



Newsletter – October 2017



The worst in them maybe but the best in all of us !!!!

What a great season we have all enjoyed.

Welcome to the 2nd newsletter 2017.

Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC)

We continue to work with DDDC and have enjoyed some responsive work this year.

Committee

Committee currently comprises -:

| Position | Name | Specific Responsibilities (but not limited to) |
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| 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 45 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 and Carol Furniss

Teams are open for all – please contact the captains.

Coaches – keep us right. Dorothy Evans, Jean Peters, Bill Robinson.
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 ensures 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 – Bill Robinson
Equipment – Alan Reeves
Autumn trip to Ripon – Alan Reeves

Friendly Matches (U3A, Southwell, Darley Dale, Sheffield Univ, St Elphins) – Steve Marsh and Carol Furniss

AC croquet, newsletter and Croquet 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**
Keep it friendly!

Club Coaching sessions

AC – Thursday evenings from 6.00pm – Bill Robinson

Enjoyed by those that participate and we hope to continue in 2018

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

Much appreciated by members this opportunity may be available again in 2018.

Key Dates 2017/18 -: All your efforts have led to a busy 2017/18

Calendar of events for the season (as at 1st October) -:

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

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| Tues to Fri - April 11 th – 14 th | 1 st Ripon event |
| Sat - May 27 | Club Tournament (winner Founders Cup – Steve Marsh) |
| Fri - June 2 nd | B Team away vs U3A Sheffield at Parkhead (result 11-1 lost) |
| Wed – June 14 th | A Team home vs Ashby A (Result 6-6 draw) |
| Sun – June 18 | Invitation Day |
| Sat – June 24 | Oaksedge BBQ |
| Sun – June 25 | A Team away vs Ashby B (result 11-1 win) |
| Fri – June 30 th | B Team home vs Woodhall Spa (result 8-4 win) |
| Wed – July 5 th | Snitterton visit |
| Wed – July 5 th – morning | Golding House session |
| Tue – July 11 th | Friendly – vs – Darley Dale away |
| Wed – July 19 th | A Team away – vs – Nottingham (4-8 loss) |
| Friday – July 21 st | Friendly – vs – Darley Dale home |
| Sat – July 22 nd | B Team away vs Richmond (Gainsborough,Lincs) (7-5 loss) |
| Tues – July 25 th | A Team –vs- Long Eaton home (8-4 win) |
| Fri - July 28 th afternoon and evening | Rotary event at Bakewell |
| Mon - August 7 th | Brodsworth away day |
| Mon – August 14 th | Friendly vs Sheffield U3A away |
| Sat – August 19 th | A Team away vs Leicester (5-7 win) |
| Tues - August 22 nd | A Team home vs Pinchbeck (5-7 loss) |
| Sat - August 26 | Club tournament (winner Chairmans Cup – Tim Spray) |
| Thurs -30 th Aug | B Team –vs – Nottingham home (4-8 loss) |
| Sunday – September 3 rd | Friendly –vs- Southwell away |
| Tues – September 5 th | Friendly – vs – Darley Dale away |
| Sat – September 9 th | Social at Tim and Ann Spray's |
| Tues - September 12 th | B Team home - vs – Branston District U3A (4-8 loss) |
| Sat - September 30 th | Play away at Hathersage Bowling Club |
| Tues/Wed/Thurs – 3/4/5 October | 2 nd Ripon event |
| Formal sessions end 15th October Winter Croquet at Fitism start 28/10 Winter walks 6/1 and 15/2 | Details to follow Details to follow |
| 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 – October - January 8th 2018

AC and GC coaching have been available as above.

Cricket Fixture Dates (Saturdays: starting 1pm and finish 7/8pm) : April 29th, May 13th, May 20th, June 10th, June 24th, July 8th, July 22nd, August 5th, August 12th, August 19th, September 2nd

Orme Shield Week: July 10th, 12th and 14th (6pm to 9.30pm) – postponed one week

FEMCC AGM – 18th November



‘How many teas did Peter drink? !’



‘Tea, wonderful tea !!!!’

