



## Charlton Croquet Club End of Season Newsletter



As the 2025 season has now come to a close, this Newsletter will summarise the season just finished but also mention one or two functions which will bring us together before the start of the next season.

### Lawn Renovation

The lawn, which suffered during the hot summer, has been put to bed for the winter with recent work undertaken. The lawn has been scarified by Club Members and also aerated and seeded by Lawntech. At this point I would like to mention with many thanks the conscientious watering of the lawn by Mike Case and James Thow, without which the lawn would not have been in a very good condition towards the end of the season. Thank you to you both.

### Members' Survey

A number of the Members responded to the survey sent out by Jill with specific mention being made regarding coaching, competitions and social events. The Committee will respond to these suggestions over the coming months in good time for the 2026 season.

### Coaching

We are delighted to confirm that Jill and Pete Hanson have been awarded their Croquet England Club Coaching Certificates and they will play an increasing role in the 2026 season in this capacity.

### Club Competitions

The Club competitions were very successful this year culminating in four excellent matches on Finals Day. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone who participated in 2025. We now look forward to our Annual Dinner on 13<sup>th</sup> November at which the various trophies will be presented.

### New Award

At the Dinner we will also be presenting a new award. This will be for the Most Improved Newcomer and will recognise the enthusiasm and undoubted ability of one of our new Members in 2025.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

2026 will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Club and this will be an opportunity to recognise how far the Club has come over this period. We hope to arrange a suitable event to commemorate this anniversary in 2026.

### Honorary Members

Amongst the group of people who were the first Members of the Club are Keith and Margaret Prettejohns. Unfortunately for personal reasons they have been unable to play this year and they have been missed up at the lawn. Keith has held a number of positions in the Club over the years and Margaret has been our "official photographer" at many of our social events. In recognition of their contribution to the Club, the Committee invited them to become our first Honorary Members and I am delighted to say that they have both agreed to this new role.

### Dates for Your Diary

**13<sup>th</sup> November** – Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation at The Three Wishes Bistro in Sherborne.

(If you have not already done so, please could you respond to the invitation which has already been circulated by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**)

**7<sup>th</sup> February 2026** – Quiz Evening and Supper at Charlton Horethorne Village Hall for members, their family and friends. (Further details in due course)

### To Conclude

May I thank all the many Members who have given their time to support the Club, without which we could not function, and may I wish everybody a healthy and peaceful winter. Looking forward already to the 2026 season!

Keith Gudgeon, Chairman  
16.10.25