

Hayes, Bromley and Keston Croquet Club Newsletter – June 2018

Dates for the diary

Saturday 23 June	Sydenham	Away	1.30 for 2 pm
Friday 29th June	Dulwich	Home	1.30 for 2 pm
Sunday 8th July	Founder's Day	11.30 am to 4-ish	
Monday 16th July	Caterham	Away	1.30 for 2 pm
Monday 23rd July	Merton	Home	1.30 for 2 pm
Thursday 26th July	Purley Bury	Away	1.30 for 2 pm
Monday 6th August	Dulwich Old College	Home	1.30 for 2 pm
Monday 20th August	Dulwich	Away	1.30 for 2 pm
Monday 27th August	Merton	Away	1.30 for 2 pm
Monday 3rd September	Sydenham	Home	1.30 for 2 pm
Saturday 27th October	End of Season		



Congratulations to Geoff who celebrated his 90th birthday on June 6th.

Best wishes to him from everyone in the club.

FOUNDER'S DAY SUNDAY 8 JULY

11.30am – 4.00pm approx.

Weather permitting, Founder's Day, which is held annually in memory of the founder of HBKCC, Eric Dennison, will be held on the above date. We will again be holding a 'bring your own sandwiches' picnic on the lawns. Drinks will be provided plus some other little treats. We will play some gentle croquet and hopefully have an enjoyable afternoon in the sunshine. Wearing whites is customary (but not essential if you do not have any). There will be no charge but please sign the list in the loggia or inform Frances by phone or email if you would like to come so that we have some idea of numbers. We will notify you by email if the event has to be postponed due to bad weather so please keep a look out if the weather is dodgy.



Match reports

On Monday 21 May we visited Dulwich Old College for an away match. It was a warm day, but slightly drizzly at times.

Michael, Astrid, Les, Sue Stanley, Sue Fielder and Caroline played in the matches - all golf. Overall the day was a draw, with each club winning three games each. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

Caroline

Monday 11th June saw the home match versus Caterham played on our lawns. This was a mixed match; two games of Association croquet lasting 2½ hours each, and eight games of Golf croquet spread over the same period. We had to double bank on both lawns, and this unfortunately caused a few problems on the small golf lawn as doubles pairs found their way blocked by a slower games. Maybe as an alternative we should play shorter games, perhaps first to four hoops rather than seven, but this time with only one game being played on the smaller lawn at any one time. The non-playing teams would have to sit out during this period, of course. Anyway, we managed to play all four golf rounds, winning one game and drawing three of the eight games, with Caterham winning four games and drawing likewise in three.

The Association matches produced better results: HBKCC won both games, 16-10 and 14-7.

Overall, we lost the match by $5\frac{1}{2}$ points to $4\frac{1}{2}$. If the hoop count was considered, we ran 57 hoops to Caterham's 52, so good news on that front.

A big vote of thanks to all those who made sandwiches and cakes for the magnificent tea - and a special thank you to **Liz Milliken** and **Anne Grant** for their sterling work in providing and presenting this feast.

Also thank you to **Sue Fielder** for stepping in at the last moment to act as scorer and timekeeper on the day; and thank you **Sue Gregory** for your assistance on that front.

We look forward to the return match on 16th. July

Tony Besgrove

