



Hayes, Bromley and Keston Croquet Club

Newsletter – July 2017

Dates for the diary

Thursday July 13th	Purley Bury	9.30 am	Away
Monday July 31st	Merton	1.30 pm	Away
Monday August 7th	Dulwich Old College	1.30 pm	Away
Monday August 14th	Caterham	1.30 pm	Away
Saturday August 19th	Sydenham	1.30 pm	Away
Monday September 11th	Dulwich	1.30 pm	Home
Saturday October 28th	End of season		

Coaching Course with Clive Grimley from the Croquet Academy, Sussex County Croquet Club. Friday June 30th

Some of us felt a little apprehensive about our coaching session, we were a group of eight, and our fears were soon dispelled when we met Clive, from Southwick, who had come from Burgess Hill that morning. He was cheery, encouraging, ever ready with helpful advice, and totally non-judgemental. We did some basic but essential exercises, for example, standing with shoulders square and feet exactly the same distance apart on either side of the ball, before we hit it to our partner's feet. Our grips were checked, and in some cases suggestions made for small changes, as we practised various different and very useful manoeuvres. The only absolute rule he gave us was to Never Walk Backwards! Legs have been broken and clubs sued apparently as the result of this.

It was a lovely sunny morning happily. We ended the session by playing a game which was coached in a tactful and very useful way; I think we all enjoyed our morning and look forward to another session next year. Our thanks go to Tony for organising the session, and to Sue, our facilitator, who provided hot drinks and biscuits. Clive was an excellent tutor, and gave us lots of extra time. He also said he would be happy to return!

Founder's Day, Sunday July 2nd.

Sunday dawned bright and sunny, and stayed that way all day for HBKCC's Founder's Day celebrations. So many players attended; there were more than could be sheltered from the sun under the gazebo! We were all pleased to welcome Bruce Dennison again to join our celebration of his father's founding of the club.

Sue Gregory had arranged for a series of doubles matches - partners selected by a draw - with each doubles pair able to challenge any other doubles pair to a match - first to four hoops wins.

We started playing shortly after noon, double banking on the three small lawns. After a short break for lunch, supplemented by a wealth of comestibles brought along by Frances, we played late into the afternoon till we'd all had enough. It transpired that the partnership of Valerie Colyer & Sue Fielder, and the other team of Graham and Tony, shared the same number of wins vs. defeats. A hoop count indicated a dead heat again, so a 'single ball - nearest the peg' decider took place as we only had two bottles to give as prizes! All four balls ended up very close to the peg, but by a whisker, Graham and Tony were declared winners and so shared the spoils.

A great day was had by all. Very many thanks to FRANCES for organising the food and drink and to SUE GREGORY for setting up the tournament and bringing along the prizes.



Match reports

Away Match vs. Dulwich, July 3rd.

July 3rd. saw the club visit Dulwich for a combined association and golf match. The lawns at Dulwich were much faster and truer than our own and took a bit of getting used to, but overall I think we benefitted from playing on a superior surface.

The association games were set to last 3 hours - we normally play a 2 hour game - so the timing was unfamiliar. We also found the hoops to be narrower than our own. In spite of this, the HBKCC won both matches, with a winning margin of +2 hoops for Jim & Doreen, and +7 hoops for Tony & Geoff.

Unfortunately we have not received the results of all the golf games - not sure why since Dulwich won the majority of the golf games! We definitely won at least one match, Val Howard and Frances clinched the match at the golden hoop, but I think we may have lost the others to very strong opposition.

A superb tea rounded off a most enjoyable afternoon, the weather being kind to us in spite of a few drops of rain.

Tony

Home Match with Sydenham Friday 7th July

We had a lovely afternoon with constant sunshine and really enjoyed seeing our friends from Sydenham again. We were also very successful and scored 10.5 points against 5.5 points from Sydenham – a resounding victory! The hoops score was 64 hoops to us and 50 to Sydenham. We had a delicious tea which was organised by Margaret and we thanked her, and also Tony for all the work he does to make the afternoon a success. The Sydenham captain added their thanks for the lovely tea and our hospitality.

Pat.

The match vs. Sydenham was an 'all golf' event. Double-banking on both lawns, we managed to complete all 16 scheduled matches under a blazing sun - gosh it was a hot day!

