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Dear Members

It's hard to believe it's been 3 months since my last letter. I hope everyone enjoyed the rest of the summer and managed to get a break away from the routines of normal life. Summer seems like a distant memory as the evenings grow shorter and the temperatures fall. However, there is lots happening in the Club and plenty to look forward to.

New TSC appointments

The Executive is delighted to advise of two new appointments. **Antonia Laurenson** has been appointed as Administration Officer. Antonia works in the club most mornings and is available to help with any enquiries you may have in relation to membership, function enquiries or general questions about the club. You can contact her on tscexecutivecommittee@gmail.com. She has already made a big impact in the Club, relieving some of the pressures on the Executive.

Mick Cotter has been appointed Bar Manager. This follows on from his success in managing a challenging summer as we worked to increase our casual bar staff panel and recruit for a new manager. Mick's enthusiasm for the club and desire to build the bar and function business will ensure he will be a great success. If you see Mick with a pint you will know he is off duty!

We hope you join us in wishing them the very best of luck in their new roles and providing any support required.

As we have moved out of the challenges of lockdowns and dealt with the recruitment issues facing the hospitality industry post Covid, we have been conscious of the need to improve the bar service offered to members. We have come a long way since members of the Executive had to pull pints to cover staff shortages and we hope members will bear with us as we continue our journey to continually improve. Changes we have brought about to date include sourcing new cleaners, extending our bar team, refurbishing the chairs, bringing in new polo shirts for the bar staff (still a work in progress as we manage supply chain issues), our pizza service is back and proving very popular and improved standard of glassware etc.

There are a few items I would like to bring to the attention of members.

Turn off the lights and heating when not required!

As I am sure you are all aware we are heading into a winter with spiraling energy costs. We have taken steps to manage our energy suppliers and avail of the best packages available. However, we need your help as well to minimize our costs as much as possible. If you are using the lights on the tennis courts,

only turn on the lights for your particular court and turn off when you are finished. The light switches are located on the left hand side as you walk into the white building and are numbered.

This also applies to the training lights and lights left on in the white building. Don't assume someone else will turn them off. Our costs have already trebled this year compared to last year with still a few hard months to go. Your support will make a real difference.

Supervising children at the Club

Just a reminder to ensure young children are appropriately supervised while at the Club. They should not use the pitch while training or matches are taking place. They should also be monitored if using the white building. We do have regular instances of children of varying ages leaving litter and glasses etc. around the building which are unsightly for all and does not leave a good impression for those groups who rent space from us. You are also reminded that children under the age of 18 are not permitted to use the gym in any circumstance. We all want our children to enjoy the freedom of the Club but this has to be balanced with managing health and safety concerns and respect for all users.

Cricket nets update

You will have seen the new nets which have been installed on the pitch. These are designed to minimize the risk of cricket or soccer balls leaving the club grounds. We do appreciate some outlier balls have exceeded these net heights, however these poles and nets cannot be raised any higher. The netting for the poles behind the tennis courts has been ordered and will hopefully arrive in the next few weeks.

Winter bar opening hours

As many members know, typically during the Winter months we have closed the bar completely on Mondays and only opened to members from 7pm on week nights. This year, in light of the upcoming World Cup with early kick-off for many matches, we will remain open on Mondays until at least Christmas. We will review opening hours again at that stage. We will also open the bar at **6pm** to accommodate members who may want refreshments before training or wish to catch the end of the early matches.

Our pizza and a pint offer will be at a reduced rate of €10 for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Usual price €13. Please come down and use the bar as much as possible.

Barrier onto pitch

There is a barrier preventing vehicular access onto the pitch. In the event of an emergency and the need to bring an ambulance onto the pitch, please note the location of the key to the barrier – it is in a key box next to the defibrillator in the patio area. All coaches have been provided with the combination code and there is a spare key in the bar if needed.

