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Dear North Enfield,

Following the Covid-affected season of 2020, 2021 saw a welcome return to (relative) normality for both playing and (socially-distanced) social events. It was fantastic to be part of a full season of junior cricket, with Wednesday evening training sessions operated at a reduced full capacity. Perhaps the only disappointment would be the frustratingly high rainfall experienced this summer, traditionally known as "good weather for ducks". I think all at NECC would prefer a drier 2022, with references to ducks being reserved for opposition batters only.

I'd like to reaffirm my appreciation to all members who both donated or rolled-over their overpaid membership fees from pre-Covid 2020 to 2021. I think I made contact with everyone affected, but please contact me if you believe otherwise and would like to be refunded.

I'm pleased to say that we have maintained our overall membership numbers despite the pandemic. A few new Adult recruits have enjoyed their debut season at NECC, we have some new Social members appearing at our events, and our Juniors section continues to operate a waiting list for prospective new recruits. We are always looking to welcome new members, so please continue to mention why NECC is the club for you to anyone who may be interested.

With 2022 looking likely to be a full, regular season of cricket and events, I am proposing some minor price increases and membership modifications for AGM approval. The aims of these changes are to provide classes and benefits of membership that are fair to all, encourage participation, and allow the club to remain financially solvent for the foreseeable future.

Proposal 1: Social Membership is simplified to a straightforward £10 per adult (instead of £20 per couple).

Proposal 2: Student Membership is amended to Young Adult/Student, to cover younger members who have not pursued further education but for whom Full subs prices would be excessive.

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Proposal 3: A new membership class, "Social Player", for Adults who would either like to try senior cricket or can only play a handful of games due to other life commitments, for whom Full subs prices would be prohibitive.

With the above in mind, and (in the case of match fees) subject to the continued removal of teas from our Adult matches, I am proposing the following prices for the 2022 season:

Full Senior Membership = **£130** (was £125) (inc. Social Memb. for partner)

New to NECC Senior Member – First Year Discount = **£65**

Social Player (participation in up to 6 matches) = **£65**

Young Adult/Student = **£55** (was £50)

Social Membership = **£10** (was £20 per couple)

Junior Member = **£90** (was £85) (inc. Social Membership for parents/guardians) (note: **£65** for Senior/Life/VP/Social Player Member son/daughter) (unchanged)

Siblings of Junior Members = **£55** each (was £50)

Adult Cricket Match Fees: £10 for Adults/Social Player, £5 for all others (note: £8 for Adults/Social Players playing a second game on same weekend)

Special/Social Match Fees (e.g. T20 games): £5 for Adults/Social Player, £3 all others

Junior Match Fees: TBC by Nick/Junior Coordinator for age groups

I am hopeful that the above structure and pricing will be viewed as a positive step as we all continue to make NECC the best place in Enfield to play and watch cricket.

To conclude, I'd like to convey my thanks to all involved in helping NECC meet the needs of our members – particularly those on the committee, and all others who volunteer their time to the club in many shapes and guises.

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