



## Newsletter – May 2017



Bob.

A huge loss but Bob would wish the play to go on.

Welcome to the 2017 season and the first newsletter.

The season has started and we enjoyed some early sunshine on lawns and players looking promising for the new year.



**‘Sorry Dad but here goes red’**

### **Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC)**

Notification of our booking cancellations will be circulated to members. In event of only one court being used for a play session we will pay for a single lawn for that session. Members are requested to notify the Chairman in event of only a single lawn being played.

### **Committee**

Following the AGM your club committee currently comprises -:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Specific Responsibilities (but not limited to)</b>
Chairman	Bill Robinson	Match Liaison Association Croquet
Vice Chairman		tbc
Secretary	Ann Riley	Club meetings Correspondence
Treasurer	Allen Flatman	Club finances
	Jean Peters	Singles League and membership
	Annette Dwyer Joyce	Gen. support
	Jo Jones	Events Calendar
	Ruth Barnes	Press Officer (inc. Web liaison) Catering liaison
	Tim Spray	Grounds man

The club comprises 39 members many of whom undertake an array of tasks to ensure we can all enjoy our sport -:

Team Captains – A - Alan Reeves  
B - Dorothy Evans  
Friendlies – Steve Marsh

**Teams are open for all – please contact the captains.**

Coaches – keep us right. Peter Blackburn , Dorothy Evans, Jean Peters.  
Event reporter – ensures that we appear regularly in press articles – Ruth Barnes  
Webmaster to ensure our IT is up to speed – Dorothy Evans  
Support to catering ensure we are fed and watered as required – Ruth Barnes et al..  
Pavilion Teas – Billie Reeves  
Support to mowing ensures we have good playing surfaces – Tim Spray et al ..  
Tournament organiser – Jill Schmidt (Founder’s and Chairman’s Cup)  
Social activities take place throughout the season with winter walks also arranged – Alan Reeves et al . Winter croquet to be notified – Peter Blackburn  
Away days - George Wolfe (Snitterton) - Peter Knowles (Brodsworth) –Jean Peters (Hathersage Bowls)  
Singles League – Jean Peters  
Events scheduling – Jo Jones  
Equipment – Alan Reeves  
Autumn trip to Ripon – Alan Reeves  
Friendly Matches (U3A, Southwell, Darley Dale, Sheffield Univ, St Elphins) – Steve Marsh  
AC croquet, newsletter and Invitation Day - Bill Robinson

If you involved in any of the above (or other roles) please report back through the committee and we can record all the great stuff we do for the membership.

**Thank-you, ALL, for this huge effort.**

If you wish to support any of the functions please contact the relevant committee member or Chairman/Secretary directly.



**New members always welcomed BUT  
'Shall I tell him he's aiming too far right'**

## Club Coaching sessions

AC – Thursday evenings from 6.00pm – Bill Robinson

GC – 1pm Mondays - 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June and 12<sup>th</sup> June – Jean Peters and Dorothy Evans

## Calendar of events for the season (as at 1<sup>st</sup> May) :-

Key Dates 2017/18 -: Please watch the website and newsletter for further details

Tues to Fri - April 11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Ripon event
Sat - May 20 - tbc	A Team away vs Leicester
Sat - May 27	Club Tournament
Fri - June 2nd	B Team away vs U3A Sheffield at Parkhead
Tues - June 6th	A Team home vs Ashby A
Sun - June 18	Invitation Day
Dates tbc	Friendlies
Sat - June 24	Oaksedge BBQ
Sun - June 25	A Team away vs Ashby B
Wed - June 28	Snitterton away day
Fri – June 30 <sup>th</sup>	B Team home vs Woodhall Spa
Wed - July 5 <sup>th</sup> - morning	Golding House session
Tues - July 18 <sup>th</sup>	A Team home vs Long Eaton
Sat – July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	B Team away vs Richmond
Fri - July 28 <sup>th</sup> afternoon and evening	Rotary event at Bakewell
Mon - August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Brodsworth away day
Wed - August 9 <sup>th</sup>	A Team away vs Nottingham
Sat - August 19 - tbc	B Team home vs Nottingham
Tues - August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	A Team home vs Pinchbeck
Sat - August 26	Club tournament
Sat - September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Social at Tim and Ann Spray's
Sat - September 16 - tbc	B Team home vs Branston District
Sept/Oct - tbc	Play away at Hathersage Bowling Club
tbc	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ripon event
2018	
Wed - March 7	AGM
Wed - March 14	Annual dinner

