



# Hayes, Bromley and Keston Croquet Club

## Newsletter – March 2017

### Dates for the diary

Saturday March 18th	Start of season
Friday April 21st	Quiz Night – 6.30 for 7.00 pm
Thursday June 15th	Rotary Club evening
Sunday July 2nd	Founder's Day 12 noon to 4 pm; picnic lunch
Saturday October 28th	End of season

### QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 21 APRIL 2017

OLD DUNSTONIANS CLUBHOUSE

6.30 pm for 7.00pm start

£7.50 to include a Ploughman's supper

Further details and the form to order your tickets are attached to the newsletter.

**Please order your tickets by 10 April.**

**There will be a raffle. Donations for prizes will be gratefully received.**

If there is anyone who can help Claudine prepare the supper on the evening please can you let Frances know. Help with setting up the tables and chairs will also be required.

Any volunteers?

## **The 2017 season Weekly Programme**

Start date March 18th

Tuesday	2.00 to 4.00	Club session Ass. & Golf
Wednesday	2.00 to 4.00	Club session – Association takes precedence
Thursday	2.00 to 4.00	Club session – Golf takes precedence
Friday	10.00 to 12.00	Club session – Golf takes precedence
Saturday	10.30 to 12.30 12.30 – 1.30 1.30 to 4.00	Club session Ass. & Golf Social drink in the clubhouse-all members invited. Afternoon session

**The times for the Saturday morning session have been changed for this season.**

**The session will now start at 10.30 am and go on to 12.30 pm.**

**Members can go down earlier if they wish to play or practise but the draw for partners and games will not be until 10.30 am.**

**It is hoped that this will enable/encourage members to use the bar and maybe have a picnic lunch and then resume play at about 1.30 pm. Those who want to play only in the afternoon could arrive before 1.30 pm and have a drink at the bar otherwise arrive at about 1.30 pm.**

### **Setting/resetting golf croquet handicaps**

I am willing to go to the club on the following dates to help sort out golf handicaps.

Friday 31st March     10 am

Saturday 1st April     10.00 – 10.30 am

Friday 7th April     10 am

Saturday 8th April     10.00 – 10.30 am

This arrangement will not hopefully interfere with the club session on the Saturday mornings.

**Please do let me know in advance when you expect to come along.**

Thanks, Sue

## **Inter-club Matches**

### **Friendly Matches with other Clubs 2017**

I have booked our matches for the year with the 5 clubs that we played with last year which are Sydenham, Merton, Dulwich Old College, Dulwich and Purley Bury. We have also organised to play with Caterham croquet club this year and have booked home and away afternoon games with them. With Purley Bury we play all day and with the others we play in the afternoon. We have a home and an away match booked with each club.

As last year we would like a volunteer to be the team leader for away matches. This person would play, lead the team, check the team members are all ready to play, and also organise the travel arrangements. We will allocate this role when we have the volunteer forms back. For home matches we have decided to change our plan for allocating matches this year as your committee was concerned that some of our very best players were sitting it out being a non-playing team captain which was not helping our results. Instead we have decided that for home matches we will still have a team captain but will appoint another member who may even be only a social member to sit at the table and ring the bell and keep the score sheets. We will also nominate someone out of those who volunteer for matches to be in charge of the food. The members and committee took turns for this last year and it worked really well. Each team will also have 2 reserves. The charge for playing a home match will be £5 which includes food. People who help by providing food should estimate the cost and get the money from David.

We also have a date this year to play West Wickham Rotary Club on the evening of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June starting at 6.0 for 6.30pm. We will be providing a meal and we will charge £12. Please let me know if you would like to join in the cost for our members will be £8. All our members will be welcome and encouraged to attend and join in this event which will include food and a social evening – this year fundraising for St. Christopher's Hospice. Charges to our members £8, raffle prizes will be welcome.

A fixture list is attached to the newsletter as well as a form for you to sign up for the matches and other duties. Please return your form to me either via email at [pat.rosser@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pat.rosser@hotmail.co.uk) or leave the form in the logia and send me a text to let me know on 07854045055. The first match is in May so please can you send in these forms straight away or at the latest by the 1st April.

When I have received all the forms from everyone I will meet with the Club Captain and Secretary and we will together choose the teams for each match. We will make sure that everyone who wants to play has a chance which may mean that you will not get all the matches that you want. I will then publish the list of team names in the newsletter and in the clubhouse and make sure that everyone knows if they have a place.

All the matches are golf except for Purley Bury and Dulwich where we need 4 association players and 4 golf players. Caterham may be able to field 4 Association players as well (To be confirmed)

The all day matches will start at 10.00am, and players should arrive by 9.30am. The afternoon matches will start at 2.0pm and players should arrive at 1.30pm.

We are hoping for an enjoyable and successful season.

Pat Rosser Match Secretary

### **Internal club Championships**

- The singles and doubles competitions for association croquet will be run as round robin tournaments.
- The singles and doubles tournaments for golf croquet will be run as knock-out tournaments, the number of entries permitting. These matches will be the best of 3 handicap games and each game will be the best of 13 hoops. The competition will start in May to allow handicaps to be completed.

If you wish to enter for any of the events please complete the entry form, which is an attachment to the newsletter, and return it to Sue Gregory by **1st April**.

The draws will take place in early April and details will go in the April newsletter.

### **Golf Croquet Ladder Tournament**

As I mentioned at the AGM, I thought it would be interesting to attempt to run a golf croquet singles ladder tournament. The advantages of it are that it is open to anyone to take part, it lasts for almost the whole season and when losing a match you don't get knocked out.

The object of the tournament is to be at the top of the ladder at the end of September having played at least five matches. The starting positions on ladder will be determined randomly. All matches will be level play (no extra turns) and consist of one game of 13 hoops (the first to win 7 hoops). Matches are arranged by a player making a challenge to someone one, two or three places **above** them on the ladder. If the challenger wins then he/she moves above the challenged player on the ladder and there is a shift down for one, two or three players.

If you would like to take part in this tournament please indicate this on the attached entry form and return it by April 1st.

Players may join at the bottom of the ladder after the tournament has begun but must inform me before doing so.

More detailed information will be given to those who take part.

A big **THANK YOU** to **Frances, David & Claudine** for their help in sprucing up the loggia and sorting out the boundary boards in time for the opening of the 2017 season on 18th March. The loggia has had a major spring clean and hasn't looked as spick and span for a long time. The green boundary boards have also been cleaned, inspected, and placed around the lawns. Let's hope the weather takes a turn to the good so that we can get off to a cracking start this month.

Tony

**PLEASE LET ME HAVE ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER**

**BY April 15th**

**Advance notice**

**Round Robin Golf Croquet Tournament Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May probably from 10.30 am to 3.30pm with a picnic lunch**

