



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, I hope you are still enjoying your croquet. Who would have believed that nothing has changed since last month?

As restrictions are still in place, please can I remind you to obey the distancing rules, and at the end of your session, replace the balls in the tube, and place them behind the shed if there is not a follow on booking. Thank you. Please note from 1<sup>st</sup> September the last lawn booking will be from 3 pm.

The coaching has now ended. I am sure that you will join me in thanking Jean and Al for their commitment over the past months. No doubt, those of you who have taken advantage of these sessions will notice a marked improvement in your game.

Thank you also to Geoff Macro for repairing our banner following storm damage!

I hope to see some of you at Finals Day on Saturday 19 September.

Gill

## FINALS DAY - SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Refreshments on the day will be a Picnic Box on the Lawn cost £7.50 per person. This will comprise of half a sandwich (tuna, ham, egg or cheese) a pork pie, scotch egg and potato salad. Please bring your own cutlery, accoutrements and a chair!

Lunch will be taken at 1 pm – members will collect their picnic and purchase a drink from the Club House and return to their chair on the lawn suitably socially distanced! We hope the weather will stay fair on the day!!

Under current Covid restrictions we are limited to 30 members in total thus we are unable to accommodate visitors for this event. Bookings will be on a first come basis apart from those taking part in the competitions who will automatically be allocated places.

Please let me have your choice of filling when you book your place or let me have any dietary requirements.

**Closing date 12<sup>th</sup> September.** Please pay direct to Forresters in the Club House by the 12<sup>th</sup> : There will be a button set up on their till for this event.

**Please note there will be no presentation of trophies on the day we hope this will take place at our Christmas lunch.**





## VISITORS/GUESTS

The Committee have decided that Members are welcome to bring visitors to play from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Any member must book in with Gill and organise the hiring of a mallet through her. All current Covid guidelines are to be adhered to. The cost per session is £5 which includes mallet hire. Any monies are to be forwarded to our Treasurer Richard Wallis. We are continuing The Early Bird membership this season if anyone knows of interested persons. £90 paid in September gives you membership for the rest of 2020 and the 2021 season



## CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTES – SEPTEMBER 20

As I write these notes at the end of August, I can't help but reflect on a very busy month for the Club with all competitions and social play progressing apace despite days which have been too hot, too wet and too windy (in no particular order!). And of course all conducted within the constraints of Covid 19. And ,,,, despite the labours of Pete Howe and the lawn gang, the courts have been somewhat challenging but at least the rabbit colony is thriving and growing!!

The booking system continues to work very well thanks to Chairman Gill and to all members for planning ahead and phoning in. Martyn and Philippa HK have continued to set up the lawns and take them down in the evening but are now having a well deserved rest; the committee will continue with these essential Covid 19 related duties on a rota basis through to the end of the season but please note that the last bookable sessions will revert to 3.00pm from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The very well supported structured coaching programme, with many thanks to Jean, has continued throughout the month and has proved to be very beneficial. Al's bespoke ad hoc coaching has also been running and is helpful and rewarding to members. All in all it is very clear that the coaching is paying dividends.

Turning to the competitions, the Georgie Clark Trophy (singles, level play) and the Forrester Plate (doubles, level play) have reached the semi-final stages and the Covid Handicap completion has reached the Play Off stage. All these competitions have been very well supported and I believe thoroughly enjoyed and we now move towards the finals, speaking of which ....

Finals Day is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September when all three competitions will come to a conclusion. Sadly but necessarily this will be different from the annual Club Day usually held in August and it will not be possible to run the Legerton Trophy. But .... centred around lunch on the lawns (**please see Mary's catering notes**) we will hold the final rounds of the Covid Handicap and the finals of the Georgie Clark Trophy and Forrester Plate. First matches will start at 11.00am, last match at 3.00pm.

Finally (well for now), we will play in our only external competition this year on 18<sup>th</sup> September when we travel to Colchester to join in the GC level play tournament with Chelmsford, Southchurch and Colchester to be played within strict Covid 19 guidance

**So continue to enjoy your croquet, follow the guidance and stay safe !!**



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

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