



The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club

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Newsletter

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"James" welcomed us as we arrived.
(Advice – enlarge the page to 500% to see the photos in detail).



Freshly returned from hot and sunny Wolkesdorf, the Bears had yet another superb visit playing two days of doubles alongside the Austrian hosts. The hospitality there is second to none with Heinz and his fellow club members going out of their way to ensure our every need is catered for. They have an enviable club and ensured every moment was full and every meal a delight. Our thanks to them have already been expressed together with an invitation for them to visit us.

Club Handicap Final.



Don's eye view:

On Thursday 11 August (the earliest it has ever been played) Faith, Rosemary, Keith and I watched this year's handicap final between Richard D and Kate. The match was won comprehensively by Kate who played a well controlled and thoughtful game leaving Richard little chance of getting going. He did hit in a couple of times but was unable to capitalise on it.

Handicap changes.

Please let me know if your handicap has changed recently. *RM*

Match reports.

Richard Way writes:

For the second year running the Bear have won the North Section of the **Federation league**. They finished in grand style beating Nailsea North 5-0. After going in to lunch 2-0 up (Kate singles, Keith and Richard W doubles), the Apperley duo crushed their afternoon opponents while the captain had to rely on his opponent committing a fault after running penult (with one clip already on peg) enabling him to sneak in and peg out on time. The team now play at home against Plymouth from Federation South for a place in the final against the winners of the Federation Central section.

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Richard Danby writes:

Bear v Dyffryn in **Parkstone League** 31st July.

Last match of the year for the Parkstone League players, and they were determined to avoid a season's whitewash. With team mentor, Don Gaunt away on his travels, it was down to Richard Danby (capt), Matthew Jackson and Peter Francis to give it their best shot. With the Bears going 2-0 down by lunch, the day was taking on an ominously familiar pattern!

The afternoon showed much more promise, but eventually the Bears were taken to a 5-0 defeat. The score line belies the closeness of the afternoon's games, which were lost to the narrowest of margins 25-26, 22-26 and 20-26, so the outcome could easily have turned out very differently. But as we all know, croquet results are littered with 'if onlys'.

Other newsworthy incidents: Matthew's second game of the day turned out to be a five and a half hour marathon, and Richard failed to run a hoop between 10.30 and 14.30. Both of Peter's games ended as one ball games, losing one from three hoops behind, and the other one slipping away from having been three in front - gripping for the spectators though.

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League match round up.

Although this season we have not had such spectacular results as last year, we have enjoyed a good season and all members can be proud of the contribution they have made. I attach a round up of results and have included game totals which look even more impressive indicating the overall level of success of our teams.

The Federation Team has excelled again this year having won all of its matches and now plays Plymouth at The Bear in the south-west semi-final on Saturday 17th September.

If they win this game, they will play in the final at Taunton on 25th September.

The Intermediate (North) Team has got through to the area semi-final and play at Taunton on 11th September.

Good luck to all.

Summary.

B League	<i>Bears – away team</i>
Llandaff	Lost 2 - 3
Cheltenham	Lost 2 - 3
Worcester Norton	Lost 2 - 3
Swindon	Won 4 - 1
Broadwas	Won 5 - 0
<u>Total Bears 15 - 10</u>	

Intermediate North

Worcester Norton	Won 4 - 1
Dyffryn	Won 5 - 0 (wo)
Kington Langley	Won 3 - 2 (void)
Swindon	Won 4 - 1
Broadwas	Lost 2 - 3
<u>Total 18 - 7</u>	

Intermediate Central

Weston-Super-Mare	Lost 2 - 3
Bristol	Won 5 - 0
Bath	Won 5 - 2
Taunton Deane	Lost 2 - 3
Nailsea Central	Lost 2 - 3
<u>Total 16 - 11</u>	

Federation

Dyffryn	Won 5 - 0
Swindon	Won 4 - 1
Kington Langley	Won 3 - 2
Cheltenham	Won 4 - 3
Nailsea North	Won 5 - 0
<u>Total 21 - 6</u>	

Parkstone

East Dorset	Lost 0 - 5
Cheltenham	Lost 1 - 5 (7 th game conceded)
Nailsea	Lost 0 - 5
Bristol	Lost 1 - 8
Dyffryn	Lost 0 - 5
<u>Total 2 - 28</u>	

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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>

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