



Running Hoops

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The publication of this next newsletter coincides with final preparations for National Croquet Week, offering us the ability to publicise our club, extend interest in the sport and bring in new members. The new April Gazette has articles on how other clubs have opened their doors to a wider audience in new and innovative ways and makes very interesting reading. More information from the CA can be found on page 8.

In **FEATURES** this month, I'm delighted to introduce a new name to join the exclusive SRHA (Society of Running Hoops' Authors), Linda Edwards. Linda gives us an insight to her love of croquet and explains why she is indebted to her brother, Paul.

In **MEET THE COMMITTEE**, this time it's the turn of our treasurer, Vicky Deasley, and Maintenance expert, Nick Hegan, to introduce themselves to us. Nick has also been busy, searching out and adding material to our website, including a full array of all previous Running Hoops newsletters, so take the time to log on and have a browse through some of these older versions, full of interesting articles, names, achievements and photographs from the past.

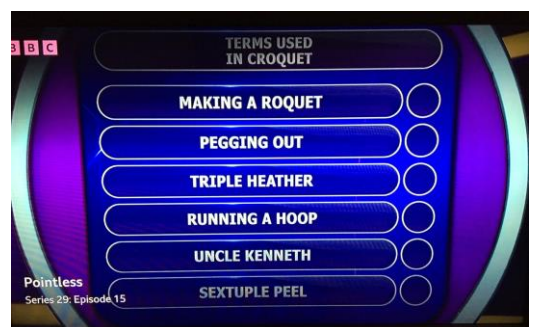
Vicky submitted her article almost before I'd decided whether to stay with Word for this letter or try Publisher for a change (Publisher won by a short straw then lost later on when I realised the possibility that not everyone would be able to open the newsletter with the software they had). I decided this punctuality probably said something about the kind of person Vicky is, and sure enough, when I read her article, I realised what a very organised person she is. So thanks, Vicky, for launching this second newsletter of the year. Early articles are particularly welcome while last minute ones are seriously frowned upon (but never too late to be included!).

Vicky was anxious to know whether her article was too short or too serious. Nick asked if his was too long, and I had these same queries from contributors to the first newsletter. I can honestly say I have loved reading all the articles

submitted for these first two editions of the newsletter: whether they are too short or too long or too serious is not part of the equation. It's what you write that is important and the fact that you take the trouble to write at all. Everyone has a story to tell and they are all relevant, all welcome, and all very interesting. So keep the articles flowing in, and thanks again to all these secret journalists who have provided us with yet another lovely newsletter to browse through.

By now we should all have a digital copy of Peter Dennis's history of our club, a huge undertaking. We are very grateful to Ian Robertson, whose idea it was initially; to Peter for offering to take on such a large task; to John Leader and Adrian Morris for contributing to the research and to all those who supplied photographs or descriptions of the trophies.

Some of you may remember Irene Rogers mentioning a croquet question which came up on the ITV programme, The Chase (Running Hoops, January, 2019). Those of you who follow the BBC's Pointless programme will have seen that once again Croquet has been featured in a quiz programme. This time the contestants had to choose a pointless answer from 6 possible croquet terms, shown here: 2 of the options are red herrings, 2 are croquet terms but not pointless, and 2 were pointless answers, where none of the audience had chosen them as a valid croquet term. How many can you guess correctly? Answers at the end of the newsletter.



Elizabeth

CLUB NEWS

Quiz Night

On Wednesday evening, 12th April, the eagerly anticipated return of Tony and Allison's Quiz Night took place, with a company of 36 quizzers.

With heads close together and much hushed discussion (a seriously competitive crowd this was) our brains were stretched to the limits not just by the variety of topics on which we were expected to be experts but by the strange topics where guessing the right answer didn't necessarily get you the anticipated points. I'm not sure all of us quite grasped the logic, but Tony and Allison's minds seemed to be quite clear on the matter and allocated the appropriate points quickly and efficiently, Allison's arithmetic never letting her down, despite the confusion over who was playing, or had played, their joker. I think they themselves must be very experienced secret pub quizzers!



