects	Ymca//Archit 84	LCC 86	Won by 5 Wkts
20	14,9.18	Final Intersquad	Cancelled		

Match No 13: 20s from O'Brien ,Canning .Ringrose and Dillon .Ringrose(2) and Dillon took wickets.

Match 15: 20s from Kuldeepy Bisht, Crowley and O'Brien's. But who ran Sheedy out on 15? Probably Attard he's a terrible runner! Two wkts from Sheedy-still fuming at the run out -one apiece from O'Brien, Butler and one from Bisht (want to be careful with the LCU disciplinary committee here although Brian swears Bisht was born in Mayo and learnt his cricket in Galway!

Match 16: Everyone got between 18 and 23 except the Sheedies (father and Son) who ran each other out (must have made for entertaining breakfast conversation next morning.) O'Brien(2)-now he's going to dominate the bowling - and Ringrose got the wickets.* Gravediggers got 129 -don't know what happened the spreadsheet here -must be a ghost !

Match 17: Batting No 20s here! Bowling Bisk 2 Wickets

Match18: We had our No 1 Scorer and our No 1 Bag man for this match so why no details .I have researched Kilcoole however and can tell you it is a sanctuary greeting Canadian Immigrant Geese by name of Brent (Brian will do anything to increase the talent of the taverners) PS Another detail of the match was that changing was in the dark-maybe that's where the scores went and are even now rotting with socks, jocks etc in some unpacked bag.

Match 19: O'Brien, Richardson and Attard 20s .Wkts for Ringrose (3)'Butler, Bisht, Sheehy and Linton

Other events:

Taverners (mustered by Hugh Elliott) filled 2 tables at the recent Club Dinner (in the "breakaway club" in Rathfarnham) and enjoyed the evening. Such was the spaciousness of the room we could have had a waltz or even fallai luimni although there was an imbalance of 20:1 in favour of men! Excess space was not the case for the Joe Schmidt event, again attended by many taverners, - breathing space was at a premium (however breathing is never a priority with taverners - it is a bonus!)

Bouquets of the year to Hugh Elliott - the undisputed chef of the taverners at all levels. to Brian Godfrey who although Cricket President did the fixtures (and deputised as captain) and to several captains during the year. Finally thanks to our equipment men Joe Sheedy and Peter Challoner (the former often taking his son along to "keep him company" as in the wreck of the Hesperus.)

YOUTH CRICKET

We held our second Give It A Blast day on 15th April to promote Cricket4Girls but, due to a downpour, we could not run any of our outdoor activities. However, over 70 girls and their parents enjoyed tea/coffee and cakes, meeting the LCC parents and a Q&A session with the Irish Women's Captain, Laura Delany.

Stephen Kenealy and his band of volunteers ran a terrific coaching programme for boys and girls (aged 6-9) with up to 150 youth (up to 12 years) attending all the sessions on Sunday mornings. The group got so large that they had to be divided into the Lions (8-9 years) and Cubs (6-7 years) with a second session on a Thursday afternoon introduced for the Lions.

The changes in the league structures and playing regulations introduced by the LCU just before the start of the 2018 season caused a fair bit of confusion for coaches managers and players but we managed well in the end.

In the girls' section, we maintained our numbers and the skill levels keep improving thanks to coaches Vanessa Kelada and Bella Fitzgibbon. We fielded two Minor Girls teams who continue to learn the game and have great fun at the same time. Our Junior Girls came third while our Junior Girls Softball team and U17s were runners up in their respective leagues while the U15s reached the semi- final of the U15s league.



Representative honours:

U15 Ireland: Ava Canning and Joanna Loughran – who had a very successful tour to Malvern



U15 Leinster: Rhiann Slevin

U17 Leinster: Maria Kerrison, Mary Kate McLoughlin, Isabel Saeed-Maguire, Ruby Shirt and Jenny Sparrow

Ireland: Rebecca Stokell has been selected to play in Women's T20 World Cup in the Caribbean.

In addition to plenty of youth matches, the older girls continue to transition successfully into the women's leagues with the youth players playing a great part in the women's success in winning Divs 1 and 2, the Junior Div 2 Cup and runners up in the Div 3 league.

The Minor Boys were led by Brian Butler and Ray Sloane yet again. While the Minor As and Bs finished 5th and 4th in their respective leagues. The Cs however won the League in great style winning 5 from 6 with a rain draw.

