



LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

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Greetings! - only a few more weeks before those **wide balls** and **narrow hoops** beckon!

Your committee met on Feb. 13th with a long **agenda** of items which had accumulated since the AGM in November. Decisions **about** the new **season**, sessions, grant applications, future fixtures, courses, **news** from the Croquet Assoc. and the E.Anglian Federation all featured - and there **was** more!

The editor has agreed to try to produce about **six** Newsletters this year - confident that many of you **will** send in reports of events, poems, drawings, comments and **even** adverts as the season progresses.



New Season's Launch We are pleased that our **groundsmen** think the lawns will be O.K. (terrible weather in March aside) for **April 1st**. He said we could play **now** providing we brought snorkels/wet suits!!! We have **asked** the Mayor to 'strike the first ball' on Easter Monday at 2p.m. Our **busy** 'social sub-committee' are once again to produce some light refreshments, **under** cover if inclement weather, but we fully expect a beautiful, balmy Spring day. All, of course, welcome to come, to meet some of our new/prospective members and to introduce them to our goings on.

We shall need to open up the club-room, return equipment and **make** all spick and span for the launch. Offers of help to any committee member.

2002 Sessions After renewed discussion, taking **all** views and the future development of the Club into account, these have **been** fixed as follows:-

Wed. and Thurs. 10am-12 noon

Wed. and Fri. 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Satur. 2pm-5pm and Sun. 2.30pm - 4.30pm

These times/days are subject to review once the **season** is underway.

We have agreed that two equal-sized lawns, slightly overlapping, be laid out this year and we wish to encourage people to **choose** whichever version of the game (assoc. or golf) they wish to play.

Friendly Matches Margaret Dilley has nobly **agreed** to contact other 'local' clubs/groups to arrange some fixtures.

Tournaments Audrey Bunn, also nobly, has again **taken** on the task of organising things so that members who wish to, can be entered into the National Trust and Grass Roots events etc.. These are held at very **attractive** venues and offer the opportunity to meet other enthusiasts who, although **they** play competitively, are all very friendly. Some dates to note are July 13th and Sept. 1st.

May Fayre We have been invited to take part in the 'Sports Showcase' during this event on May 6th. This is an opportunity to **demonstrate** the sport and to let folk have a go. Please try to keep the date free **so** that you can come along and support the event.

Celebrate the Jubilee We have accepted an invitation from the Town Council to take part in the Jubilee Picnic at Parson's Close on Bank Holiday Monday, June 3rd. from 3pm-7.30pm. They have asked us to present an 'Alice in Wonderland' croquet match! Joan Slow is busy making 'hedgehog' balls and 'flamingo' mallet-covers also. we hope, her costume as the Red Queen. We shall need an Alice and several 'playing card' players. Again this should be a great opportunity to publicise the Club and bring in new members.



