



Silver Jubilee Year

The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club

July 2009
Newsletter

Welcome to our three new members. Peter and Pat Francis whom many of you already know from Cheltenham CC: Peter plays off a handicap of 1 and Pat off 16. Caroline Denny is not entirely new to the game but is learning the joys of Association Croquet and has yet to be given a handicap. We hope they all will enjoy many happy years with us.

CA Golf Doubles Tournament.



David Foulser and Richard Thompson won the main competition and Don was presented with a manager's mug!



This was the first CA event hosted by The Bear and thanks go to Don for masterminding and organising the tournament and for the members who supported on the day. It was a very successful event and raised the club's profile within the CA.

Congratulations



Don's on a roll! His success continues with him winning the Advanced Tournament at Nailsea beating the number two seed, Marcus Evans, and last week he won the Veterans at Budleigh Salterton. Not content with winning the top prize, he also won the doubles with his partner, Nigel Graves. If this carries on, the next newsletter is going to be renamed Don's Gazette!

New flag.



As part of our Silver Jubilee celebrations, we commissioned a club flag and flagpole which will be put into use on special occasions. It had its first outing over the Golf Tournament weekend and if managers would like to fly it when we play home matches, let Robert know.

A message from Austria.

*Dear Robert,
hope you and all the Bears are doing well.
What about your handicap: down to
scratch?*

*By mid of may our courts have been
playable and are now really in (almost)
perfect condition. The grass is totally
different to what we had been used to. As
April and May had been extremely dry and
windy the courts are already quite fast.
There will be somewhat of an "official
opening" by the mayor, a representative of
the county's parliament, the president of
the Austrian Croquet Federation etc. etc.
The main intention is to attract people
who might be interested in croquet.*

*Would you be so kind to pass my best
regards to all the Bears? We would very
much appreciate to be able to welcome the
Bears again at Wolkersdorf.*

*By the way: Sept. 4th - 6th there will be
another International Tournament "Wine
Cup 5". There are still some vacancies.
Please let me know if you and/or some
other club members are interested.*

*All the very beste from Austria
Regards to all the nice club members
Heinz Hackl*

For the benefit of new members, Heinz
was our host for the 2008 summer jolly.

League matches.

The Intermediate Team continued their
success beating Cheltenham 5-2 and
almost beat Dyffryn but were just two
hoops short of victory, losing 2-3.

The Beginners had a very successful
match beating Swindon 5-0. Kate, Ian
and Richard are proving to be a
formidable team! They polished
Swindon off so quickly that your
chairman, who went along to cheer the
final, arrived to find the games
finished, tea over and the lawn cleared.

Silver Jubilee Jolly.

Llanfairfechan

A feature in the current issue of the
Croquet Gazette will be of interest to all
those going to Llanfairfechan.

As the date gets closer, excitement rises!
If our number overwhelms the Welsh club,
it may be that those of us who have a
Welsh upbringing will have to play for
Wales against The Bear. That would give
an interesting dilemma for Robert –
Chairman of The Bears but Welsh by
birth!

Hotel bookings.

Please can we have volunteers to run hotel
events on 2nd and the 22nd August.

Robert would greatly appreciate
volunteers to avoid him having to
buttonhole people. If everyone covers one
event per season, most of them will be
taken care of..

A reminder ...

Photo CD's of the dinner weekend, and
The History of the Bear of Rodborough
Croquet Club booklet are still available if
you have not yet bought your copies.

I have seen both of these and they are
excellent. Don and Rosemary have put in
a lot of work to create these and we thank
them for all the time they have
contributed.

Club matches.

Well done to everyone who has played
their club matches so far.

Because of the problems around holidays,
please can the remaining matches be
played before you go away.

Remember to write up bookings on the
Year Planner so Nick knows when the
lawn is needed.

News Flashes.

We have an alarming puzzle!

We recently found some of the hotel's croquet balls in our cupboard and some of our balls in the hotel's box. The hotel does not have a key so we are baffled as to how they got mixed up. The greatest crime in the club is to leave the cupboard unlocked because a set of Dawson balls costs over £125 (the hotel balls are only garden quality!) and hotel guests lose them.

Please make sure the padlock is secure before leaving.

Also, the metal peg insert has disappeared from the middle of the lawn – any clues?

And don't forget...

Silver Jubilee Barbecue.

Friday 3rd July – 7.00p.m.

Bring food, wine and sunshine. Rosemary would welcome offers of help with cooking on the barbecue.

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Cotswold Life magazine.

The features editor assures me that pictures of our Gala Dinner will be published but are not in the July issue. They have a backlog of events and say it can take several months before photos appear. I will let you know instantly when they do.

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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