

# Croquet Communique – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024



To date November and December have proved to be very frustrating for the Croquet section, the first of the seasons frosts and some exceptional rainfalls have challenged the availability of the croquet lawns, with courts frequently opening late or not at all, despite the best efforts of the Grounds Team.



The covers tried on lawns two and three last year have not been deployed and conversations with the Grounds Team indicate a reluctance to utilise them as they encourage the growth of disease which is then spread by the cover risking long term damage. There is also some question of how successful they are, but we shall continue to pursue the issue.

## Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party is being held at 12pm in the Pavilion on 17th December. There are a few spaces left so please register on the Booking System if you would like to attend.

## Annual Prize Giving and Dinner

The annual dinner and prizegiving is being held on January 17 at 6.30pm. There are still spaces available and we look forward to having a 'full house'. We trust all prize winners will attend. Book now at Reception.

## Rainbow Matches

Remember to consider playing rainbow matches, both AC and GC, they are a good way of staying competitive through the winter and registering qualifying games for entry into Summer Competitions. A minimum of three competitive games are required on card for season April – March.

## Coaching

We recently released our first internal coaching and have had an encouraging response. There are still a few places available, and we will arrange to provide additional dates if we are oversubscribed. Please consider the different courses and register if you are interested.

In closing it only remains for me to thank you all for your support to the Chair, Captain, and Committee throughout the year and most importantly to wish you all a very happy festive season and a croquet filled New Year. Enjoy your croquet.

**Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain**