At the end of the evening, the points were tallied and covered a very wide range. The winning team, Hopeless, of Jan and Bob Phelps, Lynn O'Connor and Tony and Lin Murray, were delighted to be presented with their generous prizes of a bottle of wine each. At the other end of the points scale were the Golden Hoppers, (or was it the No Hoppers?), the only 'all-girls' team of the evening, but I can't remember who they were.

Our thanks to Tony and Allison for their organisation of the event, which must have taken many hours of planning, finding topics and questions, recording music, making up answer sheets, scorecards, ordering food and buying prizes, and for their very efficient and smooth running of the evening.



Late presentation of trophies

With the return of the missing cup winners to the lawns, it was time finally to present these winners with their newly engraved trophies in a somewhat less formal setting than the Presentation Dinner evening.



Lynne Breedon (Chair) presents Pauline Harvey with the Charlecote Cup and the Ladies' Trophy, and Mervyn Harvey with the Bill Browne Trophy (AC).



Elizabeth (on behalf of Lynne, who was unable to attend) presents Adrian Morris with the Castle Cup and the St George Cup (both AC).

Peter Dennis's early history of croquet in Kenilworth

Over the past two months I have spent many happy sessions with Peter Dennis, one of the original members of our club, hearing his memories of the history of the club from the earliest days, while Pauline plied us with coffee and mountains of biscuits to maintain our stamina. We owe such a lot to these men, the early pioneers of the sport in Kenilworth, from its conception, with the adaptation of the first lawn, now known as Lawn 2, to the massive task undertaken by so few in the creation of a second lawn, now known as Lawn 1. Never in the history of croquet in Kenilworth has so much been owed by so many to so few!

Peter has now invested even more time to produce a full story of the growth of croquet in Kenilworth from conception to its rapid growth in the early years of the 21st century, with fascinating stories of the original members, competitions, trophies and the early honours board, the back-breaking task of creating a second lawn, the construction of the first pavilion and lots more. To enhance the document are dozens of his own photographs, providing a visual history alongside his very detailed verbal history.

Peter has a very active mind and is a perfectionist in every detail, meaning that my efforts to commit to print the large volume of information meant many 'must do better' instructions from him, editing text and replacing the original photographs with 'improved' versions, sometimes several times over, but I believe the end result was worth the effort, as we now have a valuable asset for our club, which can be held for future generations of croquet players in Kenilworth and surrounding areas. I enjoyed being involved in this production and I thoroughly recommend that you take the time to read through the story and appreciate how lucky we are to have such a thriving croquet club in our area. Elizabeth

MEET THE COMMITTEE

Vicky Deasley



I am very much the inexperienced newbie on the Committee and having read the first two biopics feel even more so! I was introduced to croquet by long-time member Anne Langley who took me to a taster session one freezing evening led by Mervyn Harvey. Having enjoyed that very much, despite the cold, I joined the club and I am in my second year of membership. Everyone at the social afternoons and evenings has been extremely welcoming and happy to give advice for improvement.

I completed a Beginners to Croquet course at Ipswich Croquet Club last summer and have signed up for an improvers' one this summer at the same venue.

I was asked to take the role of Treasurer at the last AGM and I have found it a very interesting if somewhat challenging role. I have enjoyed understanding how the section fits within KTSCC. As the section is not stand alone with its finances there are certain idiosyncrasies to understand. It therefore differs from the other two charities I am involved with and has proved a very different beast to understand.

Being a research biochemist by training and then a secondary school head teacher, bookkeeping is not in my CV but, of course, I had grants and accounts to understand and present. However, I do like things clear and transparent, and this is how I have approached the role. The other members of the committee are incredibly supportive and the amount of time and commitment they give to the club huge.

In addition to croquet I enjoy swimming: any stroke other than breaststroke, and spending time with my family and friends. I am a school governor and sit on the trustees of two charities.

Nick Hegan

Nick maintains he is a committee member without portfolio, but as most people know, Nick does an awful lot, as do all our committee members. He organises work teams for maintenance work on the premises, the croquet calendar, keeps the website up to date, and manages the lawn booking system. In his own words:



When I started writing this article, I must confess I wasn't quite sure how long I had been a member of our club. In the end I had to resort to going through my old photos and the earliest ones I found were from playing at an Offchurch friendly competition in 2009, so there you have it, it's around 14 years.

