**President’s Letter #5**

**TO OUR WONDERFUL MEMBERS**

Having read all the Club’s Minutes back to its inception in 1924, I cannot recall a period of “shock” like the one we are experiencing at present. The closest period of crisis was during WW2 with the Club continually raising funds for the War effort. A time of sacrifice like the present.

In the spirit and tradition of croquet, when the hoops are piling up against you, you take a deep breath, focus on the game and **fight back.** The committee is doing just that.

Last week we were invited to make a **Submission** to re-open our lawns on a **restricted basis** in line with Public Health Orders. This we have done and are hopeful that the “powers that be” will realise the benefits of our lawns being available for play for the greater good of our members.

In my last letter I mentioned that we had an **action plan**. Briefly it involves your playing singles AC and GC games, ie only 2 people per lawn observing the distancing of 1.5m. Players book a 2 hour (strictly) playing time on line. Don’t despair if you are not familiar with booking on line as we have some very special volunteers who will be happy to help you or do it for you.

Remember that we have 4 lawns. With four 2hr bookings per lawn per day there will be ample opportunity for you to play several times a week.

*When we get the “green” light the committee will send you detailed instructions on what is required to enjoy a return to croquet setting out what you have to do to* ***observe sanitisation and distancing*** *at the Club when you are there*.

**We must remain positive**. No virus or war or whatever must “take over” our precious croquet club. Our club is unique, both in its setting and facilities (home away from home) and its caring members. A tradition we are “honour bound” to continue for future generations of croquet players at the Mosman Croquet Club.

A reminder that **ANZAC DAY** is tomorrow. A tear and “thank you” to the countless lives sacrificed so that we can enjoy our lives in Australia.

**Mary Gibson**

**President**

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