



LEIGHTON-LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME to the first (of many, we hope!) Newsletter from the newly formed Leighton-Linslade Croquet Club.

The club was formed when a number of enthusiastic players from Irene Davis' courts at Waterways were looking for a court nearer Leighton, and found that the Council (with much input by Linda Hindson) were willing to prepare and maintain the lawns formerly used as tennis courts in Pages Park.

An inaugural meeting was held at the White House on 16th March, at which about forty people expressed their intentions to join, and an interim Committee formed. Irene was unanimously elected to the Chair, Margaret Brown accepted the Secretary's duties, and Bob Walmsley agreed to act as Treasurer for the time being. Elaine Newman and Margaret Dilley were also elected onto the committee.

What happened next?

The Committee then went away to do all the nitty-gritty things like writing some rules, and finding some money, and opening a bank account to put it in.

An Open Day was planned for Saturday 6th May, so this had to be organised, and the Council staff persuaded to prepare the courts and provide the equipment. And – most important – volunteers to provide the teas!

OPENING DAY

At last 6th May arrived, the sun was shining the lawns well groomed, the lines chalked out and the hoops and centre pegs in place on the two lawns. Two sets of balls, sparkling hoops and plenty of new mallets.

THE MAYOR

The Mayor, Councillor Colin Hinchliffe, arrived promptly, and was welcomed by Irene. He showed a great interest in the game and officially opened the LLCC at 2.00 pm by striking a ball through the first hoop. We look forward to seeing photos of this event in the local press.

The Mayor striking the first ball



DEMONSTRATIONS

Many thank to John Bevington and Peter Newman from Wrest Park Croquet Club for giving a demonstration of Association Croquet, and doing a question and answer session regarding the game, with a group of enthusiastic beginners.



Many who tried their hand at Golf croquet after watching a demonstration by Irene Davis and Linda Potton had much fun.

COACHING

If anyone is interested in a coaching session by John, in June (not Thursday though) then get in touch with Margaret Brown 01525 373860.

MEMBERS

Several people became new members on the day with many others opting for two trial sessions before committing themselves fully.

Where and when we play – Pages Park

Monday 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
 Wednesday 10.00 am to 12.00 noon
 Wednesday 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
 Saturday 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Please be sure to sign in for the sessions you would like to play for the following weeks. The list is in the equipment store. Those on the list will have priority at sessions, but members may of course always turn up in case there are spaces.

A box has been deposited in the store cupboard with a kettle, tea-bags, water bottle etc. Take your own cup if you would like a drink.

THANKS

Thanks to all who helped on the day including catering, admin and behind the scenes.

List of key holders for equipment store

Margaret B	01525 373860
Irene	01525 210260
Bob	01582 668440
Elaine	01525 222446
Margaret D	01525 376504

One or more of the above committee members will usually be at the arranged sessions to open and lock up. In case of difficulty they can be contacted as above.



Demonstration of Association Croquet (shorts and hat not compulsory!)

We hope to have another newsletter in a few weeks time. Anyone with items for inclusion in future editions please contact Elaine on the number above.