I do remember when I got my first mallet, a John Hobbs, that was in June 2011, a rather nice 50th Birthday present from my wife Liz. You could choose what type of wood to make the head from and I went for Cocobolo which is quite exotic but also lovely to look at. I still have the mallet, perhaps a surprise to the many members that have witnessed me leaving it behind as I have walked back to the car park carrying my much less valuable belongings. The mallet is still in one piece, although it has gained a few war wounds over the years where it has lost out in collisions with rather more sturdy steel hoops.

I joined the committee in late 2019 in a shared task with Phil Blake to get a permanent electrical supply to the club house as the generator had packed up for the last time. What nobody knew at that time was that we would all be in Covid lockdown early the following year. As it turned out such outdoor work was still allowed and fortunately completed in time for us all to enjoy unlimited cups of tea on tap when we returned.

Since then, to keep myself busy I've renovated some of the nice green benches we have around the patch, although there are still more to do. More recently I have persuaded a happy band of volunteers to help me paint some of our outdoor wooden structures which has kept the lawn area surroundings looking very good indeed. Other less physical duties include looking after the lawn booking system, the website, and the club calendar.



When I'm not playing croquet, I have a few other hobbies. The last time I had swimming lessons was when I was 10 so myself and Liz recently decided to try "improver" lessons at Hatton Swimming pool. I have also taken up astrophotography which involves pointing your camera up at the sky to try and capture the many wonders that exist up there. It can be a frustrating pastime as local light pollution and a limited number of clear nights in the UK presents some challenges for the newcomer.



When I'm stuck at home perhaps due to poor weather, I dabble with building Lego Models (Saturn V rocket at the moment) and old-style Valve HiFi Amplifiers, both very retro activities. My youngest son was 30 last year and was very happy to receive a home-built valve amplifier to play his growing Vinyl collection through!

Finally, my other great outdoor pursuit is my Tuesday Morning volunteering session with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, where I get to wield many tools in an effort to maintain habitats across Kenilworth's Nature reserves. It's a more energetic activity than you might think, so I do look forward to a rest when I get home.

FEATURES

Captions

Those of you who read the last edition of Running Hoops, will remember Mervyn's description of a new version of GC they have been playing in Sarasota, Florida:

"A variation of GC that is catching on here goes by the name of 'Snake in the grass'. The first time you hit your partner ball on each turn, you get one extra shot. The rationale for this variation is that it was felt that too much time was spent just knocking opponents away from positions in front of the hoop. Creativity is rewarded."

Pauline has sent in a photograph from this month's newsletter from the Sarasota club!



Copying an idea from the CA Gazette, I invite suggestions for a caption for the photograph. The best will be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

My Introduction to Croquet

Linda Edwards

'Why croquet?', I was asked, when I said this was a game I'd like to try. My family has played tennis at the Warwick Boat Club for many years and has been involved in the many roles involved in running a members' sports club. We like the concept and have enjoyed many happy times there. However, I've had arthritic joint problems for over 20 years, culminating in two replacement knees and one replacement hip. So, no more tennis for me.

I enjoy gardening and walking as an alternative exercise, but I missed the social aspects of playing sport. My brother, Paul, has played croquet for many years at Himley Croquet Club. He has held roles on the West Midlands Croquet Federation and has played at Kenilworth many times. He is my link to croquet.



Whenever we visited them at home in Albrighton during the summer months, we used to play croquet on his lawn. Six hoops were set out and family competition commenced. Now all my family were novices, whereas Paul and Angela, my sister-in-law, were experienced players. But that didn't really matter, we all had a good time.



Covid struck with a vengeance in 2020. We were all limited on going outside. However, when the rules were changed to six people outside, we were invited to Albrighton and, on a glorious day after lunch, out came the hoops, mallets and balls. This game became a bit more serious, and I started to really enjoy myself. Paul explained a few techniques and rules and suggested that I should start playing properly. He said that Kenilworth was a good club, and mentioned his games with Adrian, Mervyn, Philip, Nick and Cliff.

