

President's Letter #10

TO OUR WONDERFUL MEMBERS

Play time for GC on the Lawns

We have a **Wonderful Problem** for GC play on Wednesdays and Fridays. Because of COVID-19 members who usually travel interstate or overseas for a holiday or to catch up with family at this time of year and cannot do so have suddenly realised “hello” we will play at the croquet club instead. **What better decision!**

However this is causing a situation where there are insufficient hours during GC Club Play times to accommodate this influx of members who turn up for a couple of games. I realise it is disappointing, particularly for members who travel a considerable distance to play croquet at our club. Unlike “local” members they cannot just pop back home and come back later in the day. I also appreciate it is equally frustrating for our more “local” members who come to enjoy croquet with their fellow members.

Please be patient.

For a start, regarding Friday GC Singles Play, having listened to members, the Committee has now arranged a roster to supervise Friday mornings for the next few weeks. We will be doing the same for Wednesday mornings.

The Recovery Ladder

All you newer GC players wondering how to take “extra turns” no longer have any excuse on not knowing what to do. It has been amazing to see those “extra turn” clips being used to such advantage. I have to admit that I was one of the “givers” of 6 extra turns in a couple of games. Hmmm.

On a Positive Side

We set up a COVID Safety Plan from the time the Club opened up out of Lockdown. To your credit this is working. We are conscious that there are a number of members keen to play Bridge and Mahjong on days when they come to the club to also play croquet. The committee has to cope with mixed messages from the Government, Croquet NSW and the need to ensure that we comply with their guidelines and recommendations. I must commend Cali, Penny and the crew for their efforts in setting up a friendly ambience where members can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee on Wednesdays between croquet games, observing social distancing, hand sanitisation etc etc so that we can get back to **some** normality.

At the end of the Day

COVID-19 is here for an unknown future time. We cannot ignore it. We have to live with it. **SO** we must set up a regime whereby we can live our lives with the common sense to do so observing government health recommendations to keep this nasty coronavirus under control.

See you on the lawns.

Mary Gibson
President

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