



Silver Jubilee Year

The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club

June 2009
Newsletter

Congratulations



to Keith and Kate who have just celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary – a very good year for it!



and also to Don who celebrated a significant birthday last month. And if that were not enough excitement, he has just had an extremely successful tournament this week, playing for Gloucestershire in the Inter Counties Championship. Winning eight of his ten games, Don has contributed to Gloucestershire moving up into Division 1. There seems no stopping him!

With two other significant birthdays in the club very soon, this is proving to be a year of celebration all round.



Yet more congratulations to Don and his partner, Carol, who won the Walter May Doubles Tournament in Bath (seen here receiving their trophies from Cliff Jones and Bob Whitaker). Don, Carol, Brian and Robert braved atrocious weather during this two day tournament and it was Brian and Carol's introduction to CA tournaments. Don and Carol won all four of their matches to lift the silver coffee pots (which already have Michael and Ann Poole's names engraved on them) and beat the opposition in the final by just two hoops. This was the first time your editor had seen Don playing with bisques – he and Carol had seven and a half which they found useful!

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League matches. All three teams have been in action. The Beginners (Nick, Richard Way and Ian) travelled to Dyffryn but were overwhelmed by a strong side, taking just one of their five games. The Intermediate Team (Rosemary, John and Brian) played strongly against Broadwas and won 3-2; while the Federation Team (Matthew, Keith and Tim) had a very convincing 4-1 win against Dyffryn. This is a very good start to the season and we await the next results with eager anticipation.

Jubilee Jolly.

Llanfairfechan

We are now up to sixteen Bears and spouses who are travelling to Llanfairfechan in August. The host club may be regretting inviting us but we are hoping they will not all be booking foreign holidays for the end of August to escape!

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Hotel booking.

Owing to a hotel booking, there will be **no club night on Monday 8th June.**

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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.

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Silver Jubilee Barbecue.

Friday 3rd July – 7.00p.m.

Richard and Rosemary are again hosting the club's summer barbecue. Please sign up on the club-house notice board if you are able to come and indicate what food contribution you will be bringing.

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Club matches.

If you have not yet organised your club knock-out match, please will you do so as a matter of urgency.

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Beginners training.

Robert is running a half-day course on Saturday 30th May (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.) at the Bear in conjunction with Worcester Norton Club teaching newcomers about the joys, protocol and expectations of the Beginners League. The aim is to give newcomers the confidence to enter matches.

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News Flash.

Change of date.

Because Don is playing in a highly prestigious event, the date for our Golf Tournament has been changed from September 13th to

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER.

And don't forget...

Saturday 6th June and Sunday 7th June sees our first CA tournament. We hope you will all come along to help for a time and to watch some impressive croquet.

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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>