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Subject: Up date on current relationship with cricket club

Hi all,

Keith attended a Cricket Committee meeting yesterday and without warning the meeting turned rather hostile against the croquet club. Unfortunately those cricket committee members who are usually supporters of the croquet club were not there so the meeting was rather bias towards those who know us the least.

The straw that broke the camels back.

Historically the croquet club have played on Tuesdays and weds plus Friday afternoons. 2 1/2 days a week.

We are now playing all day Friday bringing our days play to 3. In addition we have asked to play some league matches on Thursdays and some friendlies on Mondays.

Recently Sally asked Tim Ives if we could host to friendly home matches on a Monday. Tim suggested the best dates and said he would agree the games at the next committee meeting.

At the meeting (yesterday) some committee members asked if the croquet club were paying sufficient fees to justify 5 days a week play. Whilst we aren't and never were intending to play 5 days a week this prompted a discussion about our whole relationship.

The immediate outcome is that the friendlies need to be reorganised as the cricket club want to keep Mondays as there lawn maintenance day. They also want us to finish at 1300 on a Friday as Ron wants to cut the lawn before Saturday cricket matches.

I met with Craig and Tim and suggested a have a meeting between representatives of both Committees. At that meeting we can put everything on the table and have a frank discussion of where we both stand. They thought this was a good idea and agreed to set up the meeting.

I suggest that our side comprise Keith as the one with inside into the Cricket club committee, Simon Parvin as one who has friends at th e cricket club as he helps with lawn maintenance and myself as Chair.

Following the meeting both teams with take the outcomes to their own Committee for discussion and hopefully agreement.

PLEASE dont anyone do anything to antagonise anyone on the Cricket Club Committee as that would be detrimental to any positive outcome of our proposed meeting. Please also don't tell any of our members that there any issues as Swanage is a small place and any negative comments will get back to the cricket club and make our job of calming waters more difficult.

Greg