A Very Brief History of Bakewell Croquet club – Alan R

In the summer of 2004, a few Bakewell neighbours got together with a view to playing croquet on Bakewell Recreation Ground. Enthusiastic from the start and with very little previous experience, it was decided to form a club.

In 2005, Derbyshire Dales District Council were able to provide two small lawns so we were able to start playing. We then had an informal meeting where we chose an interim committee to form Bakewell Croquet Club. We had 12 members, joined the Croquet Association and the Federation of East Midlands Croquet Clubs who loaned us hoops, balls and mallets. Other clubs in the FEMCC were very helpful and friendly.

In 2006 we held our first AGM, had 21 members, played in the FEMCC League, received a grant of £4000 from “Sport for All”, had an additional full size lawn at Thornbridge Hall that turned out to be temporary. As shown in the AGM minutes “We’d had a good year and all enjoyed it very much”.

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By 2007 we had managed to get our 2 full size lawns on the cricket outfield. By now, BCC was well established and all down to the positive input of so many members doing so many tasks and at the same time creating our reputation as a friendly, welcoming club.

By design, the club's committee is constantly changing and for the last 12 years has thrived because of their positive efforts and help from other members.

We are all in this together and should be proud of what we have.

If any of members would like to provide further historic information on the formation of the Club and its early years please let the Chairman know – Thank-you.

Practice Tips

Shooting at another ball – fire balls at a target ball from fair distance – if you start missing reduce the distance until 100% strike success

Hoop approaches – fire balls to a target point in front of hoop where a hoop success on next shot is guaranteed

Hoop running – fire shots from different distances and angles until confident on success

Stop shot approaches – fire balls at target ball to move it to identified positions.

Invitation Day - 18th June 2017.



Despite a distinct lack of interest from local organizations invited to participate we once again flew the club colours on a baking June day in providing a great day for visitors to enjoy the game of croquet. In 2018 we are proposing to once again show our mettle in support of National Croquet Day – details to follow.

Tim and Ann's Tea – 9th September



Boules, Croquet and a fine banquet were enjoyed at Palterton in September with social activities also enjoyed at the Oaksedge Summer Barbeque.

Away days at Snitterton and Brodsworth supplied some extra-curricular fun with the spring and autumn trips to Ripon enabling some enjoyment on fine lawns.

Hathersage Bowls Club



Well done to all club members that supported the visit to Hathersage Bowls Club. We hope to develop this exchange play and perhaps introduce the idea to other clubs in the locality.

RESULTS. (See Website for further information)

Club Tournaments.

Spring Founder's Cup – Steve Marsh

Autumn – Chairman's Cup – Tim Spray

Club Singles League

Div 1 - Tim

Div 2 - George

Div 3 - Allen

FEMCC League

A Team

3/6 Wins with one draw

B Team

1/5 Wins

A solid performance from all our team players.

If would like to participate in 2018 please contact the team captains (Alan and Dorothy).

For friendly games where smiles rather than points are enjoyed in relaxed contest then please contact Carol or Steve.



Whilst Steve Marsh achieved Golf Croquet success in Chester by winning the 'Chester Bowl' – Bill Robinson gained Association Croquet success with the winning of the Morland Cup in Cumbria with the visiting team.



COCK-A-HOOP: At the Morland croquet competition are (left to right) Ted Thwaites, Ed Tallis, Bill Robinson, Antony Leeming, Tom Ryan, John Parker, Charles Blackett-Ord, Nick Jones, Neil Stuart, Irene Faith and Ian Black. Front: Angy Lowther, David Unwin, Bob Bryden, Freddy Markham, Ian Tupling and Pippa Tallis.

Celebrating half century of croquet classic

The Morland Croquet Cup was played for the 50th time on Wednesday at Morland House.

Founded by the late Canon Gervase Markham after he was visited by Bob Bryden and the Rev. David Crook, the annual event has survived and flourished. Remarkably Bob Bryden, now of Keswick, returned to play a full part in the match 50 years later.

Originally a contest between local clergy and masters of the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School,

Penrith, the contest has evolved into home and visitors teams led by Freddy Markham, of Morland, and Ian Tupling, of Great Strickland.

The scores after 50 years are remarkably even at 26.5 wins for Morland and 23.5 for the visitors. The player who has played the most matches is Antony Leeming, of Skirsgill, who has played 38 times.

This year, the visitors won by three matches to one. Bill Robinson and Ted Thwaites beat Morland's Charles Blackett-Ord and Antony

Leeming; Ed Tallis and Tom Ryan beat David Unwin and John Parker; and Pippa Tallis and Ian Tupling beat Bob Bryden and Neil Stuart. For Morland, Nick Jones and Angy Lowther beat Irene Faith and Ian Black.

A celebration tea was served at the Mill Yard Cafe and in the evening a champagne reception followed by a dinner was held at Morland House for the Morland team and guests, again provided by Rob and Sarah Kite, of the Mill Yard Cafe.

Homes on site of garden centre?

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

MC Percival Mallets Michael@croquetmallets.co.uk

David Barrett davidbarrett.db@tiscali.co.uk

John Hobbs: www.john-hobbs-croquet-mallets.mfbiz.com

Manor House Mallets: www.davetrimmermallets.com

PFC Hoopmaker: www.croquet.org.uk/shop

PHC Mallets: mlstuchfield@gmail.com

Further information from the Croquet Magazine – copy at Clubhouse



Come on – get on with it ! Clock’s ticking!



New members

The Club is delighted to have secured new members from Chesterfield. John, Martin, Stephen, Mark, Max and Rick have taken to **golf croquet** and play on the second lawn during the Thursday evening AC Coaching sessions.

Any members wishing to participate in this Thursday evening session are more than welcome to join the new members and enjoy some friendly play and banter.

As a reminder

Rules Notes – email in with any queries

Errors and Faults - A Simplified Guide

| Error | Rule (4 th Edition) | Action |
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| Offside | | |
| 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 |
| Playing a wrong ball (after first three turns of the game) | | |
| 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 |
| Non-striking faults | | |
| A moving ball touches any part of a player, his mallet, clothes or shoes | 12(a) | If the striker commits the |

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| <i>or</i> A player touches, moves or shakes a stationary ball with any part of his body, mallet, clothes or shoes | 12(a) | 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. |
| <i>or</i> A player causes damage to the lawn | 12(b) | |

Striking faults

In striking a ball, if the striker:

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| strikes the ball with any part of the mallet other than the end face | 13(a)(5) | Opponent(s) can choose 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) | |

Etiquette

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| 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 | 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 |
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| finishing position of a ball | | to lose the match |



‘White to play.....’

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 be of interest please let the our secretary know and she will circulate the membership.

See - 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



Oh phooeee !!! – it's the end of another season!!

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Prices may be changed -:

*Books available
from the Croquet
Shop* Price

Delivery

The Basic laws £2.00

This booklet contains all the essential laws of both games, without going into complicated detail. An ideal guide to the laws for beginners and garden players.

No Charge

Know the Game £7.00

A comprehensive introduction with a summary of the laws, information on equipment, fully illustrated explanations of strokes and a guide to tactics.

No Charge

Covers both Association croquet and Golf croquet.

**Coaching Manual -
The Croquet** £11.50

No Charge

Association Softback, 108 pages with diagrams. Published 2006

The authoritative guide to coaching Association croquet whether the players are beginners, intermediate or more expert.

CA GC Coaching Manual – The CA guide to coaching GC

only available online.

Association Croquet

Laws and Regulations £4.00

- Sixth edition, as amended 2008.

The official laws of Association Croquet as played in the CA's domain and other countries. An essential reference for all players.

No Charge

How to play Croquet - £4.50

Reprinted from the 1989 original.

A beginners guide to how to play Association Croquet, written by Mike Shaw and Nigel Aspinall. 48 colour pages softback booklet, with lots of helpful diagrams.

No Charge

Simplified Croquet - £8.00

Peter Danks. First published 1988.

Volume 2 of the Simple Croquet series, Simplified Croquet the mini-break way.

157 pages, b & w, spring-coil bound softback.

Describes tactics and exercises for 4 and 3 ball breaks.

No Charge