



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello to you all, I hope you are all continuing to enjoy your croquet, especially our new members. I personally have very much missed playing the last five weeks due to a cataract operation. However I hope to be back on the lawns shortly and we will all continue to play for as long as possible, so keep those bookings coming!

Gill



We are very pleased to welcome the following Early Bird members to our club:

Paul Costa; Geoff Hadley; Janet Hall; Walter Hall; Ann Newson; Christine Norris and Jenny Parker. Our membership currently is now 61.

Hopefully in the not too distant future we will meet up with them!

Don't forget visitors can currently join us at £5 per session including mallet hire!

Early Bird subscription is £90 which gives you membership through to the end of 2021!!

## FORRESTER QUIZ NIGHTS!

Are you interested in joining up to create an MCC team or teams to take part in any future Quiz Nights arranged by Forresters? We have supported them in the past and they usually include supper.

Please let me know if you wish to be included.

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**CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTES – OCTOBER 20**

Well what a difference a week makes! Last weekend 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> September heralded autumn with members suitably clad to protect them from rain and cold gales straight from the North Pole while trying to play croquet – well at least the courts were slower!!

In contrast, Finals Day on 19<sup>th</sup> September, only a week earlier, was blessed with calm, blue skies and temperatures in the mid 20's with finalists dressed accordingly. Such a great shame that the planned "Lunch on the Lawns" had to be cancelled at short notice due to the latest guidance surrounding Covid-19.

And so the finals were held in an empty "stadium" with only an occasional rabbit to witness the culmination of the three club competitions which had run through the season despite the restrictions imposed by the virus. Overall forty two members really enjoyed competitive croquet backed up by structured coaching supported by our bespoke booking system.



**COVID 2020 FINALISTS**

First, the play offs of the brand new Covid 2020 Handicap Tournament were completed with

Graham Parker declared the winner, Chris Joslin second and Neil Clark & Neil Grandy tying for third place.

Followed by the Final of the Georgie Clarke Memorial Vase Knockout Competition (level play) which was won by Tony White following an impressive match against Al Brown giving Tony not only the trophy but 19 index points on his handicap card !!



**GEORGIE CLARKE MEMORIAL VASE FINALISTS**



**FORRESTER PLATE FINALISTS**

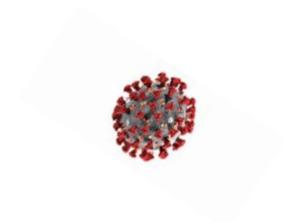


Last but by no means least the Forrester Plate Pairs Tournament Final. A bit of a family affair with Philippa Hardy-King and Michael Lager playing against Martyn-Hardy King and Ken Hazell with Martyn and Ken winning a close hard fought match.

Congratulations to all the winners who will be presented with their respective trophies at our

Christmas Lunch which hopefully will take place on

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**



(Covid permitting!)

And then with rather an abrupt halt to the competitive season, Colchester were obliged to cancel their planned annual four way tournament ( Colchester, Chelmsford, Maldon & Southchurch). In the light of latest government guidance this was not unexpected, nonetheless disappointing.

But ..... social play via the booking system will continue into October for as long as the weather allows....

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

CJ



Latest press release for the Maldon & Burnham Standard.

## Croquet

Maldon Croquet Club recently held their Finals day on the lawns at the Forrester Park Golf Complex. Three Competitions were decided the Covid Handicap, the Forrester Park Plate and the Georgie Clarke Memorial Vase.

The knockout matches had been played throughout the current season The Covid Handicap was initiated this year as a new competition to reflect the conditions that the members had to play under in the pandemic, and 38 members took part.

The winners of the Forrester Park Plate were Martyn Hardy-King and his partner Ken Hazell, the Covid Handicap, Graham Parker. The Georgie Clarke Vase was an especially interesting Final, as the two final competitors were Al Brown, one of the most proficient and experienced players in the Club, and Tony White a relatively new younger member. Both players had to play off scratch, level play, and Tony came out winner with 7 hoops to 2, no doubt he was 'Cock a Hoop'! They are pictured above prior to their match.

The season has been very successful as a form of exercise outdoors under the stringent conditions imposed by the virus. It has been especially beneficial to the older members and those living alone.

Fingers are crossed for a return to normality next summer, when we will be able to welcome back visitors and guests from Clubs and Societies, as well as individuals.

Neil Clark – Press Officer.

## MORE PHOTOS FROM FINALS DAY

