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The weather has, on the whole, done us proud this season (yes, I do recall the Stony Stratford visit!) and many members have made good use of it. Whilst some of us still manage to miss more well-placed hoop shots than we get, a number of people have made great progress in their games.

FOR EXAMPLE:- George and Margaret Lawson came first and fourth respectively in the GRASS ROOTS REGIONAL match in Northampton and will proceed to the final at Solihull on Sept. 13th/14th - possibly accompanied by Sally Clay and John Cundell as 'runners-up'.

Also bound for Solihull to play in the ALL-ENGLAND GOLF CROQUET HANDICAP are Diana Phelps and Richard Keighley (Aug. 16th/17th.)



Una and Judy Pengelly played in the National Trust tournament at Anglesey Abbey on July 12th and came 2nd. in their group.

Stony Stratford entertained eight of our players on July 8th and, I'm told, only narrowly beat us, thus achieving their revenge for the result when they came to Page's Park.

WELL DONE to all those who have represented the Club!

LOST SPECTACLES - someone left their glasses in the Clubroom about two weeks ago - they await collection.

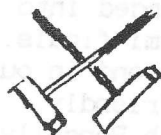
NEWS OF MEMBERS Dorrie has begun to play again. Pat, who joined and immediately fell ill, is out of hospital and well on the way to recovery. Joan and Jean are making progress.

GARDEN PARTY AT THE PHELPS' The sun came out as we began to leave but, apart from that

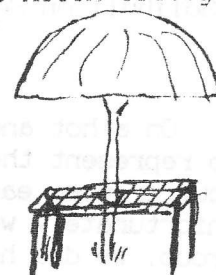
Many thanks to Diana and Jim for their hospitality and to the 'social sub-committee' for their efforts with the plentiful and delicious food. No place for dieters!!

Almost all our members came plus several friends of the Club and, following a fiendish 'old-money' quizz, all seemed to enjoy a good natter. Tony B. once again helped with the raffle and a cheque for £50 has gone to the Keech Cottage Children's Hospice.

EQUIPMENT



- 1) The postman has been busy delivering new mallets to several of our first and second season players. Great things are expected!!
- 2) Len has put the Sport's Council grant to good use and we now benefit from superior shelter and seating.



FUTURE PLANS/EVENTS We are two-thirds of the way through the season with Wednesdays and Saturdays proving the most popular sessions so far. There is much still in store to enjoy.

Wed. 6th August is a national play-day and the Town Council are holding a special event in Page's Park. It so happens that we have a game against members of LUTON U3A that morning, the team being Matt Housden, John and Judith Cundell, Audrey Bunn, Irene and Peter Stevens, Diana Phelps and Margaret Brown. Other members are welcome to turn up to watch/play as space allows, of course.

Sat. 16th August is the away match against DUNSTABLE U3A with our team consisting of Eve and Len Buckingham/ Audrey Bunn/Yvonne Banks/Sally Clay/ Judith and John Cundell/ Peter Stevens and Irene as reserve.

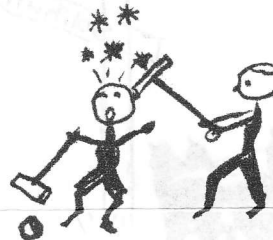
Sun. 7th September is the ICKWORTH NATIONAL TRUST tournament. Players will be the three who survive the play-off on Sun. August 3rd starting at 2.30p.m.

CLUB COMMITTEE - next meeting 11th Sept.
Is there anything YOU would like discussed?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and PARTY
Northall Village Hall is provisionally booked for Wed. 19th November. Please keep the evening free so that you and your friends can attend.

"KNOCKOUT COMPETITION" Sat. and Sun. 20th/21st September.

As previously announced we shall be holding a non-handicap fun competition for all playing members to round off the season. Cups will be awarded for winners of the singles and doubles matches. We trust that everyone will enter but John C. and Len B. need to be sure you are available so that they can perform the tricky task of drawing up the programme. PLEASE be sure to sign up on the lists by Sept. 6th so that they can get on with the job. Singles on the Sat., pairs on Sunday 21st. (Editors Note. I expect to win the booby prize.)



Not that kind!!

Grass-Roots

Sally Clay writes: "Our members were warmly welcomed by Northampton for the regional heat of the Grass-roots competition. Other teams were Dunstable and Eynsham. Play commenced at 9.45 in pleasant grounds and brilliant sunshine. We reached the semi-final stage at lunch-time with Margaret Lawson and Irene Holah from Dunstable tied for 2nd and a play-off for 3rd/4th places. George Lawson was declared overall winner and duly presented with a handsome medal. John Cundell and I were 6th and 7th respectively. Congratulations to George and Margaret and good luck in the final at Solihull!"

Margaret L. adds "Our picnic lunch was taken at 12.45 following six games of intensive croquet. Semi-final and final games followed lunch and George was declared overall winner, a gentleman from Eynsham was runner-up, the Dunstable lady was third and I was fourth. This means we all qualify for the finals at Solihull on Sept. 14th. Sally and John may also be invited."

Anglesey Abbey

On a hot and sunny Saturday, July 12th, Judith and I went to Anglesey Abbey to represent the club. Sixteen teams from the eastern area were arranged into four groups, each of which provided a winner to go through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately we made a poor start but improved greatly to finish second in our group. We did however enjoy a lovely day at a beautiful place with friendly people.
Una and Judith Pengelly.