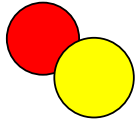


BLEWBURY CROQUET CLUB



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Shelter Extension Project

Thanks to all who contributed to our appeal for funds for this project, we reached our target figure and we were able to engage a builder, Mr Paul Dyer. Many of you will have noticed that building work commenced in early March - it is hoped that it will be completed by the end of April.

Start of Season

We hope to start the season on Saturday April 8th (see "One - Ball Charity" below) and club sessions will commence the following week. As a reminder, Tuesday afternoons / evenings are for Golf Croquet, as are (new for this season) Thursday mornings. Thursday afternoons / evenings are for Association Croquet.

Morning sessions begin at 10 a.m. and afternoon sessions begin at 2 p.m.

One – Ball Charity Championship

A One-ball competition will start the season on Saturday 8th April starting at 9.30 a.m. The entry fee is £5 (payable on the day), which includes a donation of £1.50 to Cancer Research UK. The winner of the competition will receive a free entry to the Winchester One-Ball Charity Championship to be held on Saturday 22nd April. Would those interested please let Jim Bartlett know by 1st April at the latest.

The Centre Stage Golf Croquet Competition

This is a national competition for players with medium handicaps (1 – 5), at the time of play. Our golf croquet players are strongly encouraged to enter, particularly those who expressed an interest in a golf croquet improvers' course.

It is played as a series of club events, then regional tournaments. If enough members are interested, a preliminary tournament will be arranged at Blewbury, and depending on the size of entry a number of players will go forward to a regional final to be held in August. Will those interested please let John Munro know by 29th April.

Ramsgate Invitation

We have been advised of a range of open tournaments at Ramsgate Croquet Club throughout the summer. For those that might be interested in a visit to the Kent coast, please contact Jim. Full details will be posted on our notice board shortly.

Coaching

A number of players who have only played golf croquet to date have expressed an interest in an association croquet course for beginners. It is hoped to arrange this early in the season and those who said they were interested will be contacted individually in order to arrange a time convenient to everyone.

It is also proposed to hold a golf croquet improvers' course later in the season and details will be circulated in due course (please also see the reference to the Centre Stage Golf Croquet Competition in this Newsletter.)

Recruitment

As mentioned previously, the club needs to find new members to keep it on a sound financial footing. We took part in the Blewbury Village Society – Clubs Open Day on Sunday March 19th and hopefully interested a few new members.

As part of our recruitment campaign we have produced a new brochure which will be distributed to local libraries, information centres, schools, etc. If you would like some brochures to encourage your friends and neighbours to come along and try the game, ("Taster" sessions are free!) please contact Jim.

Provisional Programme for 2006

Some (provisional) dates for your diaries are:

April 8	Charity One Ball
April 9	Spring Golf Doubles
April 22	Prebendel & Icknield 2005 Finals
April 23	Spring Golf Singles
May 6/7	Low Bisquers Advanced (Handicap 12 and under)
May 14	High Bisquers (Handicap 14 and over)
May 20	Inter-Village Golf
May 22	Golf Friendly Blewbury v Phyllis Court (away)
May 27	Open Day
May 28	Association Inter-Village
June 25	Roger Cambray One-Ball
July 15	All England Association Handicap Heat
August 5	Golf Grass Roots Area Final
August 21	Golf Friendly Blewbury v Phyllis Court (home)
August 26/27	Founder's Cup
September 2/3	Blewbury Golf Croquet Scratch Championship
September 16/17	Prebendel & Icknield Finals
October 7/8	Association - Autumn Doubles

Some of these dates are not yet been confirmed and there will be additions. Any changes will be announced as soon as possible.

In Case of Emergency (I.C.E.) - Reminder

As the new season approaches, we are mindful of the importance of knowing who to contact if a club member became ill at the courts. Also, in an emergency, paramedics would ask for the name of the patient's doctor and would need to know about any existing medical condition and medication.

In line with other clubs, we have decided to keep appropriate information (stored in the new clubhouse), but obviously **only on those members who would like us to do so**. If you wish details to be held for you please give them to Jim in a signed statement: "Please hold medical information and contact details for me at the croquet courts, for use in an emergency." The information should include:

- Primary contact details (e.g. your home phone number, etc)
- Secondary contact details (e.g. a relative, friend, neighbour)
- Doctor / surgery name and phone
- Medical condition (e.g. allergies, asthma, angina)
- Medication (e.g. Ventolin)

Missing Clip

One green clip is missing! Would you all search your pockets please.
