

Congratulations to Joan Munro who won the ladies competition at the Greek Open Championships in Corfu in May



and also to Rosemary who reached the finals of the Over 50's tournament at Cheltenham. She is seen below receiving her trophy from the president of the CA, Bernard Neal.



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Hotel News.

We understand that The Bear of Rodborough Hotel is currently on the market. We have enjoyed a superb relationship with Mr and Mrs Horton, the owners of the parent Cotswold Inns and Hotels group, and with the managers who have worked so closely with us during their tenure. Our thanks and very best wishes are extended to them. We look forward to meeting any future owners, and continuing the long association that the Club has enjoyed with the Hotel.

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South West Federation League matches

Congratulations to Richard Way who played in his first SWF match and played very well taking his first ever singles match to the Golden Hoop.



A particularly strong set of results from very good teams this season include the Intermediate Team who endured near gale-force winds at Swindon. The Bears, more used to coping with wind than the Swindon team, were undaunted and won 7-0. The Intermediate team have won four out of their five games and the Beginners have won three out of their five games with their final game to be played this weekend. For these, and the other results, see our website.

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Coaching.

Many thanks to John Munro who ran a Golf Croquet training session. It was both inspiring and instructional to learn the new laws and get the chance to put them into practice.

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Club Matches are proceeding well but please do your best to play as many as possible before you go away for holidays. To date, the doubles is well underway with just one semi-final and the final to play. However, the singles have two quarter-final matches to be played by July 28th the winners of which have to play in the semi-final before 1st September. Are you remembering to book your matches on the Year Planner in the club house?

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New Information Board.

Many thanks to Keith who made the magnificent A-board which will be used to inform spectators about what is going on.

Club Barbecue.

Many thanks to Nick and Kathy for hosting the barbecue this year and, despite the inclement weather, the evening was hugely enjoyable with Nick and Kathy opening their house for us to stay warm and dry. Our compassion goes to Nick who cooked alone outside while the rest of us gazed with admiration from the warmth of the house.

An invitation. The club has been invited to send a few representatives to a glamorous party at Westonbirt on Sunday 31st August to give a croquet demonstration and coach guests who may want to try out the game. If you are interested in joining Robert on this excursion, please let him know.

Vienna 2008.

The arrangements have been finalised, tickets bought and expectations high. Thirteen Bears travel there between 19th and 26th August. The next newsletter will have pictures of our trip.

History of the club.

Rosemary is currently compiling information prior to writing a three volume, limited edition, leather bound history of the club. She would like to hear from you if you have any information, photographs or amusing stories which could be included – but you need to be quick as she is almost ready to publish.

Silver Jubilee Year.

Currently, plans are being finalised for a special dinner on April 25th (instead of our normal February dinner), a CA tournament in June, a summer sizzler in

July, and a number of other excitements. We are keen to have everyone’s input, so please let us have your views, opinions and ideas over the next few weeks before arrangements are finalised. A detailed programme will be announced at the AGM in October.

Club Golf Croquet Tournament. Sunday 14th September 11.00a.m.

This year's tournament will kick off at 11.00a.m. and will run along similar lines to previous years. In order to be in with a chance of winning the cup, you will need to play a minimum of four games on the day but can play as many as you like because it will be run with an Egyptian format. This mean you are welcome to stay all day but, if you have other commitments, you can just play for about two hours PROVIDED DON KNOWS IN ADVANCE that you will be turning up. Whites need not be worn and refreshments are not provided but the ambience and conviviality are second to none! The competition is expected to finish at about 4.00p.m. followed by the presentation of the cup. For those who have not played in this tournament before, this is a good fun day and very relaxed. It would be wonderful to get a full turn-out and we very much hope you will be able to be there.

For more information:

Our Club Website- <http://www.faydon.com/Bear/Bear.html>
Please keep a regular watch on this site as Don will be keeping it up to date.

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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