Another miserable year of Covid passed. Then, in May 2021, I was reading the Leamington Courier and read the club's invitation for new members. With some trepidation, I sent away an email asking for more information. What trepidation you might ask? But after fifty years of living in Warwick, I was comfortable, I knew people there. I didn't know anyone at Kenilworth and, although I like members' clubs, sometimes there are 'politics' and can be unfriendly to newcomers. I couldn't have been more wrong. Ian Robertson promptly phoned me, and we arranged a time to 'have a go at croquet'. Ian was very affable and encouraging as he showed me the basic shots and explained the rules. I returned home feeling enthusiastic and immediately filled in my application form. I felt nervous at my first roll up session, but enjoyed it, nonetheless.

Two years on, I've met some lovely fellow players. I really enjoy the social aspects of playing, meeting new people and the roll ups. I even enjoy entering the competitions, although I don't win very often. I am also enjoying helping with the hospitality evenings, which give me a different aspect of the club and how it works.

So, when people ask me 'why croquet?', I say that I'm enjoying myself, I've met a lot of new and friendly people and am doing something that I can do for years to come, after all, I am told that I'm only one year older than the average croquet player!!!

Golf and Association Croquet

As I presented two prestigious cups to Adrian on Lynne's behalf, I couldn't help noticing how often his name appeared on both cups. I looked up the Honours Board on the website, and realised how often the same names are repeated on all cups. I think we are very lucky as a club to have so many talented players in both sections of the club, AC and GC. But while GC has a number of rising stars, poised (we hope) to challenge, or at least join, the current leaders in their field, at the moment the same probably cannot be said for the AC section. This tends to be dominated by 5 stars, of whom we are extremely proud. They carry the name of our club out into the wider croquet community – county, regional, national, even international. Some of our members are listed in the ranks of top national players and we hope they will stay there for a long time to come.

But now is it time for others to join these pillars of AC, at least at club level, and one day to challenge them for the annual cup presentations? John, Colin, Tim, Pauline, Irene, Tony, Robert and I are doing our best on Thursday mornings, and we'd love to see others there!

When I first became interested in AC, I searched the Internet and YouTube for all I could find for this version of the game. The more I found, the more fascinated I became.

If you don't share this AC addiction yet, I would recommend a brief introduction to AC croquet by Ian Harrison from Basingstoke Croquet Club.

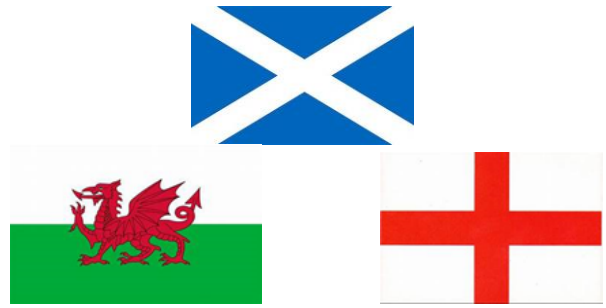
Use the link to open the video - it only lasts 10 minutes.

[Basic Association Croquet - Basingstoke Croquet Club - YouTube](#)

Ian Harrison of
Basingstoke Croquet Club



Before you then dive into other forms of research, please come along to our informal Thursday AC sessions to learn more - you will be assured of a warm welcome. We play on half lawns, which is an ideal way to learn how to play the game. It really is quite absorbing, but only by coming along to try it out will you be able to explode the myths that circulate around AC!



DREAMS

I watched them both, as they played their shots,
Irene and Adrian in their game,
David and Goliath sprang to mind.
Heads down, roquets, croquets and more
Like pivots, pioneers, reception balls,
Two Welshmen head to head, intent.
(And none of this rhymes, 'cos as you know
I'm not a poet and AC takes its toll,
With language strange and rhythm droll.)

But as I watch, I see a change:
Goliath's face is turning stern
As Irene runs through bisques and hoops,
And he is forced to wait his turn.
My eyes grow misted, colours merge,
Red blends through purple, turns to blue.
The Saltire flag is on the mast,
I'm on my way to victory at last.
One more hoop and round to peg,
The game is mine, my heart's aflame...

And at that point the dragon ROARED
And I awoke, the dream ignored.
He sent me off to play Lawn 2,
To practice roll shots, split rolls, too,
Thin cuts, thick cuts, take-offs, more -
All those shots I'd learned before.
But I will rise to lofty height,
To take them on in glorious fight,
The Dragon Reds, St George's Whites,
And they will fear the Northern Lights.

