

Dear Members,

After taking the decision to cancel the 2020 AGM due to the risks imposed on our members by the Coronavirus, the Committee and myself have been in email contact to determine if the 2020 Bransgore Croquet Club season should start in the first week of April as usual.

On Monday, 16th March I spoke with the Bransgore Parish Council (BPC) in order to gauge their position as to whether the overall facilities would remain open. At that time, they stated that they were following Government guidelines and that currently, they were leaving it up to individual User groups to decide on their usage of the facilities. However, it was pointed out that there may come a point when all of the facilities would be closed.

The wellbeing of our members is our top priority and following Government and Public Health England guidelines of the 17th March, regarding minimising the spread of coronavirus, we have taken the difficult decision to delay the start of our 2020 Season until further notice.

We are remaining positive and hope that this delay will not be for too long and that we may be back on the lawns for the latter part of the season. Of course, the worst possible outcome would be that the whole of the 2020 season is lost.

Obviously, due to these unfortunate circumstances we will now not be able to enter the Southern Croquet Federation Leagues or run our Club Tournaments.

Whether the club is open or not, I hope that you can appreciate that there are inevitable ongoing costs to Maintain the Lawns (even at a reduced level), pay Club Insurance and Croquet Association (CA) affiliation fees etc., to keep the club viable and ready to resume play when the effects of the Coronavirus abate.

To this end, the committee has calculating the minimum cost per member to maintain the club's status quo to be £35 for the 2020 season.

For those wishing to re-join and support our club in these unprecedented times, please send your remittance to David Brown, our Treasurer, by BACS or cheque in the usual way.

Full membership subscriptions already paid will be refunded by David.

If we are able to get back to a functioning club, for any period of the 2020 season, a pro rata membership fee, in addition to monies already paid, will be applicable.

We will endeavour to keep you updated by email and via the club website.

Keep safe and well.

Best Regards,

Art Wardle

BCC Chairman

