



Silver Jubilee Year

The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club

March 2009 Newsletter

Opening Club Night Wed. 23rd April

We look forward to seeing you all on the lawn for the first club night of the season. Because evenings are still not very long, those who are able may like to start at 6.00p.m.- or as soon after as they can make it.

Special thanks must go to Nick who has been working very hard treating and preparing the lawn in recent weeks getting it ready for our opening night.

Club nights.

We will continue with two club nights per week but with a different emphasis on each. While we are keen to preserve the skill and interest levels in Association Croquet, we are also keen to develop Golf Croquet. John Munro is a qualified GC coach and referee from whom we can learn hugely. And, of course, we are hosting our first CA Golf Croquet Tournament in June.

Monday evenings will be for those who are keen to play Golf Croquet or have individual coaching or practice at either Golf or Association. Both beginners and improvers are welcome. Initially, we anticipate numbers will be quite small so we feel we can host both coaching and golf simultaneously but as needs change, we may need to introduce a rota between the two.

Wednesdays will be for Association Croquet.

Coaching.

Remember Don's coaching starts tomorrow (Monday) at RDS. We hope to see you all there if you can make it.

Clothing.

A reminder that John is about to order club polo shirts and sweat shirts. If you need anything, please let him know ASAP and take advantage of bulk discounts.

Gala Dinner and Jubilee Weekend.

Some guests are travelling significant distances to be with us and some are staying at The Bear for the weekend. We are planning croquet matches on Saturday and Sunday from 9.30a.m. which will be organised by Don on the day. The intention is that it will be Bears v Rest of the World though, depending how many guests want to play, Don will use his creative genius to arrange a good day for all. Please let him know which day/s time/s you would like to play so that he can begin to produce a skeleton programme avoiding too much "sitting out".

The Gala Dinner begins at 7.30p.m. when the photographer will be busy doing his work before we take our places for dinner. Additionally, Rosemary is creating a display of photos of the club's history and will also be selling copies of her book which will be launched on that day.

With all this excitement, it promises to be a great weekend.

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY THIS WEDNESDAY – 25TH March

The History of The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club – as viewed by Rosemary!
You may be in it! It may be libellous!
Signed copies on sale from 25th April.

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Jubilee Jolly.

Llanfairfechan, is on the North Wales coast near the Snowdonia National Park. The club has two lawns and a new club house and, we are told, are a very friendly club who are looking forward to our visit. We have arranged to go there on **Friday 28th August – Sunday 30th August.**

The plan is to meet for dinner on Friday evening and play croquet on Saturday and Sunday until mid-late afternoon. If past form is anything to go by, some folk may be adding on a few extra days for a holiday. You can choose how much (if any) croquet you wish to play and build in your own sight-seeing/climbing activities. With the help of Eleri and Mandy at the North Wales Tourism office, we have identified the Caerlyr Hall Hotel at Dwygyfylchi as a suitable place to stay. It is up to each of us to book our own accommodation which can be done through Eleri or Mandy on 01492 539061 who are expecting your call. Should you find Welsh pronunciation beyond your grasp, they will understand the term “croquet club visit”. If this hotel is fully booked when you ‘phone, they will be in the best position to find an alternative though it would be more fun if we were all together. As this is a Bank Holiday weekend and the last weekend of school holidays, we will need to book very soon! The hotel website is: www.caerlyrhallhotel.co.uk but Eleri and Mandy ask that we book through them and not direct with the hotel.

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C.A.Golf Croquet Tournament. (5th / 6th June).

As you know, this is the first time we have organised and hosted such a prestigious event. Entries are coming in and we want to ensure that this is a very successful occasion. We are asking everyone to lend a hand at some time over the weekend because we need “Ball Boys and Girls” to act as markers and protect the public and hotel from enthusiastic ball shots! We need four at all times so Don will produce a rota. We are hoping that every member will be able to help for a few hours (after a suitable amount of training beforehand). If you are not actually playing in this event, it will be a good opportunity to see some good players in action and how a tournament is run. Please volunteer – your club needs YOU!

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Bear Hotel bookings.

BBQ helpers needed for Saturday 25th July – afternoon and evening. Please let Robert know if you can help with this.

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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>