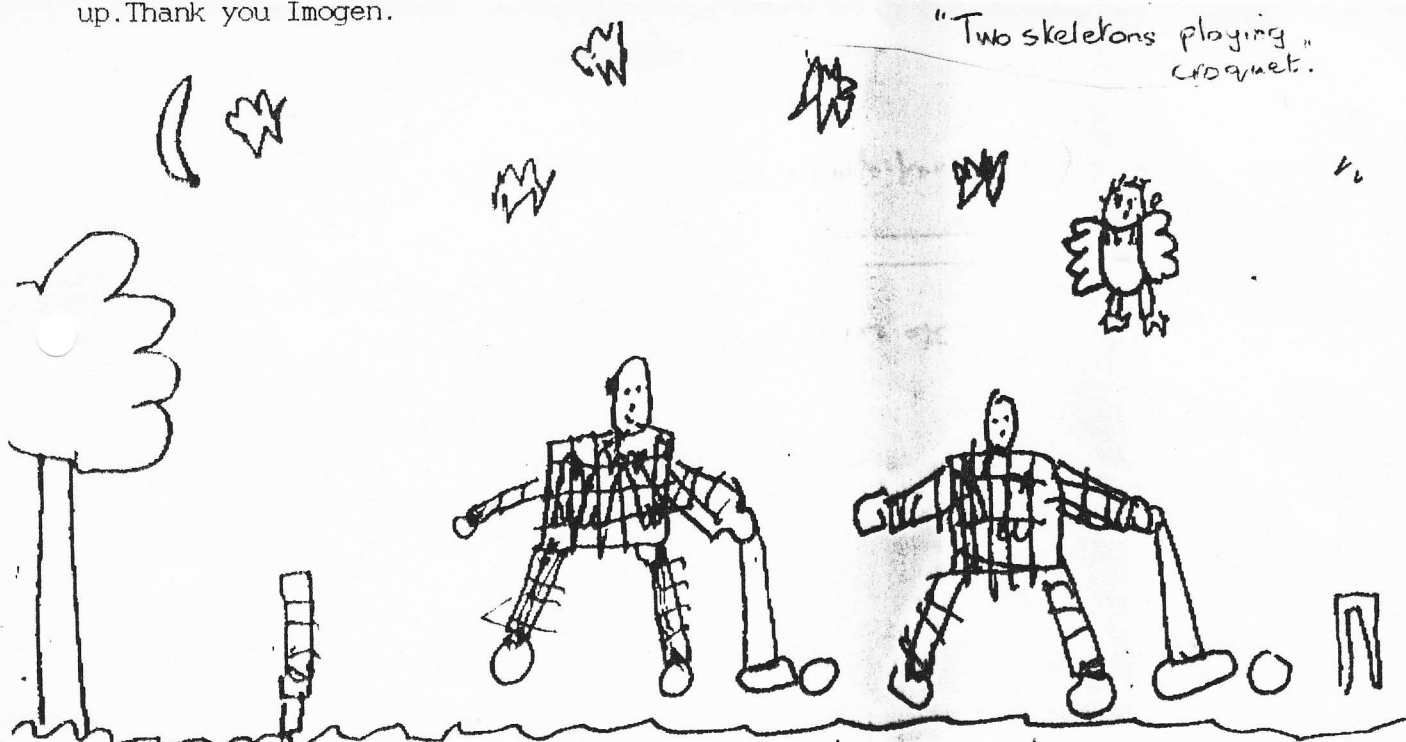
Courses i) We have reserved two places on a golf croquet coaches-course on 23rd/24th March at Surbiton, open to any member who wishes to use such training to help new players. ii) South Beds. sports-development unit are running a 4-session course for club activists. This will be mid-late March. The topics are "Sports development planning"; Sports facility devel./planning a building project; Funding and promoting your club; Developing partnerships and Junior clubs.

iii) There is to be an Association coaches-course at Cheltenham on May 18th/19th.

Small posters available to publicise the club and our opening session. Could you place any of these? Apply sec. 373860!

Several people have expressed an interest in some or all of these, others welcome! Please ring Margaret on 373860 if you would like to attend any of the above.

Developing Membership We hope this year to broaden our membership base to include more young players and Juniors (12-18yrs). Further attempts are being made to contact the upper school/s and to set up a project to enthuse some youngsters. Perhaps you know someone who could be brought along to try the game. Audrey Bunn's grand-daughter, 5½, has drawn a lovely picture to cheer us up. Thank you Imogen.



E. Anglian C. Federation AGM is on 17th March. Joan and Margaret B. will be attending. Two spare seats if anyone fancies a pub lunch at Bury-St-Edmunds. followed by the meeting at 2.30pm.

The next general Committee Meeting is on 22nd April if you wish to register any views, questions etc..

FINALLY - DO YOU WISH TO PLAY THIS YEAR? If so, you should send your membership fee (£45 ~~or~~ about £2 per week) to the secretary at 40, Miles Avenue, L U 7 3 L G. Many Thanks!