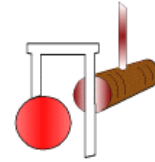


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## Newsletter No. 54 March 2010

### Chairman's Corner

The new season is just around the corner and will be here before we know it. The lawns are in good shape, and have stood up well to the winter's use. The cold weather has stopped the grass from growing, but not the hardy members who turn out on club days and at other times. The short-lawn competition has been on-going and is being closely contested. The competition will end on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March, and the winner will be presented with the trophy at the AGM on the following day. Our thanks go to Des Honey for taking over the recording and organising of results etc.

When I was last at the club, in mid January, there appeared to have been no Golf Ladder matches played during the winter. If sufficient matches have been achieved by any individual by the 27<sup>th</sup> March, then a presentation will be made at the AGM. Ladders for both the codes will start afresh at the start of the season.

Copies of the fixture list have been circulated with the AGM material; a proper fixture card will be available at the AGM, or afterwards in the clubhouse. There will be no increase in subscriptions recommended by the committee this year: they will be due on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

There are various pre-season coaching sessions taking place this month – details are given below. Cliff Jones, who is organising a two-day course covering Association and Golf Croquet, is a recognised national coach who was presented with a special award last year for his services to coaching. Members with all levels of proficiency will benefit by taking part. Those wanting only golf tuition will be accommodated during the first day, which will also cover the common parts of the two games. However, those wanting more advanced tuition will be catered for during both days. There will have to be a small charge to cover Cliff's motoring expenses and the booklet that he is preparing for the Association

players. This will work out at £2 per head per day for petrol, plus £6 for the booklet – a small price to get your season off to a good start.

Don't forget the Golf Improver Course on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Names to me please by 19<sup>th</sup> March. See the note in your AGM papers for details.

As the new season approaches, new rosters for the cutting of the grass and whitelining will be required. We need volunteers to help with these essential duties. The club does not run itself, but relies on members to do their bit to ensure that it runs efficiently. We are indebted to those who cut the grass, maintain the equipment, keep the clubhouse stocked, do various work on the sheds, organise the various teams, turn up to coach others, arrange the fixtures, organise and manage the tournaments, do the secretarial work and keep the books straight. There is also the job of being on hand to serve the teas when visiting teams are playing – we have a reputation for our hospitality.

Association Improver Days have not proved to be as successful as hoped. This is no reflection on either the coached or the coaches, but rather a situation where a class consists of those wanting different levels of help that cannot be covered without overlooking the needs of others on the course. With this in mind, the Improver Courses have been abandoned (which accounts for the apparent lack of activity on the fixture list) in favour of pre-club-day sessions on particular topics that individuals want, or which the trainers think will be of value. The system will not be restricted to Association Croquet; specific topics will be covered prior to Golf Club days as well. The first Golfing subject will be the tangled web of Wrong-Ball play, to which I would expect a good turnout, judging by the number of times I have been asked to give refereeing decisions on the subject. So make a

date for **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00 pm.** (bring a pencil or pen with you).

There is a notice in the clubhouse giving details of how you can request any particular topic. We don't need large numbers to trigger a session – it's up to each individual to know what's wanted to improve his/her play.

Sessions will be posted in Clubhouse and on Paul's Web Site (address at top of newsletter)

Club days will start at 2-00pm from April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thanks again to Margaret Read for organising the trip to Medical Maelstrom. I understand that it lived up to its reputation of being a thoroughly good evening out; although for a different cause this year. Unfortunately I couldn't get there this time.

My thanks to those who have sent good wishes regarding my hip replacement (I thought that I ought to keep up with the Reads, Edwards, Wilsons, Hadleys, Honeys, Dysons Old Uncle Tom Cobleigh and all who have had knees or hips done recently. But I won't try to emulate those who have had both hips done!!). I am pleased to say that all went well, after being offered only 18 hours notice to go in to Treliske. As it turned out, I made the right decision, because I missed the the Norovirus at both ends – i.e. I had gone by the time it came, and have not been held up by the cancelled operations. I should be back on the lawns by April. I'm pleased that all the others have done so well.

Don't forget the AGM on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, and remember that it is at a new venue.

Please don't forget to let Colin have your competition entries and fees, and Paul your subscriptions.

Have a great season

Ron

**FANCY A TRIP TO A BREWERY?**

Possible morning visit @ £7 (OAP £6)

Free tastings and free pint

Lunches available

Interested for April or May?

Contact Joyce.

**COACHING DATES**

**GOLF** – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10-30 to 1-00  
Improver Course 1. Tell Ron by 19<sup>th</sup>  
Lawn booked for afternoon if required.

**GOLF & ASSOCIATION**

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March 9-30 to 5.00

Coach – Cliff Jones, from Sidmouth  
with help from club coaches.

Bring your own lunch.

**Monday am** will concentrate on those parts common to both codes, with some separate topics for more experienced.

**Monday pm** will be more for the less experienced Association players, but golfers will not be forgotten, nor the other Association members.

**Tuesday** will be for Association, but golfers may attend if they wish. This can be discussed on the Monday.

Charge £2 / day to cover Cliff's petrol  
£6 for Association booklet covering the course.

PLEASE LET RON KNOW TO WHICH SECTIONS YOU ARE COMING BY THURS 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

**GOLF** – PRE-CLUB-DAY SESSION  
**1.00pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**THE WRONG-BALL RULES & RESULTING PENALTIES**

(Bring a pen or pencil with you)

No booking required – be ready at 1pm

**Interested in a theatre visit?**  
St Austell Players production of

**GASLIGHT**

At the Arts Theatre 19<sup>th</sup> March 7-30pm

Cost £7 per person by 10<sup>th</sup> March

Contact Joyce Wilson for more details