

Dear Members

INTRODUCTION

For your health and safety, the club remains closed until further notice and all tournaments have been cancelled for 12 weeks to 7 June 2020. We are following government advice and guidance from the Croquet Association. We will let you know when things change. In the meantime, stay safe and follow the government's advice.

INFORMATION

In respect of croquet, you can keep up to date by visiting the CA's and our own websites:

- <https://www.croquet.org.uk/?p=press/news&NewsID=6949&pup=y>
- <http://hunstantoncroquetclub.co.uk/results-and-news>
 - This includes some frequently asked questions.
- You can also email chairman@hunstantoncroquetclub.co.uk or treasurer@hunstantoncroquetclub.co.uk.
- This newsletter will be posted to members who do not, as yet, have email addresses.

CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR RESUMPTION OF PLAY at some time in the future

We have prepared and are maintaining plans to return to 'normal', when it is safe to do so. These include:

- HCC - Strategy for Managing the Club in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic
- HCC - Check list of what needs doing for eventual re-opening of club & lawns
- HCC - Draft Calendar for a Reduced Season 2020 - *Say Sept/Oct 2020*
- HCC - Questionnaire to obtain your views and opinions for return to Treasurer.

CLUB NEWS - COMMITTEE MEETINGS AGENDAS / MINUTES

Business has been conducted by e-mail and telephone as appropriate. Significant actions by area of responsibility are reported below:

Correspondence – mostly with the CA, EACF, BCKLWN and various suppliers concerning response to coronavirus.

Treasurer's report

- **Lapsed Memberships** – a few of you have yet to renew your membership for 2020. We are aware of a few people who have decided not to renew and that some of you normally wait until the club opens. However, we rely on subscriptions to pay essential running costs. Unless you let Treasurer know that you are planning to renew your membership, it will be deemed to have lapsed and be deactivated on the CA Membership database. This will reduce the club's liability for the CA capitation levy.
- **Change of Contact Details** – If you change your email address or other contact details please:
 - **Inform Treasurer by email** treasurer@hunstantoncroquetclub.co.uk &
 - **Use the link on the CA website** <https://www.croquet.org.uk/?p=members>.

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Secretary's report – exceptionally, duties have been performed by Treasurer. This situation is still vacant. Expressions of interest should be sent to the Chairman. Job Description in November Newsletter.

Calendar – A revised Calendar will be issued when it is considered safe to re-open the club.

Tournaments – CA and EACF tournaments have been subject to cancellation and re-scheduling as appropriate. Hunstanton has withdrawn its teams from CA matches & EACF leagues for 2020 to avoid unnecessary travel. It is hoped to be able to run a condensed programme of internal club competitions at the end of the season, when it is safe to do so.

Housekeeper's report – The services of our self-employed cleaner have been retained.

Social Activities report – All 'social evening's' for external bodies have been cancelled. It is hoped to run some form of 'Member's Day and the Annual Lunch, when it is safe to do so.

Hundred Club report – We are planning to run this remotely, until such time as it is safe to resume draws on club afternoons. If you would like to buy one or more tickets @ £12 each, please contact Janet Kendal and make your cheques payable to 'Hunstanton Croquet Club'.

Health & Safety report – This has been predominated by responding to the Coronavirus pandemic by keeping the club closed. We have received and actioned an 'Access Audit' from Jonathan Toye. We are waiting for the BCKLWN to deal with some of the trees surrounding our lawns. The annual fire inspection has taken place.

Any other business – Items of interest include:

- Routine maintenance and improvement of the fixed stop boards was carried out during the winter by volunteers, to whom we say thank you.
- There was much storm damage during the winter and the hut on Lawn 5 was deemed uneconomic to repair. It was removed and will not be replaced.
- The club house is currently in storage mode pending a decision on when to re-open.
- The lawns are being maintained by BCKLWN and will be marked out in preparation for hoop setting and re-opening, when it is safe to do so.
- The grass surrounds are now being cut as usual by a contractor.
- The stop boards between lawns 4/5 will be replaced by flexi-tubing, to be installed when it is safe to do so. If successful, this may be extended to other lawns in due course.
- The project to install a club sign is on hold pending tree felling and return to 'normal'.
- In the worst case we are considering options for postponing or rearranging the AGM.

CONCLUSION

It goes without saying that the Committee is always open to suggestions from members on how to improve conditions and play at the club. During this period of enforced closure you can email the Chairman or Treasurer via the contacts page of the club's website. All suggestions and advice are more than welcome. **We will be in touch again when the situation becomes clearer. In the meantime, stay safe.**

Janet Kendal
Chairman, Hunstanton Croquet Club
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