The Junior Boys had a very busy season and were led by Diarmuid Lynch and Joe Keogh.

The Junior As played a staggering 19 times which included 7 matches in the Gerry Duffy Cup where they made it to the final. They posted the highest T20 score in memory making 191 runs in the semi-final against North County. They lost a tight match against YMCA in the final having made a total of 158 runs in their innings. In the Junior A Cup we were beaten in the semi-finals by YMCA. After an excellent League run we managed to tie for top spot with YMCA winning 11 out of 12 matches with one unfortunate rain draw when playing YMCA.

The Junior B South played brilliantly and won 6 from 6 but lost a hard-fought final of the J.D. Caprani Cup against YMCA in Observatory Lane. The Junior B North team just missed out on the final of the League.



By way of contrast the U15 boys played only a total of 11 games between both teams. They were coached by Jarryd Chetty, Gareth Delany, Finn Conaghty and Joe Carroll. The U15As played 7 games as the league was split into North and South this year. They lost in the Cup at the semi-final stage to Rush who went on to win the All-Ireland U15 cup. In the League they finished in second position. The U15Bs won the Marlay Park Cup and were undefeated this season winning 4 from 4.

The Boys U17 and U19 teams were ably coached by Gareth Delany and Finn Conaghty. The U17s won 3 from 4 in a very competitive League and finished in third spot. The U19s won 3 from 3 and defeated Phoenix in a very exciting final in Observatory Lane.

Representative Honours:

Congratulations to the boys who made representative squads including:

U13 Leinster: Devan Keenan

Ireland Cubs: Devan Keenan

U15 Representative: Mark Tonge, Matthew Lynch and Craig Mackay, Andrew Tonge and Daire Cassidy

U17 Representative: Euan Mackay

Leinster Schools: Paddy Lynch, Peter Masterson and Fionn O'Sullivan

Ireland Schools: Paddy Lynch and Peter Masterson

Off the field, the committee was busy running raffles, packing bags at Super Valu and the managing the ever popular shop, revising the Club's Child Safeguarding policy and countless other unglamorous tasks. Thank you to all who gave of their time to help out with teams, teas, lifts, coaching etc.

We're sorry to lose Declan O'Brien after 4 years as Chair and Mike O'Sullivan as Boys Coordinator. Declan's and Mike's contributions to the Youth section have been immense and they will be hard acts to follow.

TENNIS

Following our annual Section AGM in October the following people have joined the Tennis Committee: Mick Bannon (Men's Captain), Jane Horan (Secretary) and Ordinary Members Ruth Lunnon and Jim Coyne. They are joining John O'Gorman (President), Anne Byrne (Ladies' Captain), David O'Grady (Treasurer) and Ordinary Members Jonathan Duggan, Renata Murnaghan and Dave Kent in the organising of all the Tennis goings on.

Club Championships

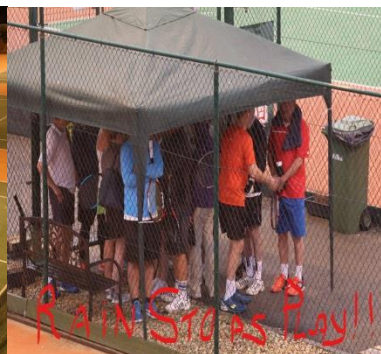
In August & September we had our Annual Club Championship Tournament. We shook things up this year and the tournament was run in a new format - all matches were played in just a two-week period. During the two weeks over 70 members took part in 11 events. Congratulations to the following Club Champions: Joe Hackett (Men's Singles), Jane Horan (Ladies' Singles), David O'Grady and Ger Penny (Men's Doubles), Jane and Merci Horan (Ladies' Doubles) and Jane Horan and Jonathan Duggan (Mixed Doubles). The finals were followed by our At Home Dinner, with scrumptious Camile food in the function room served by some of our lovely Committee members. A great night was had by all.



Joe Hackett and David O'Grady



Jane Horan and Jonathan Duggan



League

We've had a very busy time in the Dublin Lawn Tennis Council Leagues. The recent Senior League and Floodlight League are behind us now. We entered 9 teams in all. Our ladies' teams have had a superb run recently. In Senior League the 1st Team won the Final of Class 5 and the 2nd team were Quarterfinalists in Class 6. Both teams will be promoted next year.



