



# The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club

February 2012  
Newsletter

## Annual subscriptions due by 31<sup>st</sup> January.

If you have not already done so, please send your cheque to Brian.

## Charity One-Ball.

The Bears are entering this national fund raising event and our heat to find the Bear's representative is to be held on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April**, starting at 10.00a.m. Five people have already signed up and we need at least another five. Entry is £5 per person and all money goes to Breakthrough, the cancer charity.

The competition is fast, fun and will be a good way to blow away the cobwebs after the winter hibernation. Please let Don know if you would like to join us.

## What is One-Ball?

National organiser, Kevin Carter, sent the following information:

One-ball is Association croquet, with roquets and croquets, but with only one ball each. So, breaks are far more difficult to come by and if you can put together a break with bisques and get through four or five hoops then that is often a match-winner. The rules are exactly the same as for the full game, with two balls each - each ball has to negotiate twelve hoops and the winner is the first to peg-out. Note that wiring lifts are more common in one-ball.

However, many play it rather like golf croquet - getting in front of your hoop, next turn running it, then going to the next.

As for bisques, the higher handicapped player gets one third of the difference, rounded to the

nearest half. For instance, a 10 playing a 5 would get  $(10-5)/3=1.5$ .

A-class players play with a reduced handicap - see Appendix 6 in the Laws.

A game will typically last about 25-30 minutes and you can quadruple bank.

The majority of heats are played over half a day - i.e. about six rounds - and the swiss format is ideal, though blocks or a knock-out would work, too.

The winner gets a free place in the final, at Winchester, on **12th May**. If your winner cannot make it then send the 2nd or 3rd instead.

## Pub Nights.

**Wednesday 15th February** at the Half Way House, Box

**Wednesday 14th March** at Tipputs, just outside Nailsworth (about a mile south of Nailsworth heading towards Bath on the A46.

You can either eat at 7 p.m. or just come along for a drink a bit later.

**Annual Dinner** will be held at the Bear on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March**.

Menu and wine choices will be sent to you by email in the next day or so.

## League Match Dates.

Rosemary has been extremely busy arranging our match fixtures and the dates are now being coordinated by the South West League Secretary. Dates will be published in next month's newsletter.

## Hotel news.

More congratulations to Mr and Mrs Horton (the hotel owners) who have just won two further accolades. This time it is for The Bear's sister hotel, The Lamb Inn at Burford, which has just been awarded the "Most excellent Inn in Great Britain for 2012" by Conde Nast Johansens and it also received a "Highly Commended" in the Beautiful South Awards for Excellence "Small Hotel of the Year".

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On your next visit to the hotel, you will see a very smart, repainted pavilion.

## Laws challenge. What should be done here?

*Michael Poole sent in this question:*  
Red was in front of its hoop at the beginning of a stroke. Blue was beyond the hoop about 4.5" straight ahead. In the stroke Red went through the hoop, roqueted Blue, but because of ground conditions bounced back into the jaws. Was the hoop point scored?

(The person playing Red thought Yes, the person playing Blue thought No.)

*What do you think? The official answer is printed below.*

## New kit?

If you need a new club polo shirt or sweatshirt, please let John Munro know so that they can be ordered before the start of the season.

## 2012 Summer Jolly – Canterbury CC.

Don is currently negotiating this year's jolly with Michael Poole at Canterbury Croquet Club. More detailed information in next month's newsletter.

## Laws challenge *Official answer:*

Law 14c states:

"...a ball completes running the hoop when it clears the plane of the playing side while travelling forward through the hoop, **providing that it comes to rest on the non-playing side clear of that plane.**"

Additionally, there are "Official Rulings" published to support the Laws Book. In it, the following is written:

### "14.2 Ball falling back.

A depression or "Rabbit Run" can sometimes develop in the ground between the uprights of a hoop, so that a ball clears the playing side, or even the jaws, but then falls back so that it ends the stroke in a position where it is protruding from the playing side. If so, it has not run the hoop. This is the case even if it hits a ball that was some distance behind the hoop. If the ball it hit was live, a roquet will have been made but the hoop will not have been scored."

But, if the Ball it hit was "dead" it is end of turn.

*If you have a laws question, send it in because the chances are that many other members would be interested in the reply.*

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## Today's profound thought.

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

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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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