

CYD Croquet News for club membership

Raising Funds for the fit-out of the New Pavilion

Hi there CYD Croquetters,

Half of our club membership attended Monday morning's meeting when Roy gave a report of the structure of the Craig Y Don Sports and Community Centre, the CIO and Charity that consists of four sections, The Community Centre (a charity in its own right), plus The Tennis Club, The Bowls Club and the Croquet Club (which all three are CASCs).

(CIO and CASCs are registered Governance systems, see Google etc)

Roy's notes and the latest elevation and plan for the new Pavilion are posted on the web see <https://www.craig-y-doncroquetclub.com/the-community-pavilion-latest-news> under the heading of Community Pavilion - Latest News - (which is found under the News heading)

All four sections contribute a monthly service charge paid to our 'Mother' organisation' the CYDS&CC with the Centre paying circa 70% and the three Sports clubs now treated equally and fairly at circa 10% each. That total pays for the costs incurred in the car park and the rest of the total site, hedges, paths, trees except for inside the buildings themselves which are the responsibility of the resident constituent as is inside the perimeters of their playing surfaces.

That total includes the public liability insurance required for those external areas where the public can freely roam. It also includes the actual building and contents insurance for all property on the site which is 'owned' by the leaseholder (CYDS&CC) from Conwy Council and not by any of the four constituent sections. The communal service charge has nothing to do with size of the buildings or the facilities offered within the properties the four constituents occupy.

Our playing surface is even more complicated as it is not bound by fencing. Public Liability insurance must be covered separately by the CYCS&CC, Bowls and Croquet as we all have responsibility for different parts of the year and even parts of a single 24 hour day!

My verbal presentation on Monday was on the Crowd Funding scheme we are going to use to raise hopefully the bulk of our requirements for fitting out the Pavilion building. This is a scheme run by Sport Wales and can only include the purchases that Sport Wales agree are separate from the actual project build element, and for which they are prepared to offer 50 or 60% matched funding. For instant kitchen and other wall fixed cupboards are not accepted whereas free standing cupboards for the lounge may be accepted. Floor covering must be '*portable*'. Glued tiling or mock woodstrips are not acceptable whereas Coir matting carpet or lino type floor covering is!

The following is a list of the items we possibly need to buy and I am negotiating for Sport Wales to accept all within their scheme for part funding which would depend

on us reaching a target (agreed with them to start with). If we fail to reach that target, matched funding would not be available or be proportionally reduced.

There may be other (moveable) items you think are important. Let me know ASAP what they might be!

Removable flooring surface, eg Coir matting or lino type material, not stuck down.

Kitchen white goods; small fridge freezer/small dishwasher/ kettle/ water boiler

Security/H&S type stuff; Spare defibrillator batteries/fire extinguishers (to be recommended by Fire Brigade)/ CCTV system

4 largish tables, 6 card-sized tables, 30 stacking internal chairs

Crockery and cutlery for 35 persons

Cupboards and shelving etc freestanding for books, magazines, club records and filing

Free standing metal wire type racking systems for mallets, hoops, boxes of balls.

One new set of match primary and secondary balls from Croquet England.

Two sets of coloured team shirts for competitions

Three wall mounted honours boards One for listing our internal 'Buy a Brick' sponsors (£100 donations); secondly for Grant organisations involved in the Pavilion Project; thirdly, a list of club chairpersons from club inception.

Portable flagpole and choice of flags. Welsh Dragon/Union Jack/Ukraine flag/Croquet England/Sport Wales?/National Lottery?/Gwynt Y Mor ?

Six feature large plant holders to enhance the garden area next to the pavilion.

At the meeting I explained that I had done a dummy run and found out that if donors offered monetary support, they would be encouraged to give a 'tip' to the managing organisation of up to 50% extra, despite the organisation already charging a circa 2&1/2% commission. It seemed an extra 10% 'tip' was mandatory. Amazingly, Sport Wales were unaware of this until I raised it!! However there is now a custom button option as one donates which can override the 10% to zero!! That will be fully explained before we go live.

Because this is more complicated that at first glance we intend for this scheme to go live on September 1st and run for two months till end of October seeking an £8,000 target which would mean we, CYD croquet club members and supporters would need to raise £3200 to get a £4,800 contribution from Sport Wales. We will be seeking straightforward donations, (hopefully Gift Aided to gain an extra 25%) and sell 'Rewards' at bargain prices (50% reductions). For instance Jeff has already got a voucher from a flooring firm for £60 toward a flooring purchase. We would 'sell' that as a half price reward for £30.00 and if the purchaser ticked the Gift Aid box we would receive £37.50 from the scheme plus a further £30.00 from Sport Wales (provided we hit target).

We, all of us, need to try and get a Reward to sell on the scheme.

How about approaching your regular car garage and asking for a voucher for a free MOT, not including parts etc ? Ladies, how about your hairdresser; a free trim perhaps or a monetary voucher towards the same? Painted nails could offer a voucher maybe.

Members who bought a brick for £100 a year or so ago will be acknowledged on an honour board in the new pavilion (unless they requested anonymity) and the scheme will be offered again as a Reward for a £100 donation within this Crowdfunder scheme.

Please don't jump the gun, we want to get the Sport Wales donation as well, and that will only work through the Crowdfunder scheme.

Another concern discussed last Monday morning was winter board and card games if Pavilion construction stretches into winter. It is likely that the Pavilion build project might now be completed by the end of October but fitting out would then have to follow. To solve this conundrum, our extremely generous Craigside club member, Michael Smee, has offered the use of his Garden Room to our club for the whole of next winter to help us bring in more funds for the project and/or the club in general. We therefore intend to put 16 small folding chairs and four collapsible card tables into the garden room for October 1st. The room will be used by winter croquet players and board/card players alike and the committee will shortly be discussing the income requirement which has been suggested as **£50 in advance** for the whole winter, **'come hell or high water'** and **£5 per individual session**; £5 notes only, as shrapnel coins continued all through last winter despite requests to cease! They cannot be banked and are extremely annoying. Those £50 in advance scheme will probably be accepted as a Reward in the Crowd funding scheme by Sport WAles and gain a further £55 contribution from them.

Remember we have a Christmas social/party already booked for Thursday 10th December in St David's Hall again this year but we might also be able to celebrate the New year with a Pavilion opening?! Watch this space!!

Last Sunday, our brave Golf doubles team took on the might of Llanfairfechan and Llanidloes teams in the Northern Heat of the Welsh Croquet Club's National Golf contest. Our team came in a worthy third place but enjoyed the experience, the social interaction, the good weather and super hospitality. provided by Llanfairfechan.

The players through to the semifinals and hence finals of our two CYD handicapped golf singles competitions are now chosen. The dates that all those players can make, are the afternoon of Wednesday 30 September or Thursday 1st October (as a reserve). Please put both those dates in your diaries as our last croquet event of the season. We will close the lawn straight after Final's day to start preparing the lawn and surroundings for winter bowls.

Cheers for now folks

Regards John Sec

PS. At Monday's meeting we asked for a small number of members to get involved with purchasing for the fit-out. Only one lady member so far has made contact with me and is prepared to assist, but not organise.