



Silver Jubilee Year

The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club

January 2009
Newsletter

Welcome to 2009, our Silver Jubilee Year.

It is with pride and excitement that we embark on 2009 and anticipate our new season.

With so much fun and success last year, we wonder how the coming year can be better, yet your energetic committee is working tirelessly to ensure 2009 will be a very special year with extra events adding colour to our normal activity.

A diary of events is attached though additional fixtures and happenings will undoubtedly be made.

Tickets for the Gala Dinner are already being sold so please do not leave it until the last minute before buying yours. We are anticipating a high demand.



Congratulations to Tim Danby who married Jenny on December 30th. Tim played regularly for The Bear with considerable success prior to going to university and we look forward to seeing him and meeting his new wife at our dinner in April.

Winter Snooker.

More than half of the members are enjoying Richard and Rosemary's generous hospitality at the snooker evenings which run throughout the winter months. Richard Way is currently at the top of the ladder closely pursued by Adrian who is defending his title in a style that most of the rest of us can only dream about. Robert, an absolute beginner, is at the other end of the spectrum and has lost almost every game so far.

Anyone who has yet to sample the delights of these evenings is very welcome – as will a bottle of wine, being a donation to the bar.



Congratulations also to Richard

whose firm, RDS, gained yet another amazing success at the Technology and Innovation section of the Growing Business Awards ceremony in London last month. His company won the award which was presented by The Right Hon. William Hague, M.P.

As with all award ceremonies, no-one knew the winner until it was announced. There appears to be no limit to the excitement at Chez Danby!

COMING SOON – TO A COMPUTER NEAR YOU...

The Bear's Silver Jubilee Website.

Don has used all his skill and ingenuity creating a special Silver Jubilee Website. It will have many surprises and will be launched in the very near future. Do have a look at it and try your hand at his challenge. (I am sure there is no truth in the rumour that Don will buy a drink for the first person to view the site!)

2009 Fixtures.

The fixture list is attached and managers will be asking you very soon about your availability.

Organising these fixtures is a nightmare of a job and thanks go to Rosemary who has worked throughout Christmas trying to tie all the loose ends together. As always – an efficient and not-insignificant achievement.

Handicap changes.

If your handicap has changed since the beginning of last season, please let Rosemary know ASAP.

Did you know...

Croquet equipment, clothing and accessories can be purchased at discounted prices from the Croquet Association shop? Visit their website for details.

A letter from –

The Revd Canon Dr Gregory K Cameron
Deputy Secretary General
The Anglican Communion Office.

Dear Rosemary

This is just to let you know that I have received the glad tidings that the Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club continues and is arriving at its Silver Jubilee. I have very

happy memories of games played at the Bear, and new skills patiently taught and carefully acquired - so I would like to salute all the current generation of members!

Alas, I cannot be with you for the celebration, but I wish you all well, and am grateful that you had the care to seek me out and send this reminder of happy times. Very best wishes to all who still frequent the croquet lawn in that pleasant inn.

Gregory

Annual subscriptions.

Subs are now due and your cheque for £25 (£12.50 for Country Members) should be sent to Brian Pittaway, Cotswold House, Front Street, Nympsfield, GL10 3TY.

As a reminder, the constitution states that “subscriptions are due on 1st January in each year, to be paid in full by 31st January.” And “In the event of late payment, all membership rights are withdrawn, including the eligibility to represent the Club and any insurance protection afforded to members.” “Country Membership” applies to those living more than 20 miles as the crow flies from the club.

For more information:

Our Club Website-

<http://www.faydon.com/Bear/Bear.html>

Croquet Association (of which the club is a member) - www.croquet.org.uk

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

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