We all can dream and as they say,
Dreams do come true, and so one day,
The Saltire blue will be raised up,
As I receive the gilded Cup.



CROQUET ASSOCIATION WEBINAR

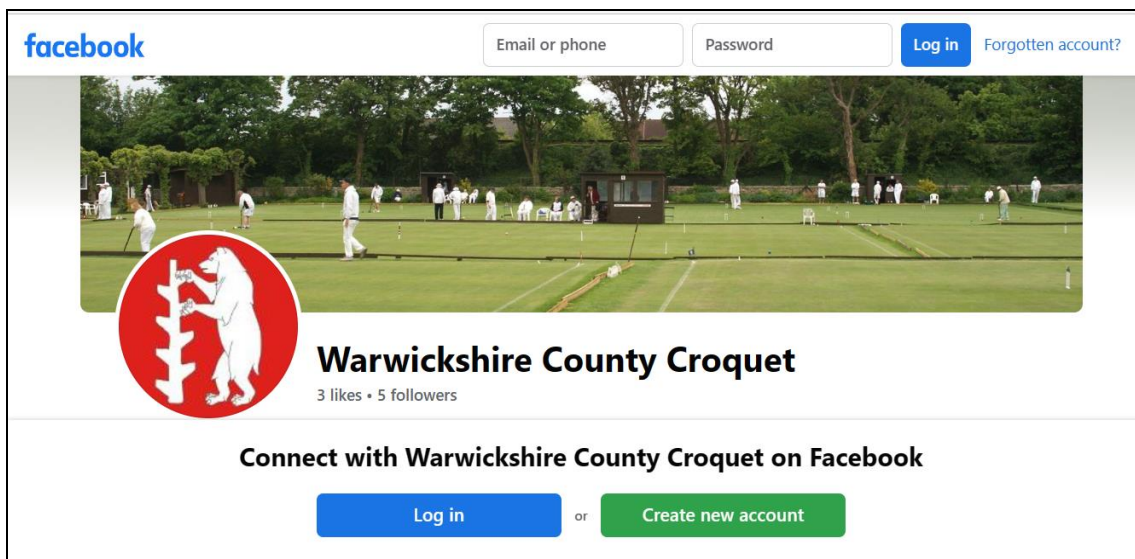
Launch of Croquet England during National Croquet Week

On 14th March members were invited to join a webinar hosted by the Marketing Committee to explain the plans and materials to be provided to support clubs during National Croquet Week 2023. Three members from Kenilworth joined in, Phil Blake, Elizabeth Thomson and Ian Robertson.

Ian provided the following notes from the webinar:

1. At the end of May, the CA is being relaunched as Croquet England.
2. The CA has launched a "garden" membership: for a small fee it gives access to the Gazette and some discount on purchases, and a unifying set of simplified rules.
3. The CA has engaged a marketing company for the period of the National Croquet Week. The marketing company is not accessible by local clubs, but events notified to the CA will receive support.
4. The emphasis tonight was about more extensive use of Facebook by clubs to promote their croquet.
5. Alison Maugham is a CA committee member on the Marketing & Publishing Committee. Alison has raised a new Facebook page for each County. Use the link to open the newly created Warwickshire County Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/WarwickshireCountyCroquet>



6. There is a need to post stories etc. Even if we personally don't use Facebook, we should still send stories to the committee for our club Facebook page and the new Warwickshire Croquet Facebook page.

National Croquet Week 2023

(from the CA website)

"This year's National Croquet Week is set for the week beginning 20th May. Once more we are partnering with the British Heart Foundation, adding a charity aspect to the week and the opportunity to involve local BHF volunteers in our activities. The week culminates in the Association Croquet Inter-Counties tournament on the south coast [**Adrian Morris will be playing in the Warwickshire team**] and in the build up to that we will be nationally calling on the public to back a county. Each county has a separate Facebook page which will carry messages and information from the team, but also details of events going on in and around the respective counties. This model will enable a second big shout out to pull in the public around the Golf Croquet Inter-Counties Championship too. [**see Phil Blake's article later**]. Materials for use in the week are under preparation and will soon be available to download/order from the office.

Remember, 2023 will also see the start of our new Garden Croquet Membership hopefully to draw more casual players into the central fold. This new form of membership will be part of the national publicity mix.

