



South West Federation Intermediate Final.

# CHAMPIONS



Kate, Paul (Capt) and Keith have done us proud! Having reached the finals, this terrific trio travelled to sunny Sidmouth on Sunday and took the trophy having polished off Plymouth 3-2.

## Congratulations.

A glorious day and a glorious result.

Congratulations also to Rosemary, who won in spectacular style at Budleigh Salterton in early September when she stormed to victory in the Handicap Singles Tournament.



She received the trophy from Charles Townshend, the tournament secretary, after demolishing all opposition (including our club chairman!) to reach the final after two gruelling days play in appalling weather conditions. On the third day, the

final was to be the best of three games but Rosemary, smelling victory, finished off by taking the first two games wrapping it up before the masses had time to assemble to watch the final peg-out.

Previous winners of this cup are Richard Danby and Tim Danby.

## Club Golf Croquet Tournament.

Was this the first day of summer? The sun shone, The Bears were out to play and Don, as usual, masterminded another excellent tournament.



Richard Danby won the cup this year after winning every game.

## 2009 - Silver Jubilee Year.



The Silver Bear makes its debut at the AGM.

Plans for the year of celebrations will be unveiled then and we hope you will be excited by what we have in store.

## Can you help?

We are very keen to invite all past members to our Jubilee Dinner but we do not have contact details for many of them. Do you know where any of them now live? Please let Rosemary know because we don't want anyone to be left out.

### **Club Matches**

All games have now been played apart from the final of the club singles tournament which will be played on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30 p.m. between Matthew and Robert.

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### **Winter Snooker.**

Richard Danby invites snooker fans to a Winter Bear Snooker Competition to be held in the newly completed snooker emporium at his and Rosemary's home in Moor Court. The first evening is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00 p.m..

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### **AGM – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

Rosemary will be sending you an AGM pack in the next few days which will be somewhat larger than normal because there are additional and very important issues to be discussed.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting as your views are important and we do not want anyone to feel left out of our decision-making process.

We hope for, and encourage, full attendance at this meeting.

If an extra incentive is needed, we will ensure the meeting ends with sufficient time to visit a local hostelry afterwards.

### **Handicap changes.**

Please let Rosemary know if your handicap has changed this season. Additionally, let her know if your address, 'phone number or email address has changed.

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### **Website.**

Have you visited the club website recently? Don has put in a huge amount of time developing it and updates information regularly. There is an extensive gallery of photos from the Vienna trip.

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### **And finally.....**

As the season draws to a close, we extend our thanks to all who have made the club so strong and the season so enjoyable.

Special thanks to Nick who works tirelessly in maintaining the lawn. His effort is usually unseen but the results most certainly are and are appreciated by club members and hotel guests alike and it is wonderful to see the lawn improving year on year.

Special thanks also to Tony Kitchen, Hotel General Manager, and Rachel Sealey, Events and Weddings Coordinator, and their colleagues who give us such terrific support. Their interest in the club and the care they take to look after us is never taken for granted and is appreciated beyond words. We are so very lucky to have folk of their calibre and who support us in so many ways.

To these and all club members and supporters – thank you.

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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](http://www.croquet.org.uk)

South West Federation of Croquet Clubs (to which we are affiliated) – <http://www.swfcroquet.org.uk>

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