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LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

Newsletter September 2000

Our first season is, sadly, coming to an end but don't pack away that mallet yet!

The September sessions are booked as follows:

Monday 4th and 11th 6.30 - 8.30pm (too dark after that)

Wednesdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th 10am - 12 noon

and 6th and 13th 6.30 - 8.30pm.

Saturday afternoons as usual 9th, 16th and 23rd, 2pm - 5pm.

Knockout Competition On the final day of the season September 30th we shall be starting the "knockout" competition at 1pm until 6pm. Thanks to Margaret Dilley light refreshments will be provided. Thanks also to Bob Walmsley for organising the competition schedule. All welcome to play or watch.

Next Season We hope to begin in mid-April - weather permitting.

Elaine Newman who has previously produced the membership cards and newsletters has left the committee because of pressure of other commitments, including a busy teaching job. We shall miss her help but hope that she and Peter will still play at Pages Park from time to time.

Family Fun Day We have been asked by Linda Hindson to welcome visitors from a "Fun Day" on Saturday 16th September and have agreed to lend them equipment and our "expertise" so that they can have a go. This should not stop our members playing because, if necessary, some of us could stay on after 5pm to help them around.

Future Prospects At a meeting with Linda Hindson (Town Council, Community & Leisure Development Manager) it was suggested that we make clear our interest in the development of the proposed recreation area on the ex-RAF Stanbridge Road site. Bob Walmsley is acting as our representative on the L.L. Sports Council and will ensure that "Croquet Lawns" feature in future plans. We could still use the Pages Park lawns for practice.

Regional Golf Croquet Competition We were invited to enter 2 people and only two signed up so our club will be represented by Irene Davis and Margaret Brown. The venue is Ickworth Hall (National Trust) in Suffolk and the date Sept 3rd. If anyone else would like to join us, it is not too late. (373860)

Key Holders We are grateful to the following people who now hold keys.

Margaret Brown 373860

Eve & Len Buckingham 221079

Audrey Bunn 372083

Margaret Dilley 376504

Margaret & George Lawson 382235

Una Pengelly 376970

Peter & Irene Stevens 383088

Jean & Bob Walmsley 01582 668440

* Please make a note of the numbers ! *

The key rota has been a trial and it has been suggested that next season we issue all members with a shutter key, leaving the padlock key inside. The new committee will discuss this at their first meeting after the Special General Meeting.

Special General Meeting This meeting will be decisive so it is important that as many members as possible attend. NB

(1) The continuation of the club next season depends on some of us offering to help in various roles.

(2) The rules of the club have to be agreed and adopted. Without a constitution it is impossible to apply for some of the grants we need.

Please come to Margaret Dilley's house (49 Rosebery Avenue, Linslade 376504) on Thursday Sept 21st at 7.30pm to express your views.

Winter Get Together We hope to organise an informal wine and cheese type 'do' in November. Details later. Meanwhile enjoy your Autumn activities.

Margaret Brown (Sec)