



Our 2022 season started on a bright, sunny April Sunday. As you can see from the happy photograph (kindly taken by Karen) it was very well attended and was enjoyed by all I think.

Our lawns looked very impressive, testimony to Geoff and his helpers dedicated hard work. I must say that I thought our 'shed' vastly improved with all Geoff's innovations and the equipment carts are so much easier to move now.



The committee received a letter from one of our members, who asked if it would be possible to return to the tried and tested half hour games that have long been the tradition at roll-up days. We had a long discussion on this matter and it was eventually decided that we would return to half hour games at roll-up sessions. Whilst we recognise that serious games cannot be played in thirty minutes our club days have always been friendly, social occasions, with names picked from the trusty bag, which means there is considerable interaction with a good mix of people. Our roll-up days have always been viewed as a way of perpetuating our club tradition of friendly welcoming games of croquet, long may that attitude prevail.

We have a number of Bank Holidays coming up and to confirm arrangements for Roll Ups on Bank Holidays:

Roll ups will be held from 2.00 - 4.00 on all Bank Holidays - the afternoon roll up will take the place of the morning one on **Friday 3rd June**.

Hopefully during the June holiday weekend you will have time for croquet among all the other events which are taking place.

Herewith, included in this much shorter newsletter is a charming picture of Paul and Paula South standing outside their new club in Sussex. Martyn and Phillippa have visited the Souths in their new location and enjoyed a game of croquet while they were there.





CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTES

The first month of the season seems to have raced by! Encouraged by dry weather some warm and some decidedly not so warm days, we have had a good turnout at roll up sessions with numbers averaging about 22 members.

We have also had the not so welcome attendance of a flock of geese and it would be much appreciated if members would help in clearing up after them!!



Vice-Captain, Graham has had a good response to the invitation to enter the Covid Handicap tournament. 30 Members will be competing for this coveted trophy which will commence on or about 8th May and last through the season. Graham will be circulating all participating members with details.

A word or two about handicaps! The schedule of handicaps is now displayed on the notice board in the hut. I will also be circulating all members with the schedule and with further information.

EACF GC Handicap League - all dates bar one are agreed. The first match which is between Maldon Lakeside and Maldon Pavilion will take place on Saturday 7th May at Forrester Park.

Ramsgate 13th / 15th May – not long now!! I will be circulating all players with playing details.

Chris Joslin, Club Captain

Diana is beavering away at getting our winter lunches, match day refreshments and plans for our end of season presentation evening. So she has sent me all the information she has so far, as well as a short introductory note:

Hello everybody!

I am Diana and I will be arranging refreshments, and winter lunches etc. for the club. I have taken over this job from Mary Burd, which means I have big boots to fill, after all the hard work she put in. However, over the next few months I will be finding new venues for our Autumn/Winter lunches.

The end of season BBQ is booked for the 18th September more details in next month's newsletter.





Croquet Coaching Corner

- By Jean Healey

The C.A. have revised Golf Croquet rules. Version 6 has recently been published. One change is to simplify the rules when a player hits a ball that is not their own. I have tried to précis the rules here. The checklist attached is appendices no 4 taken from the rules.

The wrong ball rules.

- If you see your partner or your opponent is about to play the wrong ball stop them before they play.
- If any of the players in the game notice a wrong ball has been played stop the game immediately.
- If one side plays a wrong ball and the other side then also plays a wrong ball, both shots are cancelled and any points scored are wiped out. Play should continue with a restart from one of the penalty areas (the areas normally just used for balls in an offside positions). A coin toss is held with the winners restarting first but the losers choosing which of the two penalty areas to restart from

It's your turn to play (the red ball) but you play your partners ball (the yellow ball) the ball has been played out of sequence.

The penalty:

Your opponents decide whether to 'replace and play' or 'ball swap'

- 10.5.3

You play your opponent's ball.

No penalties.

Replace and repay.

- 10.5.4

The correct ball (the red ball) is played but by the yellow ball player. The ball that has not been played is not out of sequence.

The remedy.

Replace and replay

- 10.5.5

Definition of replace and play:

All balls affected by your wrong ball shot are replaced in their original position, any scored hoops are cancelled and you take the shot again, but with the right ball.



- 10.5.6

Definition of ball swap:

You played the yellow instead of the red the opponent says that the yellow ball is swapped with the red and the next ball in sequence is played in this case the black ball.

Wrong ball error	Rule	Remedy		Next player	
		Hoop points	Action		
1	Exchange of colours (i.e. first four turns played in colour sequence, but by opponent(s) of ball owner(s)).	10.1,2	Retain any scored	Switch ball ownership 10.1.2	Striker
2	Side played stroke when not entitled.	10.3	Cancel any scored	Annul stroke 6.3.6	Side entitled to play
3	Previous stroke played by side A with a side B ball, and last stroke played by side B with any ball.	10.4	Cancel any scored by either stroke	Penalty Area Continuation 17.2	Winner of toss
4	Either player of correct side played one of its balls out of sequence.	10.5.2	Retain any scored	Ball Swap 10.5.6	Non-offending side
			Cancel any scored	Replace and Replay 10.5.5	Striker
5	Either player of correct side played an opponent ball.	10.5.3	Cancel any scored	Replace and Replay 10.5.5	Striker
6	Doubles partner of correct side played striker's ball.	10.5.4	Cancel any scored	Replace and Replay 10.5.5	Striker

Plea from the editor! Please any items for inclusion in the Newsletter should reach me no later than 23rd May. Trying to fit in late entries is time consuming and difficult.

PS: This will be me if I get any more late entries! →

