



Chairman's Report

Well play on the lawns at Forrester Park has now ceased until next Spring, but we hope contact between members will continue. To this end as you will be aware, some social events have been arranged and more details may appear elsewhere in the Newsletter. There will be the Presentation dinner at Forrester Park on the evening of 12 November, and a pre-season lunch in February 2022. Unfortunately the pandemic continues, but hopefully the Government's optimism will be matched by reality, and meeting up will still be possible.

The publication of this newsletter coincides with a coffee morning, hosted by the committee, at the Clubhouse, to be held on 2 November. The invitees are those members who have joined in the last couple of years. Prior to the Pandemic, joining members would have met up with their committee members for a chat and some guidance on the way the Club runs. I am pleased to say that although we are not strangers to each other, this face to face contact should be of benefit to all parties.

Best wishes, Neil Clark.

STOP PRESS: VERTI-DRAINING OF LAWNS COMPLETED!!



PRESENTATION EVENING DINNER

FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER

For those who have booked – 7 for 7.30 pm. Please ensure you pay before the event! Anyone who still wants to attend please email me immediately as today is the closing date!! Mary.

DIARY DATES FOR 2022

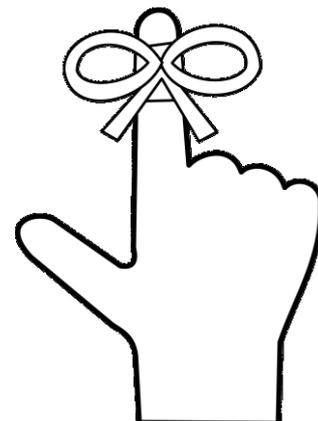
Our winter lunches have been put on hold because of the pandemic. However we are hoping to have a pre-season lunch at

Forrester Park on Tuesday 1st February.

This will be followed by our

AGM and lunch on 1st March at The New Times.

Please make a note of these dates in your diary.





CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTES – NOVEMBER 21

And now the 2021 season has come to an end, hoops, trolleys, posts etc are now in the care of Pete Howe for annual repainting (thanks Pete, not an easy job!), balls washed, club mallets oiled and stored away, the Club hut swept, tidied and locked for the winter.

The preseason work of aeration and fertilising clearly improved the grass quality substantially and turning the courts through ninety degrees paid dividends. The next phase of the planned lawn improvement and management ie scarifying and verti-draining will be undertaken any day now.

Graham Parker and I have written regularly about the progress of our two teams (Pavilion and Lakeside) in the East Anglian Federation (EACF) GC Handicap League and it's timely to let you know how it all ended up. In summary, the Eastern region league, of which we are a part, was extremely close but won by Colchester with seven points, followed by three teams (Chelmsford, Sudbury and Maldon Pavilion) each on six points separated only by hoop difference resulting in Pavilion finishing up fourth. Maldon Lakeside came a creditable fifth having beaten Southchurch (away!!) and drawing at home with Sudbury. For those with an eye to detail take a look at the full result table

https://angliacroquet.uk/2021/gc_east_league.php

Colchester went on to the Regional Final (which Pavilion won last time round) along with Newport Oaks but both were resoundingly beaten by Enfield who now hold the trophy and who will represent EACF in the Federations Shield next year, speaking of which

Avid readers of this newsletter will remember that in this year's Federations Shield, our Maldon team was beaten by Phyllis Court, Henley in the Quarter Finals. Interestingly, Phyllis Court went on to win the Shield beating Sussex County in the final. At least it's comforting to know that we were beaten by the eventual winners. Put it down to experience!

So now we look forward to 2022. I am updating all the handicaps preparing the way to challenge for the league title next year!!

And finally, members may be interested to know that Colchester is offering winter membership at a cost of £25/head enabling play on two of their lawns from November through to March subject to weather and availability. Applications should be made through the Colchester secretary. secretary.colchestercroquet@gmail.com

Chris J (Captain and Handicapper)

The following has been received from Anne Newson:

Dear Philippa,

Thank you for your email. On behalf of the Heybridge U3A Croquet group I would like to thank Maldon Croquet Club for allowing us to use the lawns etc again this season. Although it has all been different this year we have enjoyed playing when we could. Thank you.

Best wishes, Anne.