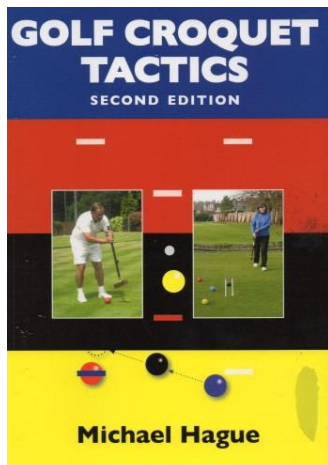
After the first round of matches we were all square at 2-2. A blistering second round, where we won all four matches, gave us a 6-2 lead. It was pretty much honours even after that, with the HBKCC running out winners by **10½ matches to 5½**. Well done everyone! The highlight

for me was a match we were losing by 3 hoops to 5 when the bell rang to tell us we had just one more stroke each. The next shot got us a hoop, 4-5, and it was then up to Pat Rosser to get through a long hoop in one stroke - which she did, travelling the length of the lawn and forcing a draw from the jaws of defeat!

Very many thanks to MARGARET for preparing a magnificent tea in the clubhouse, ably helped by Caroline; and thanks to all who brought along sandwiches and cakes (Carola - just love your egg sandwiches). Thanks also to Michael for helping with the tables.

Tony

Golf Croquet Tactics by Michael Hague



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Golf Croquet Ladder Competition

Two matches have now been played.

Michael beat Patricia

Sue G beat Astrid

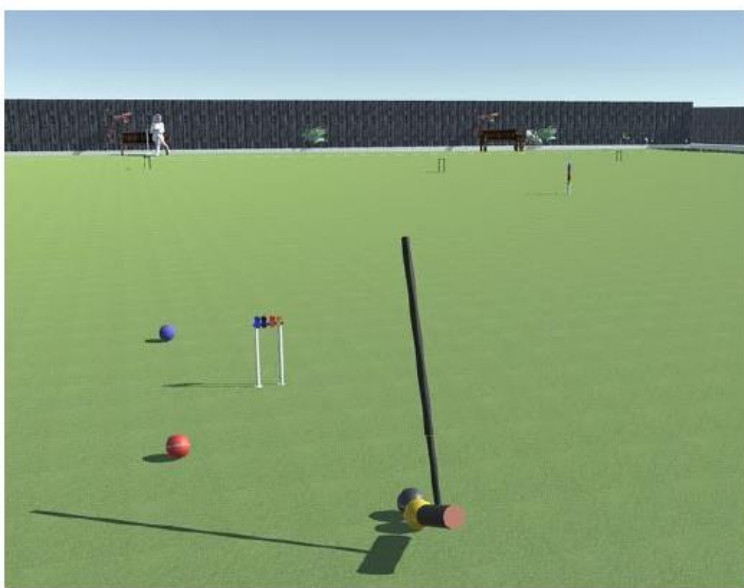
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INTERNAL GOLF CROQUET SINGLES TOURNAMENT 2017

Round 1	Round 2	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final	Winner
Alistair	Margaret 7-6, 7-2				
Margaret					
	Tony				
	Pat R	David 7-4, 5-7, 7-4			
David	David 7-3, 7-5				
Sue S					
	Graham	Graham 7-2, 7-6			
	Frances				
Carola	Carola 7-5, 7-5	Sally 7-5, 7-3			
Doug					
	Sally				
	Claudine				
Astrid					
Eric					
	Les				
	Patricia W				
Jim					
Ann B					
	Peter				
	Sue F	Michael 7-3, 7-4			
Sue G	Michael 7-5, 7-0				
Michael					

INTERNAL GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES TOURNAMENT 2017

Round 1	Round 2	Semi-finals	Final	Winner
Astrid & Graham	Sue S & Margaret 6-7, 7-1, 7-3	Sue & Margaret 7-6, 7-4		
Sue S & Margaret				
	Peter & Frances			
Sue G & Patricia	David & Sally 3-7, 7-6, 7-2			
David & Sally				
	Sue F & Doug			
	Michael & Claudine			
	Pat R & Eric			
	Jim & Alistair			
Ann B & Les	Val H & Tony 7-1, 7-3			
Val How & Tony				

For the Golf Croquet tournaments, please try to complete the matches by these dates.

Round 1

May 31st

Round 2

July 31st

Quarter-finals, Semi-finals & Finals

August 31st

INTERNAL ASSOCIATION CROQUET SINGLES TOURNAMENT 2017

	Tony	David	Geoff	Eric	Jim	TOTAL
Tony						
David						
Geoff						
Eric						
Jim						

WINNER

INTERNAL ASSOCIATION CROQUET DOUBLES TOURNAMENT 2017

	David & Les	Tony & Geoff	Eric & Jim	TOTAL
David & Les		8 - 7	5 - 9	13 - 16
Tony & Geoff	7 - 8			
Eric & Jim	9 - 5			

WINNER

All Association Croquet matches to be played by August 31st if possible.