Club times -:

Monday 2pm – 6pm

Thursday 2pm – 9pm (from 6pm Association Croquet reserved one lawn)

Saturday 10am - Noon

Committee Meetings - May – July 10<sup>th</sup> – September - January



**How to enthrall the spectators – even the dog looks interested**



**A ‘ripon..’ time was had by all**

## **Invitation Day - 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

The invitation for local groups to learn about our sport and enjoy participation.



### **FRIENDLY 'GET TOGETHER' - AT CROQUET DAY**

SUNDAY – 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017  
**BAKEWELL RECREATION GROUND**  
**10.00AM TO 4.00PM**

An invitation for local groups to meet up informally and find out more about the engaging game of croquet. Equipment will be available and Club members will be on hand to provide some tuition and advice on this excellent game of intrigue.

All skill levels catered for.

Bring flat sensible shoes and warm clothing for a cold day.  
Enjoy the Croquet experience in a game of tactic and devilment

#### REFRESHMENT AVAILABLE

We look forward to meeting your participant members on 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Options for some competitive challenges available!

[www.bakewellcroquet.org.uk](http://www.bakewellcroquet.org.uk)

RSVP – [bill@robinsonb55.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:bill@robinsonb55.fsnet.co.uk) T. 01629 812202 (estimated numbers and time would be helpful)

**Any support from members to assist on the day will be welcome.**

## Fancy a new mallet?

There are various makes to trial kept at the Club including Manor House, David Barrett and John Hobbs.

Also see -:

Treetop Mallets [www.treetop-mallets.co.uk](http://www.treetop-mallets.co.uk)

MC Percival Mallets [Michael@croquetmallets.co.uk](mailto:Michael@croquetmallets.co.uk)

David Barrett [davidbarrett.db@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davidbarrett.db@tiscali.co.uk)

John Hobbs: [www.john-hobbs-croquet-mallets.mfbiz.com](http://www.john-hobbs-croquet-mallets.mfbiz.com)

Manor House Mallets: [www.davetrimmermallets.com](http://www.davetrimmermallets.com)

PFC Hoopmaker: [www.croquet.org.uk/shop](http://www.croquet.org.uk/shop)

Further information from the Croquet Magazine – copy at Clubhouse

## Mike White – Mallet

Pat White has kindly left the mallet owned by Mike to the club. This is a fine Manor House mallet now available for use and proudly retained with the club equipment at the pavilion.

## Coaching Courses

Details have been circulated – next two days at Nottingham 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> May.

## Practice Tips

Strike at hoop or another ball from 1 yard with many shots in succession.  
When hitting with accuracy move away a further half a yard and continue.

When comfortably hitting with consistency from 3 to 4 yards move back to 1 yard and widen the angle of shot. Repeat as above.

Rules Notes – email in with any queries

## Errors and Faults - A Simplified Guide

Error	Rule (4 <sup>th</sup> Edition)	Action
<b>Offside</b>		
At the moment a hoop point is scored, any ball that is more than half-way to the next hoop is offside unless it reached its position in that stroke, following contact with an opponent's ball, or by being directed to a penalty spot	10	Opponent(s) can decide to leave the offside ball where it is or have it moved to a penalty spot
<b>Playing a wrong ball (after first three turns of the game)</b>		

