

Harwell Croquet Club - AGM Agenda  
Saturday 9 April 2022, 10.30 am, Harlequin Room, Harwell Croquet Club

Apologies for Absence

- See sheet

Minutes of the 2021 AGM (Peter)

- Available on the website. Accepted.

Matters arising (Peter)

- None

Reports

Chair (Peter)

- A good year for the club – 10 new members.
- Better than year before for playing – less covid and fewer restrictions, but did cause less disruption.
- Yet, failed to complete all the internal club competitions. Similar at Blewbury.
- Tom won the GC level. Others incomplete, so not awarded
- New groundskeeper. Doing a good job.
- Peter member of the CA council.

Secretary (Tom)

- Very little to report. I have continued to do a poor job, Regular trickle of emails from the CA, which I pass on to committee.

Treasurer (Norman)

- See Norman's sheet.
- 30 members @ £25. Less £14CA fees
- Cash at bank of £1140. Current £648
- Proposal to keep the fees at £25.

Social Secretary (Mary Elizabeth)

- ME asked to remember those unable to attend due to ill health.
- Held a get together in Jul, reported at last years AGM
- Little play since September
- Planning spring doubles day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Pairing experienced and less experienced players. 11am start, BYOLunch
- Planning a Pimms event later in the summer.
- Membership renewals are due.
- HLRA fees will increase. Senior's pay 50%

Croquet Results from 2021 (Mary Elizabeth, Peter)

- GC - As last AGM (August)
- Founders not completd
- Longman cup and league – joint with Eynsham
- Longman – to the SF, 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- League – 3rd of 5.

Presentation of Trophies (Peter)

- Peter presented the cup to Tom

#### Election of Committee Officers

- ME, Pat, and Norman agreed to chair again
- Peter stepping down as chair – family pressure
- Tom also stepping down for work and family reasons
- Peter asked for volunteers – none were forthcoming
- Tom and Peter both agreed to continue as interim.

#### Return to a 'normal' playing situation in 2022 (Peter)

- There are no formal restrictions, but we still need to be careful.
- Club sessions Tuesday am, Wednesday am, Thursday pm, Friday pm – in the club calendar until the end of the year
- Coaching sessions – Peter will continue to offer sessions – later agenda item.
- Hoping for a relatively normal season.

#### Changes to GC (Peter)

- New rules (6<sup>th</sup> edition) – CA council signed them off. Changes are very small. Copy in the cupboard.
- Advantage GC is included in the new rules

#### The need for handicap cards (Peter)

You do not have to have a handicap card just to play socially or in friendlies, but they are required to take part in any internal club competitions.

- Assessing players for handicaps – the 3 times round test, the number of shots taken to get 1 ball around times [link]. A table then gives your handicap.

#### Short croquet (Tom)

- Tom introduced the idea of holding short croquet sessions to introduce new players to the game, focussing on short games during lunchtimes and after work

#### Coaching (Peter)

- Peter will be running coaching sessions, especially for very new players, focusing on smooth swing, etc. Will not clash with the club sessions.

#### Internal club competitions for 2022 (Peter)

- AC founders cup – will take place. Format depending on entries.
- GC handicap competition – suggested that we run it as a 1 day competition, so avoid the problem of it not being completed (which has happened several seasons in a row). Date TBC.
- GC Level Play – agreed. Format TBC

#### Participation in external competitions for 2022 (Mary Elizabeth, Peter)

- Doubles only (level play). Regional leagues have been shuffled. Playing Ryde, Winchester, Thames Valley,
- Advantage: Phyllis court, Littleton, Caversham, Winchester, Blewbury

AC. We had a joint team with Eynsham. Federation will allow it again. Agreed with Eynsham, but no news since. Hugh Manson to captain. Peter investigating.

Pat clarified that playing in one league match does not commit you to playing others – you can try it out

GC friendlies (Pam Hunter)

- Alistair and Pam trying to book matches against 5 other clubs, home and away. Leaflets available. Very informal, mix in levels of experience and health, can play just one game.
- There will be a list in the cupboard to sign up.
- Days are 6-a-side. Afternoon only.

National croquet week 14-22 May 2022

- Fits with our GC day on 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- Target is to get more people interested in playing croquet.
- Campus wants to do an intro to sports facilities on site. We will be part of that.

Social events for 2022 (Mary Elizabeth)

- 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Pimms event planned.

Croquet Association matters (Peter)

- Becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
  - o A process to create the right legal structure for the organisation – making it a legal person.
  - o All members CA members will be asked to vote in an EGM.
- Quinquennial survey (closes 22 April)
- 5 yearly survey. Want input from ALL players, not just members.

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- Mary H – asked about membership
- Pat – thanked Peter and Tom for their work.

Date of next meeting – aim for April next year.

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