



Hayes, Bromley and Keston Croquet Club

Newsletter – August 2019

Dates for the diary

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| Sunday 18th August | Founder's Day celebration (11.30 am start) |
| Friday 23rd August | Coaching Course for those who put their name down |
| 23rd Aug | Completion date for all John Curry Cup Pool matches |
| 31st Aug | Completion date for Championship GC singles QF Completion date for Championship GC doubles Round 2 |
| Wednesday 4th September | Away match v Dulwich AC a.m., GC p.m. |
| 6th/13th September | Possible dates for final of John Curry Cup |
| 30th September | Completion date for all AC Championship matches Completion date for QF (doubles), SF and Finals for GC |
| Friday 25th October | End of Season Quiz Night |
| End of October | End of season |

Club Secretary

Having been the club secretary for 5 years and been producing the monthly newsletter since December 2013 I would like to step down from these tasks at the end of this year and pass the work onto another club member. In the light of our new website, I wonder whether it is time to consider the future of the newsletter in its current form.

I hope that some of you will consider the job. I will be happy to answer any questions you might have and later to give assistance, if necessary, to the person who takes over. Please let me know if you are interested.

Sue

Founders Day

Sunday August 18th from 11.30 am to approx. 4 pm

The weather forecast for Sunday, at the moment, looks reasonable and we should be able to play croquet. It may be necessary to have some waterproofs and warm clothes to hand as the temperature is not expected to be very high and there may be some occasional rain.

The arrangements for play will be the same as for the last 2 or 3 years

- ❖ the croquet is being run as a Pairs Competition;
- ❖ partners will be drawn at the start of the day and all matches will be played with the same partner;
- ❖ 3 small lawns will be used;
- ❖ each game will be the best of 7 hoops: i.e. the first to 4 hoops wins and play stops as soon as one pair reaches 4 hoops;
- ❖ ***hoop 1 is also hoop 7;***
- ❖ there is no set number of games to play nor is there a time limit on games, however to win the tournament it is advantageous to play and win as many matches as possible with the least number of hoops against you;
- ❖ Scores need to be recorded on the score sheets by **each** pair in every game, indicating a win (W) or loss (L) and writing the hoop scores with your score first;
- ❖ having recorded the results on score sheet find another pair to play against and if a lawn is available start playing: if you wish you can double bank on a lawn;
- ❖ the overall winner is the pair with the most wins at the end of play; if there is a tie for the number of wins then the winner is the pair with the least number of hoops scored against them; if results are still tied then the winner is the first pair to score **two** hoops in a play-off. (*This is a slight change*)

In the event that the weather prevents outdoor play, please bring along some board games that we can enjoy.

It doesn't matter if you haven't already signed the list in the club house: if you want to come along, just turn up at 11.30 am.

Don't forget to bring a lunch. Tea, coffee and squash are on the house.

Match Reports

Sydenham Away 20th July 2019

The forecast for our away match at Sydenham on Saturday 20th July was for thunderstorms and heavy rain however on the day we were lucky to play under a lovely blue sky with no rain at all! The home team were looking to avenge a very heavy defeat by us earlier in the season. We played very well for the first two rounds of matches winning both by a margin of 3 - 1. The final round of matches was won by Sydenham 3 -1 so overall Hayes were the victors by 7 matches to 5 with the hoop count at 30-35 in our favour. Well done to all our players who were:

Tony, David, Frances, Margaret, Carola, Sally, Peter and Ann

Sydenham provided us with delicious sandwiches, cheeses, cakes and biscuits. Tea , coffee and squash were also provided so we were well looked after.

We look forward to playing the Sydenham team again next year.

David

HBKCC vs. Merton Monday July 29th.

Blue skies and warm sunshine were the order of the day for the return match against Merton. We used the two half lawns and the 'custom' narrow lawn during the match so that we could play without double banking, with one pair from each side sitting out. This meant we played a total of 12 individual games, with a maximum time limit of 30 minutes.

The competitive spirit in the match was indicated by the fact that only one of the games went to 7 hoops - the other 11 tussles going the full 30 minutes. As we went into the last round we were all square - however losing two of those three games meant we ended up losing the tie by the small margin of one point - 5½ games to 6½. However, the hoop count was 47-44 in our favour.

A sumptuous tea was later had by all (as usual for HBKCC teas).

Many thanks to **Pat Rosser** as timekeeper and scorer, and all those who brought sandwiches and cakes, and a special thank you to **Caroline** and **Sue Stanley** for organising, preparing, and serving the tea - and washing up afterwards!

The team: David, Astrid, Carola, Sally, Frances, Michael, Alistair, Tony

Tony

HBKCC vs. Caterham Monday August 12th.

Dire weather warnings were given prior to our home match vs. Caterham, but we decided to play the match as arranged - 'cos we had a dedicated team unafraid of a little rain! We were to play two doubles Association matches in the morning, and Golf matches in the afternoon.

After an early start, the Association matches were interrupted by a downpour that flooded the lawn, requiring brooms to be used to sweep the water into the gullies. Happily, we were able to complete the games to finish at 12.30 in spite of the continuing dampness.



After a super lunch, the Golfers strutted their stuff. Unfortunately this part of the contest was also affected by downpours to the extent that only half of the scheduled games could be completed - the players bravely battled on in the squelchy conditions to complete four games.

The result: Association - HBKCC 1, Caterham 1

Golf - HBKCC 2 Caterham 2

We did win the hoop count, however, 41 - 39

Many thanks to all those who supplied sandwiches and cakes:-

Val Smith, Vera, Margaret, Frances, Tony, Michael, Astrid

..and very special thanks to **Michael, Astrid, and Patricia** for their tireless work in preparing, serving and clearing away both lunch and tea.

Tony

A
DEMONSTRATION
OF
RACING CROQUET

WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY
25TH AUGUST AT SURBITON CC
AT 11 A.M. ON LAWN 5

WHY NOT COME ALONG AND
HAVE A GO

BERNARD PENDRY

To all persons interested in Croquet and Athletics

How could you possibly integrate these two disciplines?

With the age of the average croquet players it is difficult to envisage but as reported in the July issue of the Croquet Gazette, Bernard Pendry of The Surbiton Croquet Club has come up with a novel idea that he has called RACING CROQUET designed for younger and fitter players. It could be a way of attracting a new generation to the game and attract new club members.

It can be a singles or doubles game and it is against the clock or rather against each other.

Players draw lots, the winner (A) will start at hoop 1 and the loser (B) from hoop 3. They will be issued with one ball each that should be placed a mallets length inside the bye line from their hoop. On the GO signal, for a 6 hoop game, A will run hoops 1 to 6 and B hoops 3, 4, 1, 2, 6, 5. For a 12 hoops game A will continue from hoop 3 and follow as B did and B will continue from hoop 1 as A did.

All times are recorded and in due course time handicaps could be awarded.

Rules are simple:

1. A moving ball should not be touched. Doing so means the ball must be returned to start.
2. In a pairs competition they must play alternate shots.
3. In all games there should be a referee for each side who will record times and see that no rule is broken.

A few of the Surbiton members are confused so Bernard will be holding a demonstration at 11 a.m. on Sunday 25th August. All interested parties are invited to come along, possibly have a go.

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Please let me have items for the next newsletter by **September15th**