The marketing team will be doing a lot of behind the scenes work to ensure a big splash for croquet across England ahead of the week, but we need all of you and our clubs to also get involved, arrange events to welcome the public, play on the inter county rivalry, like the War of the Roses; each county has its own nemesis county, now is the time to use that to our advantage."

In our own club in Kenilworth we will be organising an Open Day to be held on Sunday 21st May. We have invited a number of local clubs and organisations to come along between 12:00pm to 6:00pm and try out the game, including U3A, British Legion, 41 Club, Probus No2, Senior Citizens, Lions & others. We hope to provide refreshments for the guests. The day will also be open for individuals, friends and families who would like to try their hand at our sport. We will be looking for a number of volunteers to help on the day, with setting up, running and clearing away at the end of the day.

COMPETITION TIME

The Wider Croquet Community

GC Inter-Counties Championship Phil Blake

I was surprised to receive an email from David Bell, captain of the Leicestershire GC County team, asking if I would like to join them for the GC Inter-Counties Championship.

Leicestershire are unable to raise a full team this year and have had permission from the CA to make a team from Warwickshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire, which will be called the Midland Counties Team.

The team will consist of six players and will compete against seven other counties. The Sussex County Croquet Club is hosting the competition at their lovely eleven lawn ground near Brighton. The weekend of the 19th-20th August is when it takes place, so if by any chance you are on holiday in the area at that time, come along and watch.

Editor: Congratulations to Phil for this honour. Great to see the banner of Kenilworth Croquet Club being carried out again into the wider croquet community.

Colchester AC Tournament 22-23 May 2023

My first tournament of the season Adrian Morris



I mentioned in the previous issue that I was busy planning my tournament schedule for 2023. Last weekend, I headed to my first tournament of the year, a two-day Association Croquet event in Colchester. I was lacking practise but keen to play.

An early start for a 2½ hour drive to Essex, I even had time for a breakfast stop on the way.

Colchester has become my regular start to the season. It has an excellent clubhouse and four well-kept lawns, much faster than ours, so some care was needed early on.



Ten players contested the event and it was good to chat to old friends and to meet some new.

I felt I played well on the first day, except for some careless mistakes, but lost all three games in fine sunny weather.

Sunday's weather started bright, but by mid-morning things took a turn for the worse and we had continual rain all day. My croquet, however, took a turn for the better and I won both games as a consolation.

My next event will be at the end of May for the AC Counties event, the biggest Croquet tournament in the world! Warwickshire have regularly been the Wooden Spoon winners but last year we finished ahead of Kent and we will be travelling with high hopes for an even better result this year!

Editor: Congratulations also to Adrian on his first tournament at Colchester and best wishes for the Counties AC tournament at the culmination of National Croquet Week, 27-30 May.

West Midlands Federation GC League Match away v Himley 19th April

Philip Wood GC Team Captain

After a wet March their lawns were slow and soft, but jump shots were allowed and several were achieved, including a huge one by Phil Mander early on. There was plenty of wind which at times was a little awkward, and it was quite cold.

On handicap, we (-1,2,2,2) were the favoured team (they were 1,3,4,5) but local knowledge can be useful. However, Phil Wood's first opponent, Tim Brooker, was hindered by having played shortly before at Cheltenham on much faster lawns.

Kenilworth won each of the first two rounds of singles 3-1 to reach packed-lunch time in a comfortable position, and we then took the last two rounds also 3-1 each. That left us having won the match before the doubles were played, and we won both of those. Their best player, Paul Garrett (handicap 3), was deadly accurate and won three of his four singles, only losing to Phil Blake 4-7.

Himley are always very welcoming, and we were given a good light meal at the end.

Phil Blake starred with 4 games out of 4, Mervyn Harvey and Philip Wood won 3 each, and Phil Mander, 2.

Our remaining matches are Broadwas at home on 31 May and Eardisley at home on 5 July. Also, there is the GC Robertshaw Cup Competition at Broadwas on 3 May.

