



Bakewell Croquet Club Newsletter October 2013



I know it's not yet Christmas but thought you would love to see Bob F's creation for the annual Christmas Tree display at Bakewell Parish Church this year. The photo has been submitted to the Croquet Gazette who will print it in the December edition.

AGM

Just a date for your diary, the AGM is on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at the Friend's Meeting House (top floor) again.

DDDC

To paint the inside of the Pavilion we had an excellent turnout of 10 people, we made up by far the vast majority of the team who came to help that day. Les Warren has to make a date for the outside to be done.

DDDC have been much more responsive to mowing the grass as the season had progressed, which is encouraging. They had not been forthcoming about us using our mower. However this changed when we asked about them mowing the lawns October onwards as they responded to report that they had insufficient manpower and suggested we do our own mowing.

This means that our season may stretch beyond mid-October as long as the grass can be maintained at a playable length and the weather is kind. We have also contacted DDDC about 2014 and they have said we can begin to mow the grass ourselves early in the season next year.

Storage is still an issue especially as we will need to find a home for the mower. With Les now stating that the Pavilion is for multi-club use he proposes to hold a joint meeting in November when each club's storage needs will be discussed. He said that any historical storage space will not be valid.

Progress is still slow but we are at least making progress.

FEMCC Leagues

League: GC Division 1

Position	Team	Matches Played	Hoops won	Games Won	Match Wins
1	Ashby	6	463	60	6.0
2	Leicester	6	409	48	5.0
3	Long Eaton A	6	394	39	3.0
4	Bakewell A	6	396	32	2.5
5	Woodall Spa	6	370	29	2.5
6	Nottingham A	6	366	27	1.0
7	Branston A	6	320	17	1.0

League: GC Division 2

Position	Team	Matches Played	Hoops won	Games Won	Match Wins
1	Nottingham B	7	458	56.5	7.0
2	Richmond Park	7	465	52	5.0
3	Branston B	7	444	44	4.5
4	Darley Dale	7	452	44	3.5
5	Bakewell B	7	411	46	3.0
6	North Hykeham	7	396	38.5	3.0
7	Long Eaton B	7	394	36	2.0
8	Torksey	7	333	19	0.0

Singles League

The singles league continues with the 2nd round still having some matches still to be played. It is a very enjoyable league to be part of and would encourage anyone not being part to enter. The different leagues cater for all abilities and it is nice to spend time getting to know people. The 1st round that ended in July Division 1 was won by Peter B, Division 2 by Peter Knowles and Division 3 by Carol Furniss.

Tournaments

We were lucky with the weather, both days being nice and sunny, and had 23 entrants 1st June and 21 on 31st August. The June event was won by Carol and Joan, and Alan R and Peter B whilst the August event was won by Dorothy and Bob F. We will do the same again next year as it is a popular event.

Coaching

Despite our having four coaches there was little uptake for their services this year, so if you do feel you would like some help to improve your game please contact one of the people below:

Peter Blackburn 01433 630200

Bob Furniss 01629 815092
Dorothy Evans 01246 270209
Jean Peters 01629 56409 (please note that I have not missed off a digit)

The Oaksedge Barbecue

This was another great event, enjoyed by all who came. Many thanks are due to Jean and David who hosted it, and to everyone who contributed food.

Ripon Spa Hotel

The second trip to the Ripon Spa Hotel, was at the end of September and 9 people went and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Next year it is likely that there will be just the one visit in early May.

Friendlies

We had a number of these this year both home and away:

- ❖ Sheffield CC (Away) on 3rd May. Lost 12 – 8 (all games were very close with both teams scoring 93 hoops and Sheffield winning).
- ❖ Dudley CC (Home) on 19th May
- ❖ Southwell CC (Away) on 9th June

These are always enjoyable events.

Alan Reeves also organised a session with Golding House clients on 10th July which was successful.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Blackburn', with a long horizontal line underneath it.

Peter Blackburn