Error	Rule (4 <sup>th</sup> Edition)	Action
Striker plays partner ball (singles) ( <i>Opponent should advise striker that he is about to play the wrong ball</i> )	11(b)(1)	Replace the balls and then striker plays the correct ball - thus no penalty
Player plays his own ball but out of sequence when it was his partner's turn to play (doubles)  ( <i>Other players should advise player that he is playing out of sequence</i> )	11(c)(1)	Replace the balls and then player's partner plays his ball - thus no penalty
Striker plays partner ball (doubles)	11(c)(2) (1)	Balls are replaced and the game continues
or Striker plays opponent's ball (singles or doubles)	11(b)(2)	Opponent(s) can choose
or Player plays his own ball but out of sequence when it was opponent's turn to play (doubles)	11(d)	(a) to have all balls replaced or leave them where they are; and  (b) to restart play with either of their balls
<b>Non-striking faults</b>		
A moving ball touches any part of a player, his mallet, clothes or shoes	12(a)	If the striker commits the fault, then opponent(s) can choose to have the ball(s) replaced or leave them where they are; and opponents then restart play using the next ball in sequence.  If none of the balls move, then the striker loses that turn.  If the player who commits the fault is not the striker, then the defaulter (or his team) loses his (or its) next turn.  No points can be scored.
or A player touches, moves or shakes a stationary ball with any part of his body, mallet, clothes or shoes	12(a)	
or A player causes damage to the lawn	12(b)	
<b>Striking faults</b>		
In striking a ball, if the striker:		
strikes the ball with any part	13(a)(5)	Opponent(s) can choose



Error	Rule (4 <sup>th</sup> Edition)	Action
of the mallet other than the end face		to have the ball(s) replaced or leave them where they are.  Opponents then restart play using the next ball in sequence.  No point can be scored.
'double-taps' the ball	13(a)(6)	
does a 'crush' shot	13(a)(7)	
moves or shakes a stationary ball by hitting a hoop or peg with a mallet	13(a)(10)	
pushes or pulls the ball with a mallet	13(a)(11)	
touches another ball with a mallet	13(a)(12)	
<b>Etiquette</b>		
Breaches of etiquette include leaving a lawn without permission, talking, moving about, arguing, not accepting the decision of a referee, wasting time (over 1 min. per shot) or marking the desired finishing position of a ball	14	A referee should be found.  A warning is issued for the first offence. A repeat offence causes the player to lose a turn. A further offence causes the player to lose the match



**‘Dont panic’ – there is always an ice cream awaiting**

## **The Croquet Association**

Bakewell is a member of the Croquet Association (CA) and pays a sub to them.

The CA is the National Governing Body for our sport.

Benefits of membership -:

- There is a CA shop
- Magazine
- Insurance
- CA offer grants and loans
- CA offer sponsorships
- CA offer awards
- CA run the handicapping system
- CA organise National Matches/Open events
- CA offer coaching

We receive the magazine and will try to ensure that a recent copy is available at the pavilion.

Anybody wishing to enter a National Open competition will see the options in the CA fixtures book held by the committee.

Those wishing to consider coaching tuition or being coached please ask the committee for advice as required.

If you learn of any activity or event that may of interest please let the our secretary know and she will circulate the membership.

See

[www.croquet.org.uk](http://www.croquet.org.uk)

## **The Federation of East Midlands Croquet Clubs (FEMCC)**

The FEMCC under the auspices of the CA organise the leagues within the region of -: Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northants, Notts and Rutland.

To enter leagues clubs have to be affiliated to the CA.

There are three leagues for Golf Croquet (Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3)

The Bakewell A and B teams take part in these Leagues relevant to them and pay the fees necessary to the FEMCC.

There are also 2 Association Leagues (26 and 14 pt).

See

[www.eastmidlandscroquet.org.uk](http://www.eastmidlandscroquet.org.uk)

[www.bakewellcroquet.org.uk](http://www.bakewellcroquet.org.uk)



Bob.

A broad stance and broad smile – fondly remembered always.

He would wish us all to -

**HAVE A GREAT SEASON**