

Bear of Rodborough Croquet



Newsletter - October 2013



Would you like easy access to lawn bookings?

We are currently exploring the possibility of on-line booking so that everyone can see up-to-date information about lawn availability and make bookings quickly and conveniently from home. Any new system must be simple to use and more efficient than our current system and a demonstration of our preferred program will be given at the AGM on **23rd October**. The plan is that the hotel will also have access to this system and be able to insert hotel bookings directly so that confusion should be a thing of the past.

AGM notices have already been sent to you. The meeting will start promptly at **7.00 p.m** but you may like to arrive 10 minutes early as a complimentary glass of wine will await you in the Tower Room.

Don't forget to send Robert a list of your tournaments and achievements so that a list can be compiled to help us celebrate our combined effort.

Please can this be sent to him by **13th October**.



We like the AGM to be primarily a celebration of the season and we

all remember some past years when debates about weighty issues have taken up a considerable amount of time. In an attempt to keep the discussion about the **Croquet Association's discussion document** to a reasonable level, you are invited to express your views to Robert via email before the meeting. He will then summarise members' views in his introduction to this topic at our AGM. You have all read Robert's general introduction to this document in the July newsletter and have since received the full discussion document for you to study. A further article appears in the latest Croquet Gazette. If you have strong views, you are also invited to attend the meeting following the South West Federation AGM

on **Sunday 24th November** at Weston where there will be a presentation and discussion so that the CA can get a feel for members' opinions. Otherwise, Robert will represent our collective views on your behalf.



Trophies. In order to get the trophies engraved in time for presentation at the AGM, please will the current holders return them to either Richard W or Robert no later than **Sunday 13th October**. Similarly, all outstanding games will need to have been played by then so we know whose names to engrave.



Photo competition. Are you taking photos this year? Will you be submitting some for the photo competition? The response from last year's was that it created interest and amusement at the annual dinner where the entries were displayed. If you haven't yet got round to it, there is still time to dust off the camera and create something. Anything croquet related and taken by you is eligible and you have until **31st January** to submit your entries. If you need a reminder of the rules, you can find them on the club notice board.

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>

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