



54 Terenure Road North, Terenure, Dublin 6W

Dear Members

It's hard to believe this is my last letter before Christmas. 2022 seems to have gone by very quickly. The lockdown at the start of the year seems like a million years ago. Here's hoping it remains a distant memory!!

There are some great events happening in the Club during December so make sure to make a note of them in your diary and start getting into the Christmas spirit! A big thank you to **Brenda Croke** and **Connie Murray** for the beautiful Christmas decorations in the bar. They look fantastic!

Annual Mass for deceased members: this takes place a week later than normal, on **Sunday 11** celebrated by Fr Eugene and followed by lunch in the bar afterwards. For anyone who would like to join the Mass remotely you can do so by accessing this Google Meet link - <https://meet.google.com/jvp-xfp-rdt>. Please feel free to share with others who might live abroad or are unable to join in person.

Santa visits the Club: join us on **Saturday 17 2-5pm** for a fun, family afternoon with face painting, balloon animals, music, games and competitions for children of all ages, plus a very special visit from Santa who will have a present for every child. To ensure your child is on Santa's good list please register through the Events page of the Smart Cloud system - [Santa Registration](#). If you have any problems accessing the system or registering, please contact Antonia at terenuresportsclub@gmail.com.

Club Christmas Night: come down to the clubhouse **on Saturday 17, from 7.30pm** onwards. Our local ukulele band will be playing for us which will be a real Christmas treat! You may have heard them rehearsing on Tuesday nights in the sports bar over the last few months. We will also be holding a special attendance night raffle with lots of great prizes including vouchers from some of our local businesses. Tickets will go on sale from the 11th but remember you **must be in the bar on the night** to claim your prize.

Christmas Carol Night: the highlight of the club year is our carol night on **Friday December 23**, which is returning after a three-year covid hiatus. The bar is guaranteed to fill up quickly so get down early if you want to get a seat! Festivities will get under way around 8pm.

A few things for members to consider...

Turn off the lights and heating when not required!

Please remember the importance of monitoring light and heating usage over the winter months!! 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.

Bar Update

There are a number of initiatives happening in the bar over the next few weeks, hopefully you'll find something below which might encourage you to come along and get involved!

- As the World Cup Group stages draw to a close, a reminder you can catch the 7pm kick offs throughout the tournament in the bar!
- The Quarter Finals kick off on **Friday December 9 at 3pm**, the bar will open early to show that game with a potential clash between Spain and Brazil to look forward to!
- The Semi-Finals take place on **December 13 and 14**, with both games starting at 7pm. Happy Hour prices will be available from 6pm - 7pm for those who wish to enjoy these midweek fixtures, before the Final which will be on **Sunday December 18**.
- Away from football, there's Champions Cup Rugby which will be shown in the club, with Leinster & Connacht both in action on **December 10 & 16**, whilst Munster & Ulster will also be on the big screens across both weekends.
- Finally, looking ahead to Christmas, the bar will be open on **St Stephen's Day from midday** for all of our racing and Premier League fans, and will remain open until the conclusion of the Leinster vs Munster game which kicks off at 7:35pm.
- A reminder that across the month you can still avail of our brilliant deal of a Pizza & Pint, which is just €10 from Monday-Wednesday, and €13 Thursday-Sunday.

Lost Property

A substantial amount of lost property has built up in the bar which is causing a hazard. Any lost property will be stored in the white building behind the stand and will be cleared every **two weeks**. The Club are not responsible for any property left on club premises. Please do not ask the bar staff to hold onto any items you find – just put into the box and perhaps let people from your section know.

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

Bowling

The Bowling Section held both its annual dinner and AGM over the last couple of weeks. The Committee remains the same as last year.

Congratulations are due to **Jacqui Byrne** who has been elected Vice-President of the Irish Women's Bowling Association, meaning she will serve as President in 2024. We wish her every success in the role.

A Happy Christmas to everyone in TSC from the Bowling Section, and we look forward to all our sections going from strength to strength in 2023.

Cricket

The cricket section is very much in hibernation, however members did break their slumber for the annual end of season dinner. It was great to see the hall full again to toast the season's successes after the previous two years.

The big winner on the night was **Colm Morgan** who was presented with the Dermot Farrell Club Person of the Year Trophy. Very well earned after all the hard work he has put into the section this year – congratulations Colm! Indoor net sessions for all teams will return in earnest in the new year.

Until then we would like to wish the members of the club a very happy Christmas and not to forget we'll be collecting Christmas trees again this year!

Tennis

November marked the end of a very successful inter-club league tennis year for the section. No pennants in the Floodlight league, but the Mens Team 2 achieved promotion to Class 3 for next year which was a great success. The main event in November was the Doubles Championships - 150 matches were played across 6 events culminating in some high quality thrillers on finals day last Saturday. Well done to all those who competed. A massive shout out to **Barry Thornton** who ran the competition masterfully, as ever!

We have the disappointing news to share that **John Austin** will be stepping down from his position as Head Coach at the end of the year. John has introduced a number of successful tennis programmes for all levels of ability for adults and youth and will be greatly missed - we wish all the best to John on his next adventure. In other "departure" news, **Lisa Colfer** is stepping down from the Tennis Committee but will continue to sit on the Junior committee - thanks Lisa for all the hard work!

The next social event for tennis section is the Turkey Tournament on 10th December, keep your eyes on WhatsApp/noticeboards for more info.

Rugby

After round six of Metro Division 5, CYM's Men's team sit in third place with two wins and a draw. While the 2nds team have the same return from their games in Division 10. The Women's team are in 5th place of Leinster Division 2 following their two wins from five games. This Sunday, 4th December, the club hosts a double header of Women v Naas and Men v Monkstown/Dogos.

The rugby section's annual Christmas Party is on Friday 9th December with the return of Bad Santa and his Elves! Finally, many thanks to everyone who purchased or sold a ticket to our IRFU Your Club Your Country draw.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support during the year and for doing your bit to make Terenure Sports Club a place we can all be proud of. My thanks also to Mick Cotter and all the

bar staff, as well as Antonia and all of the Executive Committee who give their time so tirelessly. Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas.

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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