



# RUSH



## Chairman's Christmas Message

Hi everyone,

I want to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a very good 2019 especially on the croquet lawns!



We have a challenging season ahead with holding 11 tournaments and fulfilling our League commitments. The Committee has decided we do not have enough members to run the Short team again without impacting on fulfilling the other League's fixtures. I hope this will not disappoint members. The captains of all teams will be checking on member's availability at the start of the season once we know the fixtures.

As you know a lot of groundworks have been done in 2018 to cure the fusarium outbreak. I want to thank again all those who have worked so hard on the lawns including preparation for matches. Without their efforts we simply would not be able to function. The lawns are improving greatly but there is still work to be done.

The Committee has decided to change the Club day to a Wednesday next season. We are also arranging visits from U3A on that day (starting in May) and this is being arranged by John Mulligan. There will be sufficient lawns available for all. We want to encourage members to attend Club Day. This may include some coaching if the members want it. I also want to encourage everyone to try and recruit new members, both to safeguard the longterm future of the club and its financial position. It is your club and its survival rests with us all.

We will be holding the Annual dinner on the 25th January and Peter Dewhurst will be sending out details shortly.

Finally I want to thank the Committee for their support, hard work and wisdom over the past year. I am pleased that Robert Essler has decided to stay on as Treasurer and we welcome Paul Rigge to the Committee.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2019

Andrew

