

Croquet Group News 2019

It's that time of year again when we can look forward to venturing onto the lawns to do battle with mallets raised, a bit of stalking, some near, and spectacular, misses, and the odd decent shot.

Colchester Croquet Club are happy to welcome us to their pristine lawns for the 2019 season and the dates will be very similar to last years, but these won't be certain until the Club have arranged their playing programme.

This year, once again, we will only have two lawns available from 1.30 – 3.30pm. This means that the number of places in the Group will necessarily be restricted to 16.

For historical reasons it won't be possible to invite players to just turn up on the first playing date to reserve their place, as this could result in some rather contentious issues, as it is most probable that more than 16 members will want to play.

So the rules will be as last season, i.e. that registration will be open from 18th – 29th March on a first come first served basis – see details of how to register below. Following registration I must receive payment from the registered player by 3rd April. If registration has been made, and payment not received by this date, then that registration becomes void, and it will be offered to the next one on the list, i.e. that hadn't made the 16 player cut.

Once the first 16 names have been registered, any other members who have expressed a wish to play will be categorised as follows: (A) they wish only to be considered available to play all sessions, i.e. to only replace any player whose original registration becomes void, (B) they wish to be considered as a replacement for any session throughout the Block of sessions, or (C) they wish to be considered as a replacement only according to their availability. I will use my discretion as to who I call on for replacements with the idea that everybody has a chance to play, subject to the category of availability they have chosen. Replacement players will pay for the session on the day.

The cost has increased this year to £5.50 per session. There will again be two Blocks of playing sessions; April to July (8 sessions) & August to October (6 sessions). Payment is in advance for the complete Block as described above for the first Block, and a similar arrangement will be in place for registration and payment for the second Block.

Registration will be by e-mail to my address at vicmeadows@virginmedia.com. Once a player has registered I will provide details of the available methods of payment.

Vic Meadows - Croquet Group Leader

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