Upcoming roof works

There will be some activity around the white building in the next few weeks as we look to take down the water tanks and replace with modern ones. We are also taking the opportunity to do some maintenance

work on the soffits and fascia. A crane will be required for some of these works which will necessitate closing off the car park for a short period of time. Advance notice will be provided to members.

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

Bowling

The 2022 bowling season ended at the weekend, with both our men's and women's 1st teams finishing 2nd in their respective Division 1's, the men by an agonising half point: 108.5 to 108. The men's 2nd team also played in Division 1 this season and won two thirds of its fixtures to finish fourth.

Pride of place competitively must go to a CYM women's 4 of **Pauline Murray, Marian Lynch, Georgina Morrissey** and **Cora Hamill**, who won the National Championship and will go on to represent Ireland at the British Isles Championships next summer.

The men brought home a big haul of silverware from the BLI Championships: winning the senior and U25 singles, the 4's and the veterans 4's.

All told, another great season for the Bowling Section. A full programme of internal championships and social bowls was run too for the first time since 2019. If you've ever thought you might like to give the game a try, let Ollie O'Brien (087 228 4684) know and he will sort you out, with no strings attached, next April.

Cricket

Cricket has gone into hibernation now after a very successful season which saw both women's teams finish in solid mid table positions, the men's 1st XI make the National Cup final, the men's 3rd XI finish runners up in Division 13 and the men's 4th XI win the Minor Cup. There was also great success at youth level and Terenure were well represented in both youth inter-provincial and international squads.

Preparation for next year is already beginning as 12 of our members took advantage of a free slot in the hall in the white building to complete the Cricket Leinster Coaching Kids Course. Thanks to the careful guidance of the Cricket Leinster tutors and great enthusiasm from our members next year's youths are in very safe hands!

Tennis

It's been another busy period for Tennis with the Senior League (over 35's) group stages just wrapped up. With 4 Men's teams and 5 Ladies teams they had some great matches in the September sun (and rain). Two of the Ladies teams in Class 3 and 5 have progressed to the knockout stages, with Men's Team 1 in Class 2 also going through after some great wins. Floodlight league is ongoing with some promising early results!

In other tennis news, adult social tennis on Thursdays and Saturdays continues to draw new and long-time members alike. Parent/Child social tennis has also resumed on Saturdays. We're looking forward to a fun American Tournament on Friday 7th October for new and non-league members. Stephen O'Connor's Fun Fitness Tennis is also proving a smashing success on Mondays and Thursdays!

It's great to see so many junior tennis players on the courts enjoying both tennis lessons and the Junior Stars and Stripes programme which is in full swing. John's adult coaching continues and keep your eyes peeled for some fun spooky Halloween events coming up at the end of the month. You can find details on this and lots more happening in tennis, by keeping your eye on WhatsApp groups for the new "Weekly Happenings" for all the updates.

Rugby

The rugby season is now well and truly up and running. The Men's 1st Team recorded two from two competitive wins in both the Cup and Metro Division 5 League with wins over Railway Union and Wanderers, respectively.

The Women's team kick off their Division 2 league this Sunday, 9th October, with an away game in Balbriggan RFC. The Men's 2nd Team ran UCD close in their league opener in Division 10. Numbers have been good at training, but new members are always welcome.

Finally, congratulations to CYM stalwart, **Kevin Carty**, on his recent marriage to Evanna. Best wishes to the happy couple from all at CYM RFC and the wider Club

Soccer

The three soccer teams are holding their own in competitive leagues with training on every Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30pm.

Table Tennis

The table tennis section, while small, is packing a mighty punch with 7 members of the section representing Ireland recently at a 7 Nations competition in the Isle of Man. The team brought home 1 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals. Congratulations to all involved!

Our TSC Social Committee will be getting in full swing shortly to prepare for our annual Christmas activities. Last year we had great plans which had to be nearly all cancelled due to the resurgence of Covid. Keeping our fingers crossed that this year we can look forward to a resumption of normal activities. More details to come. If you are interested in getting involved, please let me know and I will add you to our (yet another) WhatsApp group!

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