Jane Horan, Elena Green, Sheila Lynch, Dolores Byrne, Rose Byrne and Merci Horan. Well done also to Michele Lochrin and Marie Lynch who were also members of the team!



Fiona Lynch, Nicky Kilroy, Anne Conroy, Deirdre Leonard, Ruth Lunnon, Sarah Hamilton and Anne Byrne.

In Floodlight League, the Ladies' 1st Team got to the Class 5 Final where they had a great battle against CYM 1 who are a very good team, unfortunately LCC were not victorious. It's a great feat that they got to two finals in a row and a wonderful end to the 2018 League campaign.



Jane Horan, Sheila Lynch, Merci Horan and Anne Byrne. Well done also to Marie Lynch, Rose Byrne and Nicky Kilroy who contributed greatly to the success!

However there's no time to rest, Winter League will commence in late January. We'll have 3 Ladies' teams and 3 Mens' teams competing for LCC. Enthusiasm is high so league practice sessions have already started;

Men Class 3/4: Mondays at 8:30pm

Ladies: Tuesdays at 8:30pm

Men Class 5/6/7: Fridays at 7:30pm

Social Tournaments

We've had too many social tournaments lately to mention them all. Most recently we had a super night in LCC for our Triple Crown Tournament! Once again Dave Kent was the mastermind and main organiser of lots of fun. We played tennis, table tennis and darts. 36 of us participated in teams of 4

and we learned that our tennis skills don't necessarily translate to table tennis success.... and then we found out that we were even worse at darts!



Christmas Team Tennis is currently underway. This is 6 weeks of festive cheer, replacing our usual Social Thursday Tennis, with teams playing weekly in competitive-ish games. This year Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs are the 8 teams all battling it out.

The LCC Tennis Christmas Party will be on Thursday 20th December, which is also the finals night of Christmas Team Tennis. The Christmas Party is always a giddy night, with festive music and great cheer. Everyone's welcome to join us in the bar.

Jane Horan
Tennis Secretary

SQUASH

European Club Championships

LCC Squash Club, as 2018 All Ireland Club Champions, represented Ireland in the European Club Championships, held in Eindhoven recently. The squad comprised of 3 current internationals - Brian Byrne, Sean Conroy, Sam Olwill plus Keith Moran, Michael Conroy & David Conroy who performed at the highest level and finished in a sterling 5th place of the 12 teams.

In the group stage, Squash Club de Petange of Luxembourg were defeated before losing to eventual 3rd placed team Viktoria Brno of Czech Republic. This enabled LCC Squash to progress to the quarter-final as group runners-up where we lost to eventual runners-up Edgbaston Priory of England.

In the playoff for 5th to 8th, Leinster beat JSK Squash of Finland (pictured) before securing 5th with a fine victory over Edinburgh Sports of Scotland. A great achievement, even surpassing the excellent performance when the club last qualified for this event in Krakow, Poland three years ago. Many players ranked in the PSA World Top 100 participated, including the World number 5 Simon Rosner. Travelling supporters witnessed terrific squash at a 15 court venue in a friendly city boasting excellent transport links and hostels plus a pedestrian friendly city centre. Edinburgh host the 2019 tournament – team manager Rory Gallagher is already masterminding another campaign...



LCC Squash at the European Championships (L-R) Jim Coyne, Rory Gallagher, Keith Moran, Sam Olwill, Sean Conroy, Brian Byrne, Gerry Hand

Leinster Squash League

The league season is well under way, with LCC Squash once again fielding a large number of teams to cater for ladies and men at all levels from Premier division downwards. Our division 5 and 6 teams, captained by Andrew Oliver and Ciaran O'Sullivan respectively, have made very good starts to the season and will hopefully still be in contention for honours come spring time.



LCC Ladies A: (L-R) Karen Muir, Veronica Brogan, Majella Duignan, Fiona McCormack

Christmas Tournament

Our annual Christmas Tournament is always extremely popular with our members and will be held this year on Friday 14th December, with a team squash event planned followed by refreshments and prizes at the bar.

Club Night

Club social night continues as usual each Friday evening from 7pm onwards. If you are new to the club, this is a great way to get to know some of our members and play some friendly games. Once a month, our club night also incorporates a team blitz event - see the calendar on the club notice board for details.