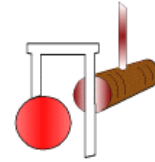




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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Time seems to have fled past since my last newsletter, so although there has only been limited action on the lawns, play does continue on Club days. As had been intended, Lawn 2 is now being rested, and Lawn 1 is now in use, subject to the usual limitations of weather & lawn conditions. Please don't play if it's frosty or too wet, and if playing Golf Croquet, please avoid as far as possible standing in close groups round the hoops – this compresses the ground. Also, drive in the hoops only as far as is necessary to make them reasonably firm. (*OK – I know - NAG NAG – sorry!*)

Play will continue until the end of February, when lawns will be closed for rest & maintenance. A worklist will be drawn up for all the necessary pre-season work, which thankfully this year won't include stone picking. The first day of the 2012 summer season will be on Saturday March 31st.

Social We were very lucky with the weather for the mulled wine social, which was well attended, with many playing both Association and Golf croquet in the afternoon. Thanks to all those who brought along nibbles (and more) to go with the wine.

The Club Christmas lunch was by general agreement a considerable success – certainly of the various turkey dinners we attended, it was the best. Many thanks to Joyce & Lynda for organising this.

A visit to the Hall for Cornwall has been organised for February 9th, to see Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Nile". A Murder Mystery walk will be held in Fowey in the morning of Friday February 17th – assuming the weather is reasonable.

League fixtures These are now known, with the exception of one date. After some feedback, the Committee has reconsidered its earlier decision to allocate players randomly to the two GC teams – Cornwall Rosevear & Cornwall Porthpean. The system will now be as in 2011. A list has been placed on the Club noticeboard on which members available for GC League matches can select which

team they would prefer to sign up with. It is possible to change your preference later, but NOT after you have already played a League match. Fixtures are also listed.

Club Tournaments These will be similar to 2011. The Calendar is being prepared, and together with entry forms, will be sent out with the AGM papers.

Coaching The pattern of coaching is expected to be similar to last year's. A definite date for your diary – Golf Croquet Improver session (stage 1) on the morning of Thursday April 12th, run by Ron George. This is open to anyone, but is mainly for the less experienced player. The usual Club GC session will of course take place in the afternoon. More information on AC coaching will follow when details have been finalised.

Budleigh Salterton High Bisquers event This will take place on April 21st & 22nd. The entry fee is £25 to include coffees & light lunches. We have recently been well represented at the Tournament, which does not require CA membership. It is open to players with handicaps between 16 & 24. Good fun, good experience, and well worth entering. GIVE IT A GO!

Handicaps The Technical Committee recommended that the Club reverts to 24 as the starting handicap for Association croquet. The general Committee accepted this recommendation. We had previously moved to 28, which is accepted by the South West Federation, but is not the CA standard. This means that some adjustment will be needed to the upper end handicaps, and this will be dealt with by Tony Backhouse & Richard Griffiths.

Would all players, Golf and Association, please leave their handicap cards in the Pavilion by the beginning of March, so that they may be checked, and if necessary adjusted.

AGM This will be held on Sunday March 25th, at 3.00pm at Cuddra Hall, Holmbush.

Best wishes to all,

David