



# LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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Here we are in the new Millenium and at least some people tell me their thoughts are beginning once again to turn to colourful days on sunny green turf with white hoops and garments, blue, red, black and yellow balls.

I know that I am not alone in looking forward to getting out the old mallet once again. Some golf-croquet players have ambitions to proceed to the more serious association game and we certainly hope we can take part in some beginners inter-club competitions of both games during the coming season.

We hope also in 2001 to welcome new players of all ages and abilities to the club and will enjoy introducing them to our activities. Who can you invite to join ?

A Happy Peaceful New Year Everyone !

Margaret Brown(Ed.)

The Mayor of Leighton-Linslade, Councillor Mark and Mrs Freeman, kindly sent Christmas greetings to the club and their card wished us a good new year.

## Our first AGM

At the A.G.M. in November, Joan Slow was elected as our chairperson, Bob Walmsley as treasurer, Margaret Brown as secretary. The splendid new General Committee consists of:- Jean Walmsley / Audrey Bunn / Margaret Dilley Irene Stevens / Margaret & George Lawson and Eve & Len Buckingham.

It will hold its first meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th February  
at 49, Rosebery Avenue

[Will committee members please take this as their reminder notice ]

Other decisions taken at the AGM included :-

- a) to purchase alternate - colour balls to enable two games to be played concurrently.
- b) to re-open the season, weather permitting, in mid-April
- c) to issue shutter keys to all active members so that a rota will be unnecessary. The equipment-padlock key will be kept within the "club-room" at a place to be advised.
- d) members guests to pay £2 and to sign the visitors book. Invited children and full-time students free. This does not alter the £5 for two tryout sessions for potential new members.
- e) a handicap scheme to be considered by the committee
- \* f) members should indicate to the secretary before 14th February any changes or additions they would like in playing sessions offered this season.
- g) the membership fee to be held at £35, equivalent to £1.34 per week

Membership renewed

17/1/01

£35 paid

RPK

### Celebration

The Club's first AGM was followed by a party. Northall village hall was the venue and we couldn't have chosen a better place. It was not too big and not too small .... as Goldilocks might have said !

Our guests were John Bevington and Linda Hindson and most of the club members attended. Everyone who came brought a plate of food and the tables groaned with a splendid feast.

Indoor games, shuffle board and indoor croquet were provided but most people took the opportunity of just chatting with friends recently made on the lawns at Pages Park.

There was an excellent raffle with so many prizes it seemed that everyone who had bought a ticket must surely have won a prize.

So, its thanks to everyone who contributed so generously with their time and effort to make it a success. If you were one of the very few who missed last year's party, make sure when the time comes, that you make a date in your diary not to miss this year's.

Audrey Bunn

At the end-of-season party we collected £ 17 which has been donated to Hunstanton Croquet Club whose pavilion was burnt down by vandals. Their letter of thanks suggested that they might use our donation to buy that most important bit of equipment — a new kettle ! They hope that some of us will be able to visit their rebuilt H.Q., and perhaps play there, when it re-opens in 2002.

The old round mallets which Wrest Park Croquet Club kindly 'donated' to us have now all been renovated to a high standard by our trusty mallet-doctor, Martin Field, to whom we extend our thanks.

### Correspondence

News is regularly received from the E.Anglian Region and the national Croquet Association including internet news.

The secretary holds the newsletters and magazines. Please ask if you would like to see them. They will, of course, be deposited in the clubroom 'library' when the season begins.

### Financial Section

Happy new year to everyone - New Year - New Season approaching - it's your money I'm after !!

Membership forms are enclosed. Please use the RENEWAL FORM to renew your membership and hand the NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM to anyone you know who might be interested in joining.

At the moment our financial position is as it was at the AGM, that is £380.84 in hand. The collection and raffle at the AGM raised £38 of which £21 paid for the hall and a donation of £17 was sent to Hunstanton Croquet Club.

On to the coming season - hopefully starting with glorious sunny weather on Easter Monday. We intend to hold an extra club session per week, provisionally pencilled in for Sunday afternoons.

Jean and I intend to visit the Croquet Association to buy ourselves new mallets and to pick up the alternative-coloured balls. Anyone interested do give us a ring - quantity discounts could apply !

Bob Walmsley

### A Message from our Chairman

As we enter the year 2001, I would like to wish you all a good new year.

Our croquet club laid firm foundations last year, thanks to you all and I am sure that this coming season will see it increase in strength.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the Spring for the new season. Joan Slow.