



Bakewell Croquet Club Newsletter June 2012

In the middle of the soggiest drought on record, it feels more like November than June and I begin to wonder if we will ever get a decent spell of warm weather. We have had our spring tournament, some of our members entered an East Midlands tournament in Nottingham, the league matches have started and our first friendly was last Sunday. So, not all bad, just cold, wet and miserable. I sometimes wonder why intelligent life came to Britain and stayed, but then I wonder if it did!

Lincoln Castle

Several members went to the Lincoln Castle event again this year and Alan Reeves supplied the following report.

Quote

Woodhall Spa's Lincoln Tournament was once again great fun and was held in beautiful weather. We really can recommend it to anyone in the future.

The duo of Furniss and Nursaw was less than dynamic being let down by the lamentable play of Bob. One of their more charitable opponents felt so sorry for them that she knocked three of their balls through the hoop for them. No such sentiments from the rest of the opposition though resulting in a 4 to 2 drubbing overall.

Carol and Dorothy wasted all their lucky shots in one game winning 7-0. They should have saved some for the other six which they lost. Leaving our former semi-finalists, Steve and Gill to salvage our pride, but they weren't in the salvage business on the day. Nevertheless they were the best of the bunch winning three games out of six.

Roll on next year.

Unquote

I have never been to the Lincoln tournament in beautiful weather, I think that it's a try on by Alan.

Club Tournaments

The spring tournament was played on 26th May and around twenty of our members entered. The day was kind (it didn't rain) and the croquet, at least as far as I was concerned, variable. Congratulations to Louis McMeeken who won and to Jean Peters who came second. It is encouraging to see different

members win these tournaments and I recommend that those of you who didn't enter on the 26th do so for the 1st September when we have the 'summer' event.

Nottingham Tournament

Mike White, Dorothy Evans and Jean Peters all entered the C level Golf Croquet tournament held at Nottingham on the 30th May.

The morning was given over to block play with the twenty four players divided into four blocks. Within the block each player had four games of seven hoops played to a time limit. Over lunch players were regrouped so that the winners of each block were grouped together, the runners up were grouped together and so on down the rankings.

The afternoon was a knockout competition with two semi-finals and a final for each of the new groups. The result was a ranking of all players from the winner at one and the bottom at twenty four.

Bakewell did rather well, overall with Dorothy and Mike both winning their blocks in the morning and Jean coming third in hers. Luckily Mike and Dorothy were drawn apart for the semi-finals which they both won setting up an all Bakewell final for the day. Dorothy won a close match and now holds the cup for the year.

I think that this is the first time members of Bakewell have taken part in an official tournament and one of our members won.

Congratulations to Dorothy who should now be held up as an example to all and sundry!!

As a side issue, and being slightly technical for a moment, the tournament was played under level play rules with handicap cards being amended as necessary. Using Dorothy, Mike and Jean as guinea pigs I was pleased to see that our handicap levels appear to be about right.

The Southwell Friendly

This was played on the 10th June and as only five Southwell players turned up, Billie Reeves was good enough to agree to play for the other side. She was also their highest scorer. The format is that familiar to us all where you never play with the same partner; the only difference being that on Sunday it was Bakewell versus Southwell, rather than all mixed up as we often do.

I wasn't there but I believe that all had a good time and my guess is that there will be a return match again next year (if we haven't all drowned).

The Bakewell players were Dorothy Evans, Carol Furniss, Bob Furniss, Jean Peters, Steve Marsh and Louis McMeeken. Southwell didn't stand a chance really, even with Billie on their side. The final score was Bakewell 116 hoops and Southwell 91 (22 of which came from Billie).

Thank you to everyone from Bakewell who made the afternoon go well, and particularly to Bob Furniss for organising the whole thing.

Sheffield U3A Friendly

This is the next friendly on the calendar and scheduled for the 29th June in Sheffield. I have had to do some shuffling of people and will confirm as soon as possible to those of you who have volunteered.

Singles League

This is now up and running and if you wish to enter the second competition (there is bound to be one) please let Jean Peters know as soon as you can.

Schools Liaison

The schools programme is now going and those of you who said you would support Lesley are now required to put action to words. Please volunteer if you can and make Leslie's job that little bit easier. If we don't then she may not do it again and that would be a great shame.

Golding House

The Golding House visit happened on the 6th June and went well with the visitors thoroughly enjoying themselves, which was the prime objective. Thank you to those who took part, it all helps the image of the club.

Association Croquet

Several members have started to attend coaching sessions run by Bill Robinson on a Tuesday evening and I believe that they are enjoying the game. Bill is a patient teacher and prepared to explain the same thing over and over again, when I don't grasp it! Association Croquet (AC) is the original form of croquet and is very different from Golf Croquet. While I know that a number of you have no interest in AC, anyone who is the least bit curious should turn up and have a go, at the very least it will confirm your original decision and you may even enjoy it.

Please contact Bill at bill@robinsonb55.fsnet.co.uk if you are interested.

The Oaksedge Barbecue

The Oaksedge Barbecue approaches and soon Jean and I will be canvassing to find out how many attendees we will have so that we can organise the catering. If you know that you intend to come please let us know either personally or by email (david@oaksedge.org.uk or jean@oaksedge.org.uk).

People keep telling me that July will be fine. I don't believe them and so suggest that you bring you arctic weather gear on the 7th July.

David Peters
11 June 2012

Event	Yes, I wish to enter or support	No, I do not wish to enter or support
26 May Club Tournament		
1 September Club Tournament		
Golding House		
Schools Liaison		
U3A friendly 29 June - away		
U3A friendly 7 September - home		