



Bakewell Croquet Club Newsletter - September 2015

The season is drawing to a close although with the spell of nice weather forecast it is possible we may be able to extend the season. The lawns have been in excellent condition this year with the weed-killer and fertilizer applications early on in the season, and also the worm casts don't appear to have been quite as significant this year, possibly due to the worm suppressant application.

The lawn mowing rota seems to be working well so many thanks to the team of volunteers. Bob continues to do some great work setting the hoops and generally tending the equipment. Bob and Alan have been very willing to step in to do additional mows when we have been rained off on a Monday, thankfully not often this year, and also to blue-line the lawns, so a big thank you to them both.

We have three new members who joined us late in the season; Clifford Mansfield and Des & Jean Bennett (who are Association players so play on a Thursday evening) so extend a warm welcome to them.

AGM

Will be held on Wed 9th March 2016 at the Friends Meeting House at 7.30pm in the large downstairs room. My three year tenure as chairman ends so a new chairman needs to be elected. Billie will be retiring from the committee after many years of dedicated service, for which we thank her.

DDDC

DDDC are continuing to work on the proposed additional storage for clubs which use the pavilion and have gathered all the information; cost, size, screening etc to put a case to Peak Park about a planning application. If planning is granted DDDC plan to apply for a grant from Sports England and will be asking each club involved to write a letter of support and possibly make a donation towards the cost. Unfortunately the whole process is laborious to say the least, although a pre-planning application has been submitted to Peak Park a formal application has to be prepared complete with drawings. Everything is now with the DDDC Estates Dept which has had its staff cut from 8 down to 2 and although a priority with Services (our contact) it is not a priority with Estates. Still a long way to go!

Pavilion

Afternoon tea in the Pavilion on a Monday and Thursday has proved a real hit with Billie kindly organising tea, coffee and biscuits. It's a good opportunity to not only socialise but also to mix up the players on the day.

Singles League

Jean Peters has issued the Singles League sheet for completion by the end of the season. It is too late to join now but if you wanted to join next year let Jean know. (01629 56409, yes, there really are just 5 digits!).

Tournaments

The second tournament took place on Saturday 22nd August with Steve Marsh coming first with 26 hoops, Bob Furniss second, on 24 hoops and rather pleasingly Jan Flatman third with 22 hoops. It was a lovely afternoon with a record 27 people taking part. Many thanks to the people who brought cakes and savouries for us all to enjoy.

We have decided that next year rather than playing 7 hoops per game we will play for 30 minutes or the first to win 7 hoops, this should mean that there will be a more even spread of games finishing together and also some more interesting scores at the end.

Ripon Spa Hotel

Due to popular demand there is another visit to Ripon on the 14 to 16 October, but most people have booked for one night, the 14th only. There are around 10 people going, but if anyone else wants to join they would be most welcome. All they have to do is ring the Ripon Spa Hotel, book their accommodation and say they are from Bakewell Croquet Club. Then let Jean Peters know you are coming.

Visits to Stately Homes

There were two this year; Peter Knowles arranged another visit to Brodsworth, near Doncaster in August and George Wolfe earlier in the year for an afternoon playing croquet at Snitterton Hall, Matlock in June. Both visits were most enjoyable and we hope to repeat them next year in the same months.

Winter Croquet

With the season drawing to a close in the next few weeks or so I am pleased to announce that Winter Croquet can go ahead again. There is a new name for the gym FITISM (ex-Born2Move). Delicious soup with a spelt roll will still be £6.00 so be there around 1.15pm with a 2.00pm start once the FITISM clients have left the floor. I will send a email out to inform the first date and anyone who wants to go who has not been before just ask me for directions.

Croquet Dinner

We are holding this again on Wednesday 16th March 2016 again at Bakewell Golf Club because the standard of catering is so good. There will be a short 20 minute “cabaret” with Steve & Nadia Marsh and Alan Reeves, but there will be a good opportunity for socialising after the “cabaret”.

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Peter Blackburn