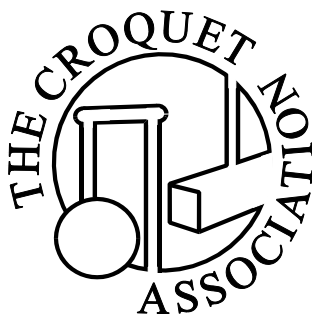


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To: Secretaries of Full Member Clubs

Dear Secretary,

### **Proposed abolition of Primary Club Membership**

In principle, clubs that are Full Member Clubs of The Croquet Association pay a subscription calculated by multiplying their number of playing members by a per-capita rate (which depends on whether they are a large or small club). Currently, however, things are not quite as simple as that: there is a concession that if a player is a member of more than one club, only the one that they designate as their Primary club is required to include them in its count of playing members.

The introduction of Standard Membership and development of the new membership database have highlighted that this concession comes at a significant administrative cost, both to clubs, the CA and individual players, to ensure that their records of Primary membership remain consistent, particularly when someone joins or leaves a club.

Given that the proportion of players who are actually members of more than one club is relatively small (it is estimated to be of the order of 5%), the effort required to administer the concession seems disproportionate to its benefit. The October meeting of the CA Council is to be asked to abolish it, for the 2019 subscription year and thereafter. If you have any comments or queries about this, please e-mail me at [ian.vincent@cantab.net](mailto:ian.vincent@cantab.net).

While I am writing, please can I remind you that the changes to bring in Standard Membership also moved the subscription year for clubs to coincide with that for individual members, i.e. from 1<sup>st</sup> January. The membership count to be used in calculating club subscriptions will still be that as of 30<sup>th</sup> September of the previous year (e.g. 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 for the 2019 subscriptions). The renewal letters will be sent out shortly after the October Council meeting, once the decision about abolishing the concept of Primary membership is known.

Yours sincerely,

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