



54 Terenure Road North, Terenure, Dublin 6W

Dear Members

The sun has made a welcome return along with a great stretch in the evenings. I hope you and your families were able to make the most of the Easter break and hopefully spend a bit more time in the Club.

The Club is definitely busier and it is great to see a good few section and member events booked to take place over the next few months. However, this brings its own challenges for the Executive and the bar staff. We are extremely short staffed at the moment which puts a lot of pressure on the team to work long hours and manage busy events. Our current bar manager Rob has decided to step back as manager and return to general bar duties. He had helped us when we needed support and we are very grateful for all he has done to facilitate the return to more normal activities in the Club. In addition, a lot of our current team come from cricket whose season is just starting. Therefore, they will be less available for shifts over the next few months.

There are a number of issues we have identified that need to be rectified in the bar and we are taking steps to rectify these. We ask you to bear with us as these are implemented. There is a significant recruitment crisis affecting the hospitality industry at the minute which makes finding the right staff extremely difficult. We have been conducting considerable advertisements for a new bar manager and have not had a single CV to date. We need to be prepared for the likelihood that it could be a few months before we have someone in place.

Last Saturday, due to ill-health, cricket matches and planned absences we found ourselves in the position of having to manage two children's parties, a typically busy Saturday afternoon bar and a member's birthday celebrations with no experienced staff before 8.30pm. As a result, my husband Eoin and I put in a 11-hour shift behind the bar to keep the show on the road, supported by Deirdre Thornton who pulled pints for a number of hours and our 12 and 14-year old children who collected glasses and kept the bar clean for over 5 hours. While we were all happy to row in to support the Club this is obviously not a feasible solution. As a result, the Executive have a number of asks to all members:

- **Let all your contacts know** that we are looking for both a bar manager and part-time bar staff to start as soon as possible. The manager must be experienced however, we would train bar staff with limited or no experience who are over 18 and ideally live locally
- **Do you have children/grandchildren over 18** who would be interested in working behind the bar – if so please let us know
- We would like to set up a **panel of volunteers**, ideally with previous bar experience, who could be called upon, on an ad hoc basis, to supplement the bar team for big functions, particularly at weekends, when we often struggle to have enough staff to cope. If this is something you would

be interested in please contact our Bar Chair Joe at joe.furey77@gmail.com who will maintain a register of interested parties. We will organise briefing sessions in advance of any asks.

The Executive are very conscious of the role the bar plays in members lives and we will do our utmost to maintain standards and build up the team. However, we have to flag that in the absence of finding sufficient additional staff we may have to review how best to manage with the available staff. Please do what you can to support the Club and spread the word!

Some updates from around the club you might be interested in.

Bowling

The bowling season proper got underway in the second last week of April with the first league fixtures of the year. A busy league season, with the men fielding eight teams, and the women four, will be punctuated by a number of representative fixtures allocated to us due to the high quality of our bowling green.

The first of these is on Sunday 8 May when the Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games teams visit to play 10 players from the Republic of Ireland. The latter team will feature three of our own players: **Mark Brown, Andy Murphy** and **Colum O'Brien**.

Cricket

The cricket season kicked off over the Easter weekend and there has been some great action on the pitch so far. A highlight was the first run out for our 5th XI, where there were some brilliant performances by the club's youth players. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped clean up the ground and paint the white wall so the place is now in top condition for a fantastic summer of cricket!

Tennis

March and April have been busy months for the tennis section. Winter league concluded with a championship win for Ladies Team 4 in Class 7 of DLTC. They were also promoted to Class 6. Congratulations! Overall, 5 ladies teams and 1 mens team made it to the playoffs, with Ladies Team 2 also getting promoted to Class 4. Next up is summer league which begins 6th May. 5 mens teams and 5 ladies teams have been entered. Good luck to all.

The club also hosted a very successful singles championships for both mens and ladies. 81 people took part across 3 mens and 3 ladies divisions. There were excellent and entertaining matches across all the divisions, and congratulations to all the winners!

The Terenure Tennis Open is due to take place from 18th to 25th June. This will be a great opportunity to show off the club and hopefully there will be a few thirsty tennis players in the bar afterwards!

Soccer

Soccer having won their league are still advancing in the cup competition. Our under age lads are already talking about taking the soccer world by storm and are thrilled to be playing in Terenure Sports Club.

Rugby

Although the Women's season finished a number of weeks ago, CYM Rugby Club's Men's team season continues as they wait to play their John Madden Cup Semi Final. Opposition and fixture date still to be confirmed.

Everyone is also looking forward to the President's Dinner and Annual Awards which take place on Friday 13th May.

Finally, congratulations to Alan Egan who recently celebrated his 60th birthday at the club with a mixed game of rugby between Alan's XV and the President's XV, which was then followed by a great night in the bar.

Summer Camp

The Easter Camp at TSC was a great success once again with the weather being mostly co-operative! It is hard to believe but registration is now open for Summer Camp. Members were offered the opportunity to register a day before the general public. However, places fill very quickly so please register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Please feel free to send any comments or queries to tscexecutivecommittee@gmail.com. Alternatively, if you wish to speak to me directly, I can be contacted on 087 454 5447 or ruthlikely@gmail.com.

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