



Hayes, Bromley and Keston Croquet Club

Newsletter – October 2018

Dates for the diary

Friday 26th October	Quiz Night	6.30pm for 7pm start
Thursday 1st November	AGM	OD Clubhouse 2pm
Monday 10th December	Christmas Meal	Langley Park GC
Thursday 28th February	New Year Meal	The George, Hayes
Friday 1st March 2019	Subscriptions due	
Thursday 4th July 2019	Special anniversary Event	
27th July - 4th August 2019	GC World Championships	at Southwick

As we have all been aware, the hot and dry weather this summer has left the croquet lawns in a very poor state. In spite of the recent rains there are many lawn areas where the grass has failed to regrow; consequently many shots travel the lawns in a most erratic fashion.

We have spoken to Alex and have decided that the best way forward is to finish the playing season two weeks early which will allow him to scarify the playing surface and re-seed the brown areas next week. Current weather conditions should allow the grass seed to germinate and establish itself before the onset of winter. Hopefully by the time the new season starts we will have a much improved playing surface.

Please note, then, that the last day of this season was Saturday 13th October.

I'm sorry if this disappointed any club members, but it is felt this is the best plan to bring the playing surface up to a reasonable standard.

Tony

Many thanks to Anne Stooke who has most generously donated her mallet to the club stock - and a most handsome mallet it is too! You'll have to get there early if you want to try it out.

Tony

Newsletters during the winter

If you don't use email and wish to receive the newsletter for the next 4 months, please let me have 4 unused size DL or C5 stamped and self-addressed envelopes. If you don't want to post them to me they can be given to me at the Quiz night (October 26th) or at the AGM (November 1st).

Many thanks, Sue

Round Robin

Drama at the Club! Just as we were about to begin the club's Round Robin Tournament on Tuesday 18th., we all heard a loud crack from behind the loggia, shortly afterwards followed by the sight of one of the trees on the Langley Estate falling onto the road. Luckily there were no pedestrians around and no cars were damaged.

This has been reported to the council for them to take whatever action is needed. I have also reported that there is a second tree (from the same rootstock I think) which has been leaning over towards the road for many years now which needs inspection to determine if this should be lopped, or whatever.

Tony



Doubles Round Robin on Tuesday 18th September

Fourteen members signed up for this one-day competition. Each pair played all others and matches lasted 25 minutes with no extra turns after the bell. The day was mild and bright but excessively windy and the courts were far from ideal. It was impossible to determine which way the ball would swing or where it would stop. On some occasions it seemed to gain speed as it came off the narrow grassy patches onto the grassless areas.

We had only played 3 balls of the first game when the tree came crashing down. This resulted in a break of about 10 minutes while we checked for any damage to cars and moved some of them out of the way. We played 3 rounds of matches before lunch and 4 afterwards. Of the 21 matches played, 13 were completed within the time limit and only 3 were drawn.

Much to their surprise Sue S and Sue G were the winners with 5 wins and 1 draw.

Thank you to all who turned up to make it was a very enjoyable day.

Sue

Internal Club Championship Results 2018

The winners were:

Association Singles	Jim
Association Doubles	Jim & Tony
Golf Singles	Tony
Golf Doubles	Steve & Caroline

Congratulations to them all.

Knockout final of the John Curry Cup Monday 24th September



The lawns at 10 am Sunday 23rd September

On Monday there was no evidence of any puddles; the grass was damp when we started but it quickly dried out as the morning got warmer. It was a very good morning with very competitive matches. The results are below.

Round 1	Round 2	Final	Winner
Winner of Group A: Graham	Graham	Michael	Michael
Runner-up of Group C: Ann			
	Winner of Group B: Michael		
	Runner-up of Group B: Caroline	Frances	
Runner-up Group A: Frances			
Winner of Group C: Steve			





*****QUIZ NIGHT*****

Friday 26 October, 6.30 for 7.00 start

Old Dunstonians Clubhouse

Drinks from the bar only *Ploughman's Supper*

There are still tables available.

Please send the booking form and cheque to me as soon as possible. (£8.50 per person)

Several people have indicated to me that they intend coming but I haven't received their forms and cheques. It's now too late to leave them in the post box in the loggia so please send in the post.

Thank you.

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION MEAL FOR THE PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Monday 10 December 2018

12.00 noon for 12.30 start

LANGLEY PARK GOLF CLUB

Once again we are going to enjoy the hospitality at Langley Park Golf Club and the cost remains unchanged at £25.00 per head.

If you wish to attend, please return the booking form and cheque to Frances by **Friday 23 November**. (Or bring it along to the AGM on 1 November.) The booking form is included with this newsletter.





CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION MEAL FOR THE PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

Please tick your choice of meal. If the booking is for more than one person please indicate clearly each person's choice.

Starters	Fan of melon and raspberries	.....
	Parsnip & Butternut Squash Soup	.....
	Scottish Smoked Salmon	.....
	Duck Liver & Orange Pate and Toast	.....
Main Course	Traditional Christmas Turkey with all the trimmings	.....
	Herb Crusted Salmon Fillet	.....
	Mushroom, Cranberry & Hazelnut Wellington	.....
Puddings	Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce	.....
	White Chocolate & Raspberry Brulee Cheesecake	.....
	Fresh Fruit Salad	.....
	Cheese & Biscuits	.....

Coffee and Mini-Mince Pies

Name.....

Number of People.....Cheque amount (£25.00 per head).....

Please make cheques payable to HBKCC

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