



The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club

June 2010
Newsletter



Congratulations to Richard Way who continues his good fortune and won the Nailsea Handicap Tournament in May. It was an all-Bear final because Keith had also won all his matches up until that point. It is gratifying to see more members entering CA tournaments and if you haven't yet got round to trying your hand at them, there are plenty of people to reassure you that they are good fun and the best way to gain experience and improve your play.



Club BBQ.

You will need no reminding that Keith and Kate are kindly hosting this year's barbecue on **SATURDAY 26th JUNE** starting at 7.00 p.m.

As always, please bring a plate of food and a bottle of wine (or similar) but to avoid 24 quiches and no puddings, Kate is coordinating the banquet and has put up a notice in the pavilion for us to sign up and state our contribution.

Parking at Keith and Kate's is limited so the more people who can share lifts, the better – otherwise a long walk cannot be ruled out!

League matches

May's matches –
Inter'te (Central) v Nailsea **1 – 4**
Inter'te (Central) v Bristol **4 – 3 win**
Inter'te (North) v Broadwas **2 – 3** but there were six cakes on offer at tea.
Inter'te (North) v Worcester **W/O** as Worcester were unable to raise a team



Parkstone Q v Nailsea **4 – 1 win**
Federation v Swindon **5 – 2 win**
Federation v Cheltenham **3 – 2 win**

Handicap changes.

Richard D is now 1.5
Robert is now 4.5
Richard W is now 10
Alex has been given a h/c of 10.

Bears Bath

Four Bears entered the Walter May Handicap Doubles at Bath on 8/9 May. Once again the event lived up to its reputation with foul weather. Ann and Michael travelled all the way from Ramsgate to play, a journey that proved worthwhile for them. Saturday was played as a Swiss with 4 rounds of 14 point matches. The top 4 pairs would go through to a knockout on Sunday. Ann & Michael were successful in this and duly went on to win the 26 point semi and final games to gain once again the Walter May trophies. Well done!



Last year's holders were also Bear members, Don and Carol. They made a good start, winning the first two games, but sadly Carol was suffering from back and hip problems and had to pull out after the first day. As this would have left an uneven numbers of pairs, Faith bravely offered to substitute, saying "of course we won't win anything"! Well, she was wrong as D & F won 2 games out of three. The result was that the Don/Carol/Faith team were joint winners of the consolation event!

Ramsgate Tournament.

Message from Michael Poole...

"There are plenty of vacancies at this year's Ramsgate CA handicap doubles tournament on 7th + 8th August. We can provide accommodation for up to 4 people if any Bears would like to come."

Club matches are well underway. A reminder that first round matches should be **played by 21st June**

Llanfairfechan visit

Sadly, this will not now take place. A letter received from the north Wales club expresses disappointment that so few of them were able to come on the agreed dates and we were not able to find a suitable alternative.



Jersey Jolly – July 31st – August 1st (or longer!)

The planes and boats have been booked, the hotels and B+B's booked, the new swimwear tried on, the sun glasses and hats dusted off. All that is now needed is some serious saving to prepare for the gastronomic delights Jersey is famous for. If anyone else would like to join us there is still time!

New notice board.

Keith has kindly made a new notice board which is mobile and can be hung on hooks in the pavilion (and stored in the shed). With so many club competitions and the lawn-booking-year-planner, we needed more space to make this information readily available.

New stripy balls.

Thanks, also to Ian who has been researching paints and processes to find an effective way of painting stripes on our third colour balls. His energy seems to have been effective because the new stripies are performing well.

Hotel news - 1

Following last month's appeal for helpers to assist Ricardo prepare and paint the pavilion, we thank those who generously offered their time. The hotel's owners have now decided to replace the wood on the sides and back of the pavilion and to give it a new roof covering. As always, it lifts the spirits when members are so quick to offer help.

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Hotel news – 2

Now that the weather is improving, the hotel is taking bookings for croquet/barbecue events. Please can you keep an eye on the board and offer to help with running these. If everyone helps with two events per season, we expect most of them to be covered. Last year, some members were generous with their time and ran four events and although this is unfair we are very grateful to them but we cannot expect this to become the norm.

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**NO club nights on Monday
31st May or Monday 7th June**
due to hotel bookings.

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An updated calendar is attached.
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9. Help! What do I do now?

This article is printed on its own page in case you want to cut it out and keep it.

The following was asked of me recently:

“I was playing an 18 point game with the clips starting on hoop 3. My opponent ran hoops 3 and 4 but then, instead of going to hoop 5, he went over and ran hoop 1. At what point should I forestall him?”

This is a quite common situation and one which the best of us have fallen foul to (at least, your editor has!). It is easy to get disorientated on the lawn and with a hoop 3 start, this is doubly the case. (My excuse anyway!)

The point at which you forestall is **after the last legal shot has been played and before** the first illegal shot is played. This is because your opponent’s turn has ended after the final legal shot.

So, what was the last legal shot?

- Running hoop 4 = legal;
- Roqueting waiting ball = legal;
- Taking croquet off that ball = legal;
- Roqueting and taking croquet from any other live balls = legal;

Continuation shot running hoop 1 = **LEGAL but does not score a hoop point and is END OF TURN** (unless it just happened to roquet another live ball!). The clip must be placed on hoop 5.

The reason for forestalling at this point is because balls would have to be returned to the current positions should any further play take place.

In a handicap game, your opponent is entitled to play a bisque at this point if he wishes and he has one available.

If, however, you missed the right time to forestall and the opponent carried on oblivious to his error, you can forestall and rectify the error at any time up until you play the first stroke of YOUR next turn. Once you have played your first stroke, you will have condoned the error so you play on.

Clearly, no points in error will have been scored by your opponent.



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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2010 Lawn Bookings – updated 23.05.10

Club matches are only shown if I have been told about them in writing!

May

1 2.00p.m.
Rob/Norman v
Pat/Matthew
2 HOTEL from 12.00
3 Club night
4 3.00 p.m. RW+RD v
KA+JM
5.30 p.m. CD v RD
5 Club night
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7 HOTEL from 1.00
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9 Parkstone v Nailsea
10 Club night
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12 HOTEL from 2.30
13 Club night
14 HOTEL from 12.00
15 HOTEL from 12.00
16 Int v Worcester
17 Club night
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19 Club night
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22 HOTEL from 12.00
23 Fed v Cheltenham
24 Club night
25 HOTEL from 3.00
26 Club night
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29
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31 Club night

June

1
2 Club night
3
4 HOTEL
5 HOTEL all day
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7 HOTEL from 5.00
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9 Club night
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11 HOTEL from 12.00
12 CA Golf
Tournament
13 CA Golf
Tournament
14
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16 Club night
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20 Int v Swindon
21 Club night
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23 Club night
24 HOTEL from 6.00
25 HOTEL all day
26 HOTEL all day
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28 Club night
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30 Club night

July

1
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3 HOTEL all day
4 Fed vKingtonLangley
5 Club night
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7 Club night
8 HOTEL from 4.00
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10 HOTEL all day
11 Pakstone vBudleigh
12 Club night
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14 Club night
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17 HOTEL all day
18 Int v Taunton
19 Club night
20 HOTEL tbc
21 Club night
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24 HOTEL all day
25 HOTEL from 12.00
26 Club night
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28 Club night
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31 HOTEL from 12.00

August

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2 Club night
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4 Club night
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7 HOTEL all day
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29 HOTEL from 12.00
30 Club night
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