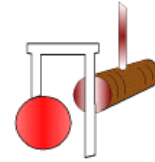


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Chairman's Corner

Having listened to the weather forecasts, we all wondered if the first of the season's competitions would survive the weekend. However, there was very little rain throughout the two days and, though a bit cold at times, the event went to a successful conclusion after everyone had played five, two-hour games. The Wilson Salvagers were won by Peter Dexter and his partner, Des Honey, who won four of their five games. There was plenty of keen competition and very few of the games were pegged out.

Whilst on the subject of competitions, the last day for entering the **Golf Doubles** is approaching: please get your entries in A.S.A.P. If you would like to enter, but haven't a partner, don't worry, somebody else will be in the same position and you can play together. The main thing is to come and enjoy yourselves and get some valuable experience. Please let Colin know if you are going to enter, and also let me know, please, so that I can get the event organised. The final numbers will determine the format of the event.

A new competition is being organised for those with the lower/medium Association handicaps. It will run through the summer and will bridge the gap between the President's Cup and other competitions. See the details below, and get your names in quickly please.

Our various teams have been doing very well so far this year. You can see reports of matches, and photographs of the teams, on our web site.

Our next Open Day is on the 28th June, from 10.30 to 5.00: Anybody available to help on the day will be most welcome. Please put your name on the list in the clubhouse, or let Lynda or me know if you are available for all or part of the day.

Help will also be required on the evenings of both the 24th and 31st of July. Each year we have various clubs/organisations come for a couple of hours on the lawns. We give them very basic instructions (similar to Open Day) and then get them to play a game or two of golf croquet and some competition to round off the evening. The start time is 6.30 pm. I realise that the 24th is the day before the Faith, Hoop and Hilarity event (for which you will want to be at your best), but these events bring in a good income at £5 pr head, and have produced a number of new members in the past. Any volunteers?

Give a thought or two for Joyce and Tony Dyson who are having surgery later this month. Joyce for her knee and Tony for a hip replacement (the 4th member to have one in the last few months). We wish them all the best and a speedy recovery. David Edwards and Margaret Read are both back on the lawns – unfortunately, David has to have his other hip done in the autumn.

If you have been in the clubhouse in the past week, you will have noticed how tidy and up to date the notice boards are. Thanks Richard. Talking of Richard; he has been chosen again to play for the CA team against The Croquet Association of Ireland, at Heaton Park, on July 18/19th. He will be playing to retain the Vera Mc.Weeney Memorial Trophy: a very large silver box. The best of luck Richard.

I have been asked if I would repeat the Golf Improvers' Session that I did earlier this year. I am quite willing to do so on a day convenient for those who would like to attend (but not on a Thursday). Convenient days for me would be the afternoon of either July 6th or 7th, as I shall be at the club anyway. It is designed for those who have some experience but would like to improve their shot selections, tactics and use of extra turns. There might be a bit of rule revision as well. There is a notice in the clubhouse to which you can add your name

and day; or let me know direct by e-mail or telephone.

Over the past couple of months, it has been very noticeable that there is often a lack of consideration for other players when double-banked games are in progress. This is most frequent in Association games, but it also happens in Golf games, so please do think and be watchful so that you don't put somebody off a stroke. Don't walk across somebody's line of aim, or start your turn when another player is already aiming at the same area. It is usual to let a person, who is making a break, to keep going, but moving your ball out of the way is sometimes a mutual decision. It is very frustrating, for golf players, to be held up at a hoop and then to see the players ahead not move out of the way quickly – there is no need to stand around the last hoop and shake hands and discuss the game when somebody is waiting to get to that hoop. It is also bad manners to rush in, to retrieve a peg from a hoop, as somebody is shaping up to take a shot at it. There are players in both games who take far too long thinking about what to do – particularly in doubles: this can be most frustrating for opponents and possibly those in another game on the lawn.

Finally, the weekend of June 20/21st is now free for club days, as there will be no preliminary rounds for the All England events. See below for other changes to the fixture list.

Ron George.

LEVEL-PLAY COMPETITION

To be played between 22 June & 20 Sept

Entries required ASAP

To Tony B, or on notice board, By 13th June if possible, but by June 20th at latest. (£5 entry fee to Paul please)

Normal Association level-play rules will apply. Other rules are posted on notice board.

There will be one or two blocks

It is hoped that players with medium and low handicaps will take part

CHANGES TO FIXTURE LIST

Jun 9	Tue	Match postponed- Lawns available for members
Jun 16	Tue	Golf C v Budleigh HOME Lawns closed for members
Jun 20 Jun 21	Sat Sun	This weekend is now free for normal club afternoons and for morning games.
July 7	Tue	Poltair Sch both lawns 9–11am
July 24	Fri	W I Evening 6.00 – Dark
July 31	Fri	Golf Club Evening 6.00– Dark
Aug 11 Aug 18 Aug 25	Tue Tue Tue	5.30-7.30 “Transition to Association” For any member who would like to learn another game
Aug 27	Thu	Annual friendly with Nailsea This year we are away. Please enter your name on the list in the clubhouse, or e-mail Nigel by 29th July if you are interested in playing either Association or Golf. We want our lamb back!!!



Presentation of Wilson Salvors to winners
Peter Dexter & Des Honey



Wilson Salvors Competitors