



# Hayes, Bromley and Keston Croquet Club

## Newsletter – July 2018

### Dates for the diary

Monday 23rd July	Merton	Home	1.30 for 2 pm
Thursday 26th July	Purley Bury	Away	1.30 for 2 pm
Monday 6th August	Dulwich Old College	Home	1.30 for 2 pm
Monday 20th August	Dulwich	Away	1.30 for 2 pm
Monday 27th August	Merton	Away	1.30 for 2 pm
Monday 3rd September	Sydenham	Home	1.30 for 2 pm
Saturday 27th October	End of Season		

### Match reports

Saturday afternoon on the 23rd. June saw our away match vs. Sydenham played under sunny skies. There is only one lawn, so we ended up playing nine games double banking - playing seven hoops and then finishing.

The HBKCC won the match 6 - 3, though the hoop count was much closer than the game count suggests; we ran 33 hoops to Sydenham's 30.

A scrummy tea was then enjoyed by all. Well done team HBKCC!!

(The victorious team: Peter & Ann Brinson, Michael Handyside, Astrid Oram, Margaret Sinclair, Carola Law, Sue Stanley & myself)

Tony



On the 29th. June we played a home match against our friends from Dulwich. The match consisted of two two-hour games of Association, and eight doubles matches of golf, double-banking on the small lawn.

It was a hot day and the golfers appreciated a slightly shorter playing time of 25 minutes per game with a short break between each game to rehydrate!

Whilst the Association players did well to win one game and draw the other (hoop count 19-8 in our favour), we were unfortunately comprehensively beaten 6 games to 2 in the golf (hoop count 30-12 in Dulwich's favour). Hats off to Caroline & Alistair who won two games for the club!!

Tea, as usual, was superb. Thanks to all who made sandwiches, scones and cakes, and to **Sue Stanley** and **Margaret** for making it all happen. Thanks also to **Pat Rosser** who acted as captain, scorer, and timekeeper.

Tony



On Monday 16th July we travelled to Caterham for our return match with that club. It was another hot day, but luckily there was enough shade to be found. The match consisted of two doubles games of Association croquet for 2 hours 15 minutes and eight doubles Golf games of 30 minutes with a five minute break between each game.

In the Golf we won three games apiece, with two games being drawn. The star of the Golf fixture was **Astrid**, being on the winning side in two games and drawing two. In the Association matches we drew one game and lost the other. So overall we lost the fixture by 5.5 points to 4.5 (though the hoop count in the Golf was 32-29 in our favour)

A lovely afternoon was had by all finishing with sandwiches and a cream tea.

Many thanks to Caterham for their hospitality and to **Sue Gregory** for scoring and officiating.

Team members: Assoc: Tony/Geoff/Jim/Doreen  
Golf: Sally/Alistair/Michael/Astrid



## Founder's Day, Sunday 8th July

Twenty members came along for the celebrations, 19 to play and one to spectate. In the searing heat we managed to play 46 best of 7- hoops matches, which was no mean feat. Fortunately we were able to shelter at times under the gazebos: Caroline had borrowed one from a friend and we were all extremely grateful to her for doing so.

We all took our picnic lunches and Frances brought along some sausage rolls and other nibbles as well as some delicious strawberries and cream and some Bucks Fizz. Added to that, Caroline had baked and decorated the most spectacular cake. It was quite a feast! Our thanks to them for all their hard work

The pair who won the most matches during the afternoon was Caroline and Val Howard and they were duly rewarded.

Sue G



## Notices from Frances

In order to contribute to the movement to reduce plastic waste, we will no longer be providing drinks in the loggia on regular club days. Most of us bring our own, anyway. On match days we will try to use cardboard cups instead of plastic ones.

The big urn will now be kept in the loggia so that it is available to everyone providing tea on match days, etc.

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**August 15th**

## Rules Review

### Offside

Error	Action
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	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)*

Error	Action
In <i>singles</i> the striker plays partner ball <i>(Opponent should advise striker that he is about to play the wrong ball)</i>	Replace the balls and then striker plays the correct ball - no penalty
In <i>doubles</i> a player plays his own ball but out of sequence when it was his partner's turn to play <i>(Other players should advise player that he is playing out of sequence)</i>	Replace the balls and then the player's partner plays his ball - no penalty
In the following circumstances: (a) In <i>doubles</i> the striker plays partner's ball (b) In <i>singles or doubles</i> the striker plays opponent's ball (c) In <i>doubles</i> a player plays his own ball but out of sequence when it was opponent's turn to play	Opponent(s) can choose (a) to have all balls replaced or leave them where they are; and then (b) to restart play with either of their balls

### Non-striking faults

Error	Action
A moving ball touches any part of a player, his mallet, clothes or shoes.  A player touches, moves or shakes a stationary ball with any part of his body, mallet, clothes or shoes.  A player causes damage to the lawn	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.

## Striking faults

Error	Action
<p>In striking a ball, if the striker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) strikes the ball (deliberately or accidentally) with any part of the mallet other than the end face</li> <li>(b) 'double-taps' the ball</li> <li>(c) does a 'crush' shot</li> <li>(d) causes own ball to strike another ball while still in contact with the mallet unless the balls were touching at the start</li> <li>(e) strikes his ball when it is in contact with a hoop upright other than away from the hoop.</li> <li>(f) moves or shakes a stationary ball by hitting a hoop or peg with a mallet</li> <li>(g) pushes or pulls the ball with a mallet</li> <li>(h) touches another ball with a mallet</li> <li>(i) rests the shaft of the mallet, hand or arm against the legs or feet or on the ground or anything outside the court</li> <li>(j) plays before the previous turn ends</li> <li>(k) touches a ball with any part of the body or clothing</li> <li>(l) damages the lawn with the mallet such that it can affect the play in that area</li> </ul>	<p>Opponent(s) can choose to have the ball(s) replaced or leave them where they are.</p> <p>Opponents then restart play using the next ball in sequence.</p> <p>No point can be scored.</p>

