

The CA Representative Report Derek Knight

The CA is the governing body of our sport.

The CA maintains the laws of our game.

The CA maintains a network of referees, coaches and handicappers.

The CA provides equipment and cash to develop new clubs and assist established clubs to improve facilities. £30,000 per year.

The CA organises a programme of competitions at national and regional level.

The CA supports our teams participating in international competition.

The CA promotes research and development of new equipment.

The CA publicises and promotes the game.

The CA is run by Volunteers.

There are now 221 clubs and between 6,000 to 8,000 players.

In the last year a new structure of a 12-man council and 6-member executive board have been set up. Council has in addition three non-voting members, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the President. It is hoped that this will improve the efficiency of the operation. Council will be responsible for strategy and policy, the executive board will responsible for implementation and operation.

Council has set an overall strategy of

More People Playing More Croquet in More Places.

To start to make some headway in understanding how we might achieve this aim working groups have been set up to develop ideas and policy in three areas, efficiency, marketing and technology.

Efficiency is looking at decision making, procrastination, implementation and administration cost. (Why does everything take so long)

Marketing is looking to develop a marketing strategy, promotion, publicity and junior members. We must access a wider national coverage for our sport.

Technology is looking at the website and communications.

Improvements to the website are coming soon.

These groups will make first reports to council on 28th March. This will probably be an electronic meeting due to Corona virus concerns.

A working group on Refereeing has sent a report to the Executive board for implementation. This will probably focus on more courses and subsidisation of courses.

The Practice Book and Standing Orders have been revised to cope with new electronic means of communication.

I am going to raise three matters with Council at the next meeting. They will be.

1. Failure of committees to provide feedback on issues raised by members.
2. Affiliated Clubs, the need for a better definition and a move to only full member clubs being allowed to play in Federation Leagues.
3. Preferential treatment being given to Premium members on tournament entry and selection.

If you have real concerns about any aspect of the CA please contact me.

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