

LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

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Welcome to our new members:- Yvonne Banks, Sally Clay, Judith and John Cundell, Sheila Day and Rebecca Fried. There are a few more friends who are playing 'trial' sessions and we hope they too will join us.

STOP PRESS 1) THE MAY FAYRE on Monday May 6th at Parson's Close from 10am - 4pm. We are inviting the public to 'have a go' so if you are able to come along for some of the time to help newcomers around the course, you will be most welcome. We have people on duty at the tent all day but would welcome any re-inforcements.

2) THE JUBILEE PICNIC IN THE PARK

Also at Parson's Close on Monday June 3rd, 3-7.30pm.

As you will know, we have undertaken to present an ALICE IN WONDERLAND croquet match. We hope that you will volunteer to help for this daft half-hour before we again invite the public to try.

We have a volunteer for Alice (anyone got a long, blonde wig?) we need a king and queen of hearts, three playing cards and, possibly, a white rabbit. Joan Slow is making the flamingo mallet covers and the hedgehog balls, Tony and Margaret are providing the tabards for the cards. We shall hold a meeting for volunteer characters/ helpers/costumiers etc. at the Library coffee-shop on Monday, 13th May at 10.30 so we can get the show on the road!!!



PLEASE let Audrey Bunn (372083) or Margaret B. (373860) or Joan (373700) know how YOU will help - attend the meeting, volunteer to dress-up (it's only half an hour!), assist with costumes or help new people to try the game. We'll need all the help we can muster.

May Sessions:- We've booked Wednesday's and Thursday's from 10am-12 noon, Saturday's from 2-5p.m. Sunday's from 2.30- 4.30pm.

The committee decided that the provision of evening sessions will be reviewed if there is a demand, before we book the June sessions.

Handicap-settings. Once again Irene and Peter Stevens have offered to help us to set our handicaps. These are used if one plays in any kind of singles match/tournament. A 'poor' handicap allows you some bisques (ie. extra strokes) if playing against a better player.

Friendly Matches. Margaret Dilley is hoping to arrange some of these. Bury St. Edmunds club has invited us to play at their ground; Dunstable U3A group and other local clubs/groups are also possible.

Notice Board Please check for new info. when you turn up to play. There may be handicapping lists, fixtures, adverts, appeals for help and even private notices. Please also do mark the register as it is a useful record of demand when we are arranging the next lot of bookings.

SNIPPETS a) The Croquet Association is building its new HQ. at Cheltenham.
The latest 'Gazette' is circulating and includes an account of an underwater croquet match as well as news of the world golf-croquet championships.

b) Eight of our members are taking part in the Wrest Park heats of the Grass Roots tournament next month. ** see below.

c) Two couples from our Club are entered in the National Trust tournament at Anglesey Abbey on JULY 13th. and two players will be going to the singles matches at Ickworth Hall on SEPT. 1st. If anyone would like to go along to spectate, lifts could be arranged - it makes an interesting and enjoyable day out, look around the house and gardens, picnic and ?buy plants!!

d) L.L.Sport's Council Meetings. Club representatives attend these to ensure our voice is heard as we follow the (slow) progress of the plans for the ex-RAF site at Stanbridge Road. We have applied once again for a grant to meet the costs of coaching etc. and in order to buy seating and shelter for our less agile people who are unable to climb into the club-room.

e) Linda Hindson's sponsor-form still has a few spaces on it. She is to walk the wall in China on behalf of immobile children.

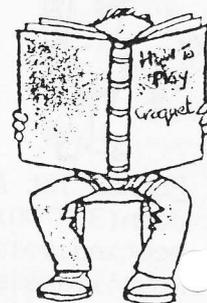
f) The new guide to playing golf-croquet is out - £5 - or borrow the club copy, but please put it back in box in cupboard.

COURSES March was a busy month. Len, George and Margaret B. took part in the S.Beds. Sport's Development Course. Report in next newsletter.

Margaret B. attended the first ever GOLF-croquet Coaches course at the Surbiton Club's premises. (green with envy sums it up!) This was intended for folk who may be introducing people to the game -as we nearly all do. Longer report in next newsletter. I hope that when another such course is arranged several more of us might attend.

Referees course. This is another skill which we hope several members might develop. George is hoping to complete his qualification and we await news of the next available course.

**GRASSROOTS TOURNAMENT 2003 Audrey Bunn who kindly arranges our tournament entries is thinking ahead!



"It has been decided by your committee that the Club should enter the Grass Roots competition next year. The proposed dates for our Club play-offs (i.e. to determine who shall represent us) are to be -

SAT. JUNE 7th 2003 and
SUN. JUNE 15th 2003

More information from Audrey on 372083. "

Thanks to everyone who helps the Club to flourish - from doing the refreshments, keeping the books, painting the cupboards, mending the equipment etc. to doing all the other things mentioned above.

PLEASE help us to make our contribution to the JUBILEE a memorable occasion. Re-read page 1, item 2, and pick up the 'phone. Thanks!!