



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hello to you all. I hope you are all well, fit and keeping positive in these difficult times.

It was very unfortunate that the AGM had to be cancelled, but it is hoped that it can be rescheduled.

Thank you to those of you who have paid your subscription for 2020. Whilst the club is financially sound we rely on these for the club to function. So, if you have yet to pay, and intend to continue as a member, I urge you to do so.

Depending on when, (if??) we manage to play socially this season, this may be reflected in your 2021 subs.

Keep well, keep safe.

Gill (on behalf of the committee).

CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTES – April 20

Well, normally of course, we would be raring to start the new season as spring and summer days await the sound of mallet striking ball but this is no normal season as the country struggles to fend off the Coronavirus - Covid-19.

However, the Club's on-going investment in lawn improvement starting last autumn is paying off and a lush growth of new grass has been revealed by the first cut of the year. Forrester Park is closed and will remain so until Government restrictions are lifted but Pete Howe has agreed with ground staff that the grass will be cut once a week until we are able to start play. Pete will also be discussing the timing of the top dressing of the lawns when the future becomes clearer as a further part of our ongoing investment.

Plans for the initial rounds of our own Georgie Clark Trophy (handicap singles) and The Forrester Plate (level play pairs) are on hold as is Club Day and the Legerton Trophy.

All eighteen clubs in the East Anglian Croquet Federation (EACF) have been involved in the decision to cancel the League this year, a decision not taken lightly! In the meantime we can hold on to the EACF GC Handicap Trophy and battle to win it again in 2021.

Photo courtesy of our roving reporters Philippa and Martyn Hardy-King!





The Croquet Association (CA) has not been quite so decisive and the Federation Shield in which Maldon will represent the East Anglian Federation has been postponed; we are due to play the winners of Phyllis Court (Henley-on-Thames) and Croquet Durham by 3rd August – right now that seems optimistic in the extreme.

So overall we can only wait to see how this season pans out. Rest assured that we'll do all that we can to be ready to play croquet just as soon as we're allowed to.

Chris Joslin

Come and join the Maldon Croquet Website!

This is a great way to see the latest news. As well as information on the latest initiatives, there is also a calendar with key dates. This can be a good way of keeping track of upcoming club events at the touch of a button.

There are a range of pages available even if you are not a member. However, if you join, there is access to the club members' pages. You can find news and information about the annual competitions as well as details about past years' competitions.

In order to join up, it only takes a few moments:

- Click on the Member's area tab on the top right and select 'Register'.
- This should take you to a page in which you can choose a username and fill in your details.
- You must complete * marked fields.
- Details will only be visible by other members in the club members section. (Note: if you do not want your details to be visible to club members, these can be easily edited after you have been verified.)
- Make sure you click to agree to the Terms of Service and the Captcha to verify you are not a robot!
- This will send a request to the administrators that you would like to join.
- Once you have been verified, you should receive an email with a password.
- Use this to login to the website. You will need to change your password to something more memorable afterwards though.
- If you find that the password that has been generated does not work, click the link next to 'Forgot password?' on the login screen.
- You should receive an automatic email with a new password. This will be sent to the email address you signed up with.
- If you find that you are not receiving the email, check your junk / spam folder in case it has been sent there.

Visit the club's website by following this link:

<https://maldoncroquetclub.org.uk/>

Further to this, why not explore the club's Facebook Page and give us a like. This page will share the monthly newsletter and aims to help promote our club to a wider audience as Facebook is now another one of the many ways that people use to find out about local clubs, businesses and services. The more 'likes' we receive, the more visible the club will become. If you like the page and its posts, hopefully we will be visited by more potential members.



To visit our Facebook page, please follow the link that was recently posted in the club's newsletter. I have included it below for quick and easy access:

https://www.facebook.com/Maldon-Croquet-Club-112916520254373/?view_public_for=112916520254373

We look forward to seeing a few more of you joining us on the digital croquet lawns!

Tony White – Webmaster.



Finally in these uncertain times
The Committee wish you a very
Happy Easter.



Hopefully the rabbits aren't enjoying our lawns
before we do!