The Charlecote Cup

The winter cup kicked off at the end of February with 14 entrants divided into 3 blocks. The early start was hindered somewhat when the dry February weather changed rapidly to a very wet March with several days of snow, resulting in the closure of Lawn 1 for several weeks and leaving contestants with some difficulty in finding a dry enough day to book matches on the available Lawn 2. Fortunately, with some drier weather towards the end of the month and in April, the remaining games were completed on time and the winners of the 3 blocks announced. The successful competitors who now progress to the semi-final stage are Alan Worrall who will play Jeff Lindsay, and Bob Phelps who will take on Robert Zara. Congratulations to these four players.

[**Elizabeth:** At this point I would like to claim a possible record. In my first attempt at the Charlecote Cup, I played 10 games in my block with 8 of them reaching Golden Hoops, 7 of them in consecutive games. And before you ask, No, I didn't win all of them, not even half of them! Minty Clinch, in the Hibiscus Column in the April CA Gazette, says, "I have to overcome the depressing tendency to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory" and I'm starting to feel some empathy with her!]

The **Pindi Cup** was next up on the board, with 13 members divided into 3 blocks, and the **Kenilworth Cup** was set up at the same time with 18 players who will be trying out the new Advantage Golf handicap rules, which were explained in an earlier webinar this year by Adrian Morris:

<https://youtu.be/Miv-CfxNLIM>

A further reminder of an automatic calculator for the starting scores, which was circulated by Phil Blake:

This link to a handicap and game calculator is a very useful tool. It can be installed on your phone, so you have a copy with you at all times.

<https://chc.eu.pythonanywhere.com/>

Leagues

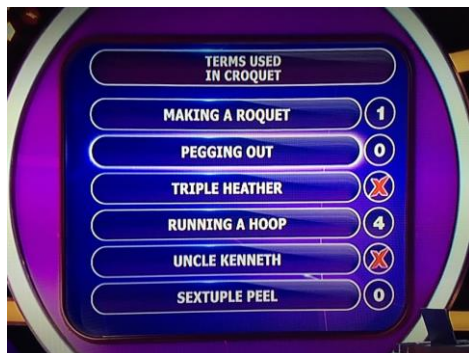
The leagues, run by Mike Cheeseman, are also now up and running with 18 competitors taking part in the first league of the year, divided into 4 groups.

Elizabeth: In a sudden rush of courage and bravado, I asked Lynne to enter me 'for everything' this year. Innocently, I assumed that 'everything' would be spaced out over the summer: that the competitions would be run consecutively, and I would float through the season, on gentle waves of matches with some interesting new competitors that I hadn't met in the leagues last year. To my astonishment the Cups all appeared in a flurry of emails from Lynne Breedon, at the same time as Mike's email about the Leagues, and I realised I'd got it wrong: the Cups run concurrently, not consecutively, and of course also with the leagues. Within days I was being bombarded with requests for matches from all directions – I've never felt so popular – and with 2 weeks' holiday looming, I hastily signed up for as many as I could fit in both before and after the holiday. And then the Lawns Booking police caught up with me again. I think Nick must have placed a tracker on my Username, but I have now promised not to book any more matches until I get back down to my allowance. And now unfortunately, Nick has to wait quite some time for our Pindi match!

Editor: Once again, I'd like to thank everyone for the support I've had with this May Running Hoops, particularly from those who have again, offered or agreed to contribute not only to this edition but to the next one as well. Producing an interesting newsletter is a responsibility we share and I really appreciate how generous and good-natured everyone is about my many requests. Some people tell me they can't think of anything to write about, but if you would like to try your hand at writing (and be a member of our *exclusive SRHA club*), just ask – I'll soon think of a topic for you!

And as ever, my thanks to Ian for his quiet prompts for Running Hoops, to Adrian for help with editing, and to Mike Cheeseman for sorting out my Mailchimp problems, with apologies for emailing him in the middle of the night (how time flies when you think you are about to delete, permanently, the whole KTSCC Mailchimp account!)

Pointless Quiz Answers



Adrian explains that these are all terms used in Association Croquet.....

Making a Roquet – is hitting another ball

Pegging out – is hitting the centre peg with both balls to finish the game.

Triple Heather – We do have a Triple Peel (very difficult and I've never achieved one)

Running a hoop – obvious

Uncle Kenneth – We do have a term Aunt Emma for a very defensive player.

Sextuple peel - is knocking partner ball through 6 hoops while completing your break (nigh on impossible for normal mortals!)
