



The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club

March 2012
Newsletter

Match fixtures.

After two exceptionally successful years, we now embark on the new season of matches with high hopes but no complacency because all other clubs will be eager to knock us off our pedestal!

Team managers will be busy organising teams and the schedule is attached for your information.

B League

Sunday 20th May Away to Broadwas
Sunday 10th June Home to Swindon
Sunday 1st July Away to Llandaff
Sunday 15th July Home to Worcester Norton

Intermediate

Sunday 20th May Home to Worcester Norton
Saturday 9th June Away to Dyffryn
Sunday 24th June Home to Swindon
Sunday 1st July Home to Cheltenham
Sunday 22nd July Away to Broadwas

Federation North

Saturday 26th May Away to Swindon
Sunday 17th June Home to Nailsea North
Sunday 8th July Home to Cheltenham
Sunday 15th July Away to Dyffryn
Sunday 29th July Home to Kingston Langley

Federation Central

Sunday 27th May Home to Nailsea Central
Saturday 16th June Away to Bath
Sunday 24th June Away to East Dorset
Sunday 22nd July Home to KingstonMaurward
Sunday 19th August Home to Bristol

Parkstone 2

Sunday 29th April Home to Nailsea
Saturday 19th May Home to Bath
Sunday 1st July Away to Cheltenham
Saturday 14th July Away to Bath
Saturday 28th July Away to Nailsea
Sunday 5th August Home to Cheltenham

Short Croquet - An Invitation.

We have been invited to enter a team of four into the SWF **Short Croquet** Competition which is to be held at Nailsea on **Saturday 14th April**. If you would like to enter, please contact Robert immediately as places need to be booked by the end of February.

Charity One-Ball.

Sunday 15th April.

We have seven entrants to this charity event and would like to make it up to ten. If you haven't yet applied and would like to join in, please contact Don.

Final Pub Night

Wednesday 14th March at Tipputs, just outside Nailsworth (about a mile south of Nailsworth heading towards Bath on the A46.

You can either eat at 7 p.m. or just come along for a drink a bit later.

Annual Dinner **31st March**

Please return your menu choices together with your cheque as soon as possible so that our booking can be confirmed. Menu attached below.

Replies ASAP but by **Friday 9th March** at the latest.

CA Survey - A reminder that completed questionnaires should be returned by **22nd February**.

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Courses.

Several members have expressed an interest in attending a croquet course. The following are being held at Budleigh Salterton and are to be led by Cliff Jones. Cliff is a professional coach and his courses are excellent.

8 - 9 March - COACHES QUALIFICATION COURSE

A course suitable for any player wishing to become a coach or upgrade their coaching qualifications - Suitable for both Golf & Association Players - Booklet for each attendee.

Course Fee £27.00 CA or SWF Club Members - £32.00 Others - £5.00 for both days Soup & Roll - payable to SWF.

15 - 16 March IMPROVERS COACHING COURSE

Suitable for Association Croquet players who are past the beginners stage and probably in the handicap range of 18 - 24 & for Golf Croquet players of 8 - 12 handicap.

Course Fee £27.00 CA or Budleigh Club Members - £32.00 Others - 5.00 for both days Soup & Roll Payable to Budleigh Salterton Croquet Club.

7 - 8 April TOWARDS THE TRIPLE PEEL

A course for ambitious players who dream of the Triple Peel or at least wonder about its possibilities. The course covers precision play, perfecting leaves, peeling practices, positioning for the standard triple peel, the delayed triple peel and more. Suitable for any player

with a handicap in single figures who is looking for rapid improvement. A very comprehensive booklet 'The Triple Peel & Related Topics' will be presented to each attendee at the end of the course (66 pages & 90 diagrams)

Course Fee £32.00 CA or Budleigh Club Members - £37.00 Others - £5.00 for both days Soup & Roll Payable to Budleigh Salterton Croquet Club.

Send to or Contact : Charles Townshend, Mutterings, Church Road, Colaton Raleigh, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 0LW Tel. 01395567460 or Cliff Jones Tel. 01404 41261.

There are also other courses being held at The Croquet Academy in Southwick ranging from beginners courses through improvers courses to advanced courses. Details of these can be found on the Croquet Academy website.

www.thecroquetacademy.com

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The Croquet Association – is this the year that you join?

The CA is the sport's governing body and does a huge amount to promote the game. Apart from us being a member-club, about half of our members are also individual members. New members are warmly invited to join and they have just announced a huge reduction in fees for the first two years of membership: £12 for the first year, £24 for the second and then £37 thereafter. The main benefit of being an individual member is that it entitles you to play in tournaments but for more information, visit their website:

www.croquet.org.uk

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A “must have” object.

I just love this and have got to own one but I couldn't be selfish and keep it to myself so I send you the link:

<http://www.lesleyandnewton.co.uk/6935/6981.html>

Winter evenings will never be dull again!

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Club Clothing.

Entering tournaments or playing in matches this year?

Are your tournaments 2/3/4/5/6 days long?
How many shirts have you got? How many shirts do you need?

If you will forgive me for being personal, does your current shirt still fit? Or has the moth been munching it over the winter months? Or is that wonderful, celebratory curry still evident?

Bear polo shirts are about £15 each and sweatshirts also about £15 depending how many we order at a time. If you need any for the new season, please contact John Munro as he is our “Director of Attire”. The deadline for placing your order is **March 31st** (Dinner Day).

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Today's profound thought.

“A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.”

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For more information:

Our Club Website- <http://www.faydon.com/Bear/Bear.html>

Archived newsletters and coaching hints - <http://www.faydon.com/Bear/News.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>

The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club.

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Annual Dinner

To be held on Saturday 31st March 2012 at the Bear Hotel
7.00p.m. for 7.30p.m.

Dress code – Smart casual

Croquet Club Annual Dinner Menu 2012

To Start

*Pressing of Confit duck with sun dried
cranberries and celeriac roulade*

*Pink peppercorn gravadlax caviar dressing
with chive blinis*

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Main

*Slow Roasted belly pork with celeriac and apple,
fondant potato*

*Pan Roasted breast of chicken, chive mousse
roasted silver skin onions and Dauphinoise
potatoes*

*Roasted rump of lamb with ratatouille,
aubergine and sun blushed tomatoes*

Dessert

Glazed lemon tart with blackcurrant sorbet

Selection of local cheeses

*Dark Chocolate and roasted hazelnut tart with
malt ice-cream*

£26.95

Pre-ordered wine at the special price of £18 per bottle

White - Echo Falls Pinot Grigio

Red - Fondant Merlot

Alternatively, an extensive wine list is available on the night.

The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club Annual Dinner.

Order form.

Name/s

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CHOICE OF MEAL/s

Starter (Duck, Gravavlax, Soup)

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Main course (Pork, Chicken, Lamb)

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Dessert (Lemon Tart, Cheese, Chocolate Tart,)

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Wine ... bottle/s of Pinot Grigio. bottle/s of Merlot

Please return your form to Rosemary, together with your cheque for £26.95 per person + cost of wine, if pre-ordered,

made payable to “The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club”.

Please return as soon as possible but by Friday 9th March at the latest.

