



## CONGRATULATIONS - GREAT TEAM NEWS

### MALDON PAVILION ARE EAST ANGLIAN CHAMPIONS

On Sunday 8 September, the Pavilion team of Al Brown, Neil Grandy, John Hustwick and Neil Clark, travelled to a neutral venue at Ipswich. They met up with a team from Hunstanton to play for a place in the final of the East Anglian League. The match was made up of a series of 18 games played over the whole day. The games were played in a competitive, but friendly spirit, with Maldon finishing the day by winning 12 games to 6.

The final of the East Anglian Croquet Federation Handicap competition took place at Newport, West Essex against Enfield CC on 22 September. Playing in mixed weather, the day ended with both teams having won 9 games each. After a tense huddle by the scorers, Maldon were declared winners by virtue of scoring more hoops than Enfield.

After the hard fought match, Club Captain Chris Joslin, who led the team of Jean Healey, Neil Grandy and Neil Clark, expressed his views on the day and season in general.

This had been the culmination of the competitive side of the Club's activities this year. Maldon had never progressed so far in the competition before. He thanked the Pavilion squad of 9 players who had contributed to produce this great result.



Pavilion Team with the Trophy.

Neil Clark

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTES – September 2019

You'll have already read about the Club's success in the East Anglian Croquet Federation Handicap League – a fantastic result for the Club. We now look forward to representing the East Anglian Federation in the Federation Cup, a nationwide event, in the spring next year – date and venue to be announced.

Back at Forrester Park, Roll Up sessions have been very well attended. Remember they are held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings starting promptly at 10.00am and Saturday afternoons starting at 1.30pm so get there beforehand to help set up etc. Roll Ups should continue through until the end of October but this very much depends on weather conditions.

The final of the Forrester Plate pairs competition has gone well. The final is on 9<sup>th</sup> October and will be between the pairs of Jean Healey & Chris Adams and Paul South & myself.



Speaking of Club competitions, the Committee has accepted my recommendation that the Georgie Clark singles competition in 2020 will be handicap based open to all members. Details have to be finalised but this format will bring winning within the sights of everybody. Watch this space for more info!!

The annual Inter Club GC Level Play Competition at Colchester on 20<sup>th</sup> September between Chelmsford, Colchester and Southchurch was played in sunny conditions on Colchester's excellent (flat!!) lawns. Our Club team was Al Brown, Pete Howe, Jean Healey and myself. Al flew the Maldon flag particularly well and reached the final only to be beaten on the Golden Hoop 7- 6.

Our annual friendly match (eight aside) against Purleigh on 24<sup>th</sup> September had to be postponed due to bad weather. It will be rearranged for the Spring next year.

That's it until next month when we'll have more details of Ramsgate 2020, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Chris Joslin

## PUBLICITY

### MALDON & BURNHAM STANDARD

We have had great publicity coverage lately in the local newspaper – don't forget to look in the Sports Section!!



If you are on FB checkout the Forrester Park Golf & Country Club page where details of our recent success have been included.

## PRESENTATION DINNER – FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER

### FINAL REMINDER

#### Closing date Friday 4 October – Payment direct to Forresters



All members together with partners, family and friends are invited to come along. All the Club Competition trophies will be presented on the night.

The Legerton Trophy:	Winner:	Pete Howe
The Georgie Clarke Vase:	Winner:	Jean Healey
The Forrester Plate Trophy:	Final to be played on 9 October.	

Finalists: Chris Joslin & Paul South versus Jean Healey & Chris Adams.

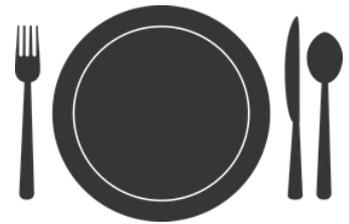
### Forrester Plates

The Forrester Plates were first competed for in 2015 and were won by Pam Hopper and Barry Keusch. It is a doubles competition comprising a pair of high/low handicap partners. Following an invitation from Forresters to attend a prize giving of Plates to the golfers the Committee decided it was appropriate to do the same. Since then our plates have been presented at this event, however, recently there have been no such events due to other celebrations at Forresters. Thus this year they will be presented at our dinner in October.



## 2019/2020 WINTER LUNCHES

### Dates for your diaries!



These lunches enable us to keep in touch during the winter months!

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019: The Green Man Great Braxted.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020: The Queen's Head Tolleshunt Knights.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020: Forrester Park.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020: The New Times Tiptree – Following the AGM.

## NEW MEMBER

We welcome to our Club: **RICHARD WALKER**. He becomes our 60<sup>th</sup> member.

## PERSONAL DETAILS

Please remember to let Richard Wallis have any changes to your personal details especially email changes.

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## EVENTS



## MALDON ROTARY CLUB

After a very hot summer's day the temperature dropped in time for members of Maldon Rotary with their guests to enjoy an evening of croquet. Lots of laughter was heard during very competitive play before hoops were drawn just before 8 pm as the sun was setting.



## CROQUET IN THE COMMUNITY



The staff from Community Voluntary Services had an excellent hour on the lawns, they arrived with family and friends, (a surprise to Ann and I) but nevertheless they now understand what we can offer to groups in the area. They will be promoting our project.

Ann Redican and I spoke to the Stroke Survivors on the 5th September, following our talk most of the audiences completed a questionnaire indicating that they would like to have a go at Croquet. So we telephoned each member of the club and set up an appointment to come along and have a try. So far we have had 4 stroke survivors and we have 8 more to come. The club members come along with stroke volunteers, carers and family.

One visitor had a stroke 12 years ago, her husband is her devoted carer. She recently had been able to stand and take a few steps forward but when she stood and held a mallet she couldn't swing the mallet and keep her balance so off we went in her wheelchair. Her husband was sent off for a proper game with our members (he later said it was marvellous for him to play and watch his wife was in good hands and he could see her). With a lot of practice our visitor was able to swing the shortest mallet a little, I was able to position her chair so she could hit the ball very successfully. What joy to see her enjoy a game, we managed 3 or 4 hoops and it took a long time but she did it. She was thrilled to be doing a sport.

Another visitor had brought his family to have lunch in Forresters before 'having a go', I asked them to come over and watch their father play. It was very touching to see our visitor's son follow him around the lawns with a chair in case he needed to have a rest. Again it took a long time, 3 or 4 minutes for our visitor to move his feet and get into position to hit the ball, but when he did what an achievement.

The best part for me was when we sat in the gardens at Forresters having a cup of tea with all their family and carers talking about the game. How they had learnt so much and how they now could understand the attraction of croquet a physical and mental game that they could actually play, albeit that they were literally exhausted, me too.

Thank you so much for all the helpers it really is worthwhile. What next?

Ann our Chief Executive of this project and fixer is now in talks with a Down Syndrome group. Just like Stroke survivors each person has a unique and great variability in their severity of symptoms so we will have to be on our metal to make Croquet a fun game that they can enjoy, what a challenge for our club.

Jean Healey.



This picture shows a visitor to Oxford Croquet Club sitting in a special chair called a Bradshaw Buggy.

Also a special short Mallet.

