



NEWS

Paula South is now back playing and we hope Dave Brown will also soon be seen back on the lawns! We wish Chris Clark a speedy recovery.



Congratulations to Paul South winner of our July raffle – A bottle of New Hall wine.

CLUB DAY – TUESDAY 13th AUGUST

A very successful Club Day took place with the highest number ever taking part. The weather was hot and sunny in the middle of a week of rain which was very fortunate! The winner on the day was Pete Howe after a tie on 35 hoops with Graham Parker. The hoop difference against had to be taken into account. Pete wins the Legerton Trophy for the second year running! The Legerton Trophy is named after Vaun Legerton our original Chairman in 2011 and who is now our President. He and his wife Eunice moved to Princes Risborough in 2017 to be near their family.

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Our scorers Jo & Gill



GEORGIE CLARKE MEMORIAL VASE

For our new members you may wonder about the history of this trophy. Georgie Clarke was our original Fixtures Secretary when the Club commenced in 2011. Unfortunately in August that year she passed away after fighting a long illness. It was decided in her memory to organise a members' competition and the Georgie Clarke Memorial Vase was inaugurated and is given to the winner each year.

On Club Day this year the trophy was won by Jean Healey following a hard fought match with Pete Howe in front of a large crowd of members.



PRESENTATION DINNER – FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER

Closing date Friday 4 October – Payment direct to Forresters

The details for this event have been circulated previously. 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:	Winners:	To be decided!

We plan to have a raffle for club funds on this evening so if anyone is willing to donate a prize for this please let Mary Burd know.

FIRST AID BOX

If you use anything out of the Club's First Aid Box please enter the details in the notebook provided so that the contents can be kept up to date.

MALLET HIRE

A reminder that the use of a club mallet is 50p per session!

EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP!

If you know of anyone who wishes to become a member now is the time to sign up! Pay your subscription now and it will last you until the end of 2020! A bargain! Forms in the store!





CLUB CAPTAIN – CHRIS JOSLIN

The Committee at its last meeting decided Chris Joslin should take on the above role with overall responsibility for all league matches and Club competitions.

EAST ANGLIAN CROQUET FEDERATION GC HANDICAP EASTERN LEAGUE

Lakeside ended the season on a high! They had an excellent win at home against Chelmsford Blue on Friday 9 August. The doubles started one all and honours were even at lunch after eight singles matches. The first session after lunch saw Lakeside pull ahead by winning all four matches. This was followed by the final four being won 3-1 by them. Overall the scores were Lakeside 12 against Chelmsford Blue 6. The hoop score was 115 to 80 in Lakeside's favour.

On a day which threatened torrential rain and storms the sun shone albeit it was extremely windy. Everyone enjoyed the day which included several matches being decided on the golden hoop 7/6.

Lakeside finished the season in fourth place in the League with 2 points and a hoop difference of +4.

When the sun shone!

Well done to all players.



CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTES

Our Club Competitions have gone well throughout the season – see above for details of the Georgie Clarke Memorial Trophy. The Forrester Plate pairs competition is going well and I hope being enjoyed by all and we now move to the final rounds in September.

Our two teams in the East Anglian Croquet Federation GC Handicap Eastern League, Pavilion and Lakeside, have competed well. Following Lakeside's win against Chelmsford Blue not to be out done Pavilion won a very close match against Southchurch 10 games to 8 (109 hoops to 101) making them convincing winners of the league. Well done Pavilion who now go to the semi-finals at Ipswich on 8th September where they take on Hunstanton. We wish the selected team of Al Brown, Neil Grandy, Neil Clark and John Hustwick all the very best and hope to see Pavilion in the final at Watford. Keep an eye on

https://angliacroquet.uk/2019/gc_leagues.php

For newer members I should perhaps mention that League teams comprise four players. In our case both Pavilion and Lakeside teams are each selected from a squad of eight players. The Pavilion squad is generally of lower handicappers, Lakeside is generally higher handicappers and the players are selected by me (Pavilion) and Mary Burd (Lakeside Captain) in rotation depending on availability. Mary and I review the squads at the start of each season!!



Turning now to the All England GC Handicap Tournament, the four members who won through the club heats, Graham Parker, Neil Grandy, Neil Clark and myself enjoyed a highly competitive day at the South East Regional Finals at Surbiton on 5th August but despite some very long games did not win through to the finals to be held in Bath. There's always next year.....

We're now looking forward to the annual Inter Club GC Level Play Competition at Colchester on 20th September where we will take on Chelmsford, Colchester and Southchurch

We will also be playing our annual friendly match against Purleigh on 24th September at Purleigh. This is always an enjoyable, relaxed day with no handicaps to worry about. Those interested in playing, **please let me know as soon as you can by emailing me - chrisandjilljoslin@gmail.com** or tel 01621 788578

And finally, for now, **Ramsgate 2020** – our annual two day friendly competition is arranged for **16th and 17th May** – make a note of the date in your diaries!!

Chris Joslin

Trussell Trust

Thank you to all the members who contributed food to the Food Bank run by the Trussell Trust. The food went to the warehouse in Chelmsford where it is logged and the best by dates noted. Food is boxed for a minimum of three days supply for, a single person, a small family and a large family. Maldon Food Pantry, Pentecostal Church, Wantz Road, Maldon, CM9 5DB welcome food donations.



Croquet in the Community

The Green Gym in Heybridge will be our first event, Taking Croquet to The Community. Saturday morning 31st August. A good opportunity to use our "mobile" Croquet set.

Jean and Ann have been invited to talk to the Stroke Survivors/Carers group about Croquet. 5th September. The group meets alternate Thursday mornings at Fullbridge Church Hall. We will be taking some mallets and balls to help the Stroke Survivors/Carers decide whether they are interested in coming to Forresters "to have a go" (Monday mornings).

Some may show interest immediately or in the future.

This initiative is starting to gain momentum and getting the word, Croquet, out there. Jean and Ann would like to hear from any member who is willing, at some point, to help with events whether at the club or at the Green Gym.

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