



# The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club

April 2012  
Newsletter

## We're off!



**The season begins on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April** and we look forward to seeing you all again. Our thanks go to Nick who has been beavering away to get the lawn into a playable condition after the winter.

**Get ready to roquet!**

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## Do you need Coaching?

Every one of us is eager to improve our play. Some have the time and inclination to go on coaching courses but most rely on the support and encouragement of others. Bears have always been good at helping each other but club nights are so busy that it is not always the best time to learn so we are offering coaching at other times. First, we want to assess the need and potential level of take-up. Then we can produce a plan. Please can you give some thought as to what you feel is your area of greatest need and then let either Don or Robert know. We are happy to organise individual or group coaching depending on the response.

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## Pre-match revision.

**Do you know the difference between an error, a fault and a foul?**

The last one is easy to deal with because there is no such thing as a foul-shot in croquet. It does not exist.

An **error** is a mistake in play and depending on the type of error will determine whether you can continue or whether your turn ends but in all cases, following an error, the balls are first returned to the positions they held immediately before the error was committed.

Errors include: Playing when not entitled; Playing the wrong ball; Playing when a ball is misplaced; Taking croquet from the wrong ball; Failing to take croquet; etc.

In the Laws Book, Laws 22 – 27 describe these and give the rulings and you should pay particular attention to the Limit of Claims which varies depending on the seriousness of the error.

**Faults** are a specific type of error and are listed under Law 28. Following a fault, the opponent has the choice of leaving the balls where they lie or having them returned to their positions before the fault was committed. With all faults, it is the end of turn.

There are 15 faults including : Failing to make the croqueted ball move; “double tapping”; “crushing”; etc.

You can find more detailed help with the above in the Archives section on our website. When you open “Polar Express”, scroll down to the bottom of the page to see where the particular topic is located.

## Diary Dates.

### Charity One-Ball.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April starting at 10.00a.m.**

We now have eight entrants to this charity event and would like to make it up to ten. If you haven't yet applied and would like to join in, please contact Don.

### Club Barbecue.



We have a new venue for this year's barbecue. Peter and Pat have kindly offered to host this year's event at their home in Painswick on

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.**

Details will be advertised nearer the time.

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### Change of Manager

Keith has very kindly agreed to take on the role of manager for the Federation (North) team because Brian has had to step down owing to pressure of work.

We thank Brian for all his efforts being a team manager for some years and are pleased that another Bear has volunteered to assume a managerial role.

## Club diary and lawn bookings

### April

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- 8 **EASTER + Wedding**
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- 11 Club opening night
- 12 **Wedding**
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- 14 **Hotel +BBQ**
- 15 Charity One-Ball tournament heat
- 16 Club night
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- 18 Club night
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- 23 Club night
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- 25 Club night
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- 27 **Wedding**
- 28 **Wedding**
- 29 Parkstone team V Nailsea
- 30 Club night

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### Hotel news.

When arriving at The Bear, you will notice the waste ground opposite the lawn has been cleared and the plans are to turn the area into a garden/vineyard. The adjoining barn, which had been used as an auction room, is to be converted into a retail wine outlet.

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### Reminder about shirts.

John will be ordering club polo shirts and sweat shirts soon and the deadline for you to place your order is **31<sup>st</sup> March.**

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## Annual Dinner.

We are looking forward to seeing friends old and new at the annual dinner on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Twenty-two people are coming and we will be meeting in the bar at 7.00 p.m. prior to taking our seats in the Tower Room at 7.20 p.m.

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With the new season about to get underway, we wish all Bears a very successful and enjoyable season.

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Your copy of SWAN (the South West Area Newsletter) will be available for you to collect on the opening club night.

*Today's profound thought.*

*"What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?"*

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### For more information:

Our Club Website- <http://www.faydon.com/Bear/Bear.html>

Archived newsletters and coaching hints - <http://www.faydon.com/Bear/News.html>

Croquet Association (of which the club is a member) - [www.croquet.org.uk](http://www.croquet.org.uk)

South West Federation of Croquet Clubs (to which we are affiliated) – <http://www.swfcroquet.org.uk>

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