



Silver Jubilee Year

The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club

February 2009
Newsletter

Silver Coaching.

We are lucky to have one of the top players and coaches as a member of our club. Last year, Don led a series of coaching sessions and many of us found our games and handicaps improved as a result. This year, Don has prepared a further series of three sessions titled **“Knowing the laws can improve your game”** which will be held at RDS on Mondays 23rd and 30th March and 6th April starting at 7.30 p.m. Those of us who have experienced Don’s coaching consider his sessions unmissable and we urge you all to attend.

We also thank Richard for allowing us to use RDS’s premises for these evenings.

Course Syllabus.

KNOWING THE LAWS CAN IMPROVE YOUR GAME

Don says “It is essential to have a good working knowledge of any game you play.

Knowing this information can sometimes allow you to do something that you did not think was possible. It is the purpose of these three short coaching lessons to give an insight into these aspects of the rules of croquet. ”

Session 1 on 23rd March.

General Laws of Play

- 1.1 The stroke and the striking period,
- 1.2 Misplaced balls
- 1.3 Replacement of balls on the yard line.

Session 2 on 30th March.

Wiring and Faults

- 2.1 Wiring lift.
- 2.2 Faults.

Session 3 on 6th April.

Miscellaneous laws

- 3.1 Loose impediments.
- 3.2 Playing When Mised.
- 3.3 To forestall or not to forestall?

Winter Snooker.

Finals Night and Presentation – Wednesday 1st April.

The winter snooker tournament has three more sessions left to run and has given some memorable moments – some amazing, some amusing and some unbelievable! - and we thank Richard and Rosemary for so gallantly and generously hosting it. Currently, Adrian is in the lead with Richard Way close on his heels.

Gala Dinner.

Tickets are selling well. If you have not bought yours yet, we urge you to do so very soon – well before the cut-off date of 25th March.

It has been confirmed that Cotswold Life magazine will be sending a photographer to cover the event.

The History of The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club.

Rosemary has spent the last twenty-five years writing this book which is currently being published and will be available for purchase at the Gala Dinner.

Handicaps.

Please let Rosemary know your handicap. She is about to update the list.

Jubilee Jolly.

Llanfairfechan is the destination for this year's summer outing. The club is a growing and successful club on the North Wales Coast and is within easy reach of some of the most spectacular scenery in Britain. They have three lawns and can cater for the full handicap range so all are welcome. We have arranged this for the last weekend of the school holidays so more folk can come and some of us are considering staying for a few extra days to include a short holiday.

Don will be sending out details separately by email but meantime you may like to write the dates in your diary –

Assemble at the hotel (venue to be decided) for dinner on Friday 28th August, play on Saturday and Sunday 29th and 30th August.

You will have the choice of playing as much or as little as you wish allowing time for sightseeing, swimming or climbing. (I understand that North Wales is no longer “dry” on Sundays).

Hotel booking.

A major event has been booked by The Bear for the weekend of July 25th/26th which involves erecting a marquee on the lawn. Play will therefore be impossible over this period but we thank the Bear's management for insisting the contractors take stringent precautions to protect the lawn's playing surface.

Perhaps we should take this as an added incentive to ensure our internal matches are all played before then.

2009 Fixtures.

One alteration to the published programme – The Federation match against Kington Langley will now be **AWAY** on Sunday 26th July.

The Bear of Rodborough Croquet Club.

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Secretary:

Treasurer:

Handicapper and club competitions manager:

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Annual subscriptions.

Many thanks to everyone who paid their subscriptions so promptly. It is always a concern when rules change and we are grateful for the co-operation you have shown.

Extra Diary Dates

Wed 4th March – Snooker

Wed 18th March – Snooker

Mon 23rd March 7.30p.m. Coaching at RDS

Wed 25th March – final date for buying Gala Dinner tickets

Wed 25th March – last pub night

– The Ram, Bussage.

– **Note change of date!**

Mon 30th March 7.30p.m. Coaching at RDS

Wed 1st April – Snooker Finals Night

Mon 6th April 7.30 p.m. Coaching at RDS

Sat/Sun 29th/30th August – Bear visit to Llanfairfechan.

Have you considered joining the Croquet Association?

Currently, there are six Bears who are also individual members of the CA. Membership gives several advantages including the ability to play in tournaments. Their website is very good and will tell you all you want to know (address below).

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>