



Hayes, Bromley and Keston Croquet Club

Newsletter – July 2019

The Club Gardens - photos by Tony



Dates for the diary

Saturday 20th July	Away match v Sydenham GC p.m.
Monday 29th July	Home match v Merton GC p.m.
31st July	Completion date for Championship GC singles Round 2 Completion date for Championship GC doubles Round 1
27th July - 4th August 2019	GC World Championships at Southwick Eastbourne, Worthing & Tunbridge Wells
Monday 12th August	Home match v Caterham AC a.m., GC p.m.
Sunday 18th August	Founder's Day celebration (11.30 am start)
23rd Aug	Completion date for all John Curry Cup Pool matches
31st Aug	Completion date for Championship GC singles QF Completion date for Championship GC doubles Round 2
Wednesday 4th September	Away match v Dulwich AC a.m., GC p.m.
6th/13th September	Possible dates for final of John Curry Cup
30th September	Completion date for all AC Championship matches Completion date for QF (doubles), SF and Finals for GC
Friday 25th October	End of Season Quiz Night
End of October	End of season

Match Reports

On Monday 24th. July we had our first away match of the season vs. Merton.

Although we were threatened with possible thunderstorms, these failed to materialise and apart from a few spots we were spared the rain, though it was both hot and humid.

The matches were played with no chance of a break between them and on such a day it was quite a trial. We were limited to 35 minutes exactly, and with double banking on the half lawns we all encountered delays whilst waiting for hoops to clear with the other competitors.

Sixteen games were played, and unfortunately we lost the match by 8 to 5, with 3 games drawn. The hoop count was Merton 81, HBKCC 71. However, Merton are always a pleasure to play against and I we all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Most importantly, tea was up to the usual high standard.

The team: Tony, Alistair, Carola, Sue Stanley, Michael, Astrid, Val Smith, Pat Rosser

Tony

Match vs. Purley Bury Monday July 1st.

Monday July 1st. saw the visit of Purley Bury to our lawns for a combined Association/Golf match. We started the Association match shortly after 10am with a view to finishing at 12.30pm. Two doubles matches were played double banking on the large lawn under a cloudless sky. The games finished honours even, HBKCC winning one and Purley Bury the other.

The golfers had arrived by then and after a superb lunch for all, the golf matches began - first to seven hoops or 40 minutes, whichever came first. After some close contests, we unfortunately lost the match by a narrow margin - one more game in our favour and we would have swung it.

The result:-

Association - HBKCC 1 - Purley Bury 1

Golf - HBKCC 2½ - Purley Bury 3½

Overall - HBKCC 3½ - Purley Bury 4½

As a consolation, the hoop count was HBKCC 56, Purley Bury 49

The Team: Tony, David, Jim, Eric, Sally, Alistair, Michael, Astrid

Many thanks to all those who brought sandwiches and cakes and who help set out the lunch, notably Sally, Michael, Astrid, and Frances (I hope I haven't left anyone out), and most of all a very special thank you to **Liz Milliken** who worked tirelessly in the kitchen for most of the day - thank you **Liz!!**

Tony

Match - away vs. Caterham

On Monday 15th. July the HBKCC played an away match vs. Caterham. The weather was good and Caterham's lawns played very fast and true. We had arranged to play 4 doubles games in Association, and 8 doubles games in Golf.

The Association team, aided by a number of bisques, came out winners by 3½ games to ½, whilst the Golf team, having had to give away a number of extra turns, narrowly lost the Golf competition by 3 games to 5.

Overall - we won the tie by 6½ points to 5½ - well done team!

After the match we were treated to a superb feast of summer sandwiches, strawberry scones and strawberry cheesecake.

The team:-

Association: Eric, David, Jim, Tony

Golf: Frances, Valerie Smith, Alistair, Michael

Tony

Foxes



After



Before



On July 6th there was more fox damage on the lawn. Take a look at the above pictures. The **before** pic shows on the right, a burrowed hole behind the clubhouse that I filled in with a paving slab last week, and on the left, a new burrowed hole that must only be a few days old. The **after** picture shows the hole closed up with another paving stone filled in.

I think this may indicate exactly where the fox is gaining entry at the moment. Better keep an eye on this area then.

Tony

GOLF COACHING

Clive Grimley from The Croquet Academy has agreed to pay a return visit to the club to do some coaching. All those who participated in his last coaching session agreed it was a great help in their play.

He is available on EITHER Friday 23rd. AUGUST OR Friday 30th. AUGUST

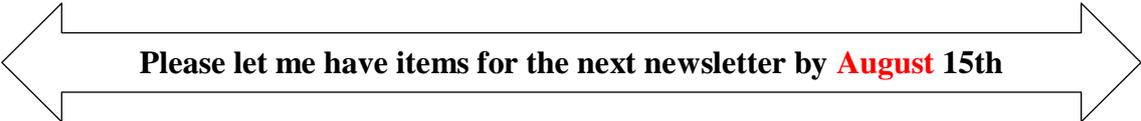
What we are proposing, subject to enough participants, is a **beginners** course and an **improver's** course - one held in the morning and another in the afternoon.

The cost per member last time was most reasonable - I think it was about £12 per person, but will vary according to the number of participants. Arranging both courses in one day will reduce the overall cost.

Please could anyone interested in attending indicate TO ME which day, and which course, they are willing to take part in. If you are available on both days please indicate as this will help.

There will be a maximum of 8 in each group

Tony



Please let me have items for the next newsletter by **August 15th**

FOUNDER'S DAY
Sunday 18 August
11.30 – 4.00 approx

Founder's Day is held annually in memory of the founder of HBKCC, Eric Dennison.

Please bring your own lunch for a picnic by the lawns or in the clubhouse, depending on the weather.

Drinks will be available in the clubhouse together with the odd treat or two.

There will be an informal round robin match for all those who wish to take part.

If the day is very wet and no play possible, if you wish, bring along some games e.g. Rummikub, Uno, Yahtzee, Scrabble and we can have a games afternoon indoors instead.

Wearing whites is traditional, but not essential if you do not have any.

Please sign the list in the clubhouse if you are coming – just so that we get a rough idea of numbers.

Thank you.

Frances

Double Taps and Crush Shots

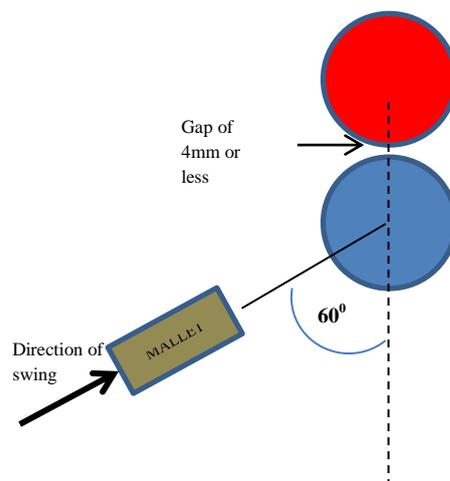
- *It's a fault if your mallet hits your ball more once in a stroke (double tap). Rule 11.2.4.*
- *It's also a fault if you cause your ball, while still in contact with your mallet, to touch another ball, unless the balls were in contact before the stroke was played. Rule 11.2.6.*

Therefore:

- a) If the balls are touching it is legitimate to drive your ball directly into another.
- b) If the gap between the balls is **4mm or less** then the combination of Rules 11.2.4 and 11.2.6 means that any stroke in which a ball is driven directly into another ball is a fault.

In this instance, to avoid a fault, the mallet must be swung at an angle of at least 60° to the line of the centres.

If the gap is more than 4mm a stroke which is played at an angle of less than 60° **may** be lawful.



- c) If the gap between the balls is **more** than 4mm and one ball is driven directly into another it is a fault if the second ball doesn't travel at least 8 times as far as the first ball does.

See Appendix 4 in the 5th Edition of the Golf Croquet Rules

When the balls are in contact with or very close to the hoop or peg, extra care must be taken because:

- *It's a fault to cause your ball, while it's still in contact with your mallet, to touch the hoop or peg. Rule 11.2.6*
- *If your ball lies in contact with the hoop upright or peg you must hit away otherwise it's a fault. Rule 11.2.7*