



RUNNING HOOPS

The Newsletter of Kenilworth Croquet Club

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June AC Tournament

The Annual 2 day A C Tournament had, for unforeseen reasons, to be curtailed to a one day match. With six participants it was decided to play fifteen 14 pt games so that everyone played each other. The weather was glorious and after four rounds, by brilliant planning, (in reality a fluke) Cliff Daniel was unbeaten with 3 wins and a draw and Ray had 3 wins and 1 loss and they met in the fifth round. To the uninitiated this is a Manager's dream as it meant that whoever won automatically won the tournament. Despite a valiant effort Ray faltered and Cliff won the game fairly comfortably 14 : 5 and so received the Victor's Laurels, (well he would have done if the Manager had not forgotten to bring them!).



At long last.... 2009 Pindi & Kenilworth Golf Croquet Finals

Both the 2009 Golf Croquet Pindi Cup and the Kenilworth Cup finals were postponed from last year. They were finally completed this June.2010 Phil Wood had reached the final in both. He played Peter Dennis in the Pindi Cup but lost a best of three games match 7 5, 6 7, 7 4 Undaunted a few days later he took on John Leader in the Kenilworth Cup. Game one was very close John winning 7 5. Phil stormed back to take the second game 7 3 (and even forgot to take his extra turn). but a few careless shots in the third let John in to win the game 7 3 and the match by two games to one

Centre Stage Competition

On Sunday 20th June we had an enjoyable day in beautiful weather for the preliminary Club round of the Croquet Association Centre Stage Competition. This is a sociable competition for medium handicap Golf Croquet players. In spite of the previous notification and requests for entries there were only 6, (Father's Day took priority with some potential entrants). This allowed us to run the competition as a block in which everyone played everyone on a full size lawn. The Haslam family turned out in force, Nigel, Tina and Amanda, the other 3 being Bob Maskell, Ray Clipson and John Handy. Three full games were played in the morning, Nigel and Amanda showing their strengths in the Golf Croquet game. They consolidated on their successes in the afternoon with Nigel eventually winning all his 5 games and thus the Competition, and by winning 4 Amanda was runner-up. We wish Nigel every success in the final round which will be played at Northampton in September.

Thanks to Alan Clark & John Leader

Thanks to Alan for making some more tubes for the balls which make it much easier to put everything into the bench. All balls stored in there are the new Dawson balls. Also to John Leader for making some new bisque cubes (with lovely little 1/2 signs).

Dates for Your Diary

- July 14th.- Friendly vs. Ashby - away
- July 15th.- Murphy Shield vs. Broadwas
- away
- July 18th.- AC vs. Stourbridge - home
- Kenilworth Cup 2nd. round
dead-line
- July 21st./22nd.- B class Advanced
Tournament
- July 29th.- WMF GC League vs. Edgbaston
- home
- August 4th.- Friendly vs. Sapcote - home

AND keep up to date with any changes by looking at the diary on the club website

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Northampton Friendly

A lovely sunny day greeted Nick and Jane Evans, Owen Bryce and Richard Cain from Northampton. Lined up to do battle were Peter Dennis, Cliff Daniel and Johns Handy and Leader. The morning session saw Kenilworth take an early lead when John L won +21 in 75 minutes. An hour later Peter came from behind to beat Owen +6 and we went 3 - nil up when Cliff beat Richard +8. Northampton won the fourth match to make it 3 - 1 at lunch when Jane won +5 on time.



The afternoon started shakily for Kenilworth, Owen took an early lead, John scraped through hoop 1 but was unable to continue. Owen proceeded to win +25 in about 90 minutes.

Kenilworth's lead reduced to 3 - 2. Meanwhile Peter and Nick were engaged in a nail-biter with Peter taking an early lead. Nick then got going. After various nerve-racking exchanges, Peter gave himself an 8 yard sudden death shot at the peg. Outwardly cool as a cucumber but probably shaking like a leaf on the inside he hit the peg to win plus 1.

That made it 4 - 2 then Cliff beat Jane +11 fifteen minutes before time putting us in a winning 5 - 2

position. When time was called Richard was 16 hoops ahead of John Handy so the final result was 5 - 3 to Kenilworth.

The contestants then enjoyed Apple Pie and Cream in the sun. What a sensible way to spend a June day.

True Brit Spirit!!!

The Club social evening on Tues 8th June was off and on all day. The forecast said it would rain most of the day and clear up late afternoon. So we decided to go



ahead (although we did have a quiz ready in case we had to move inside). In fact it was cloudy but dry until 5 minutes after we started! Then it rained hard and we all took

shelter, but soon four hardy souls went out and they were soon followed by everyone else. We had a good evening, with most of the play in the dry. 18 players came so with Ray and myself making up to 20 we had more or less continuous play with no-one having to sit out. 20 games were played and Bob Maskell won the evening with Anne Fairburn runner up. The meal was good and enjoyed by all.

At the end of a day please...

It has always been club policy that all hoops except those on Lawn 3 are taken in and locked away. Recently there have been several cases of hoops being left out overnight. They are very expensive so PLEASE if nobody has arrived to play when you finish take them in.

Broadwas Friendly

The Broadwas club lies a few miles south of Worcester, and normally looks southwards for its fixtures. This friendly was therefore our first encounter. The four lawns stretch downwards from the 'crown' of the field, and certainly have their own mystique.

The Golf Croquet was played on 'an everybody mix in' basis, and, judging by the lively action during a long day, was enjoyed by all. The Association Croquet was played as a match. John Clark continued his progress by winning one and losing one.

Pauline had two very close games, which she was unlucky



to lose. Ray won both his games, but Frank The result was therefore 5-3 to Broadwas.

There followed a splendid tea, including strawberries and cream. The players: GC John Handy, Derek, Stella, Bob Maskell; AC Ray, Frank